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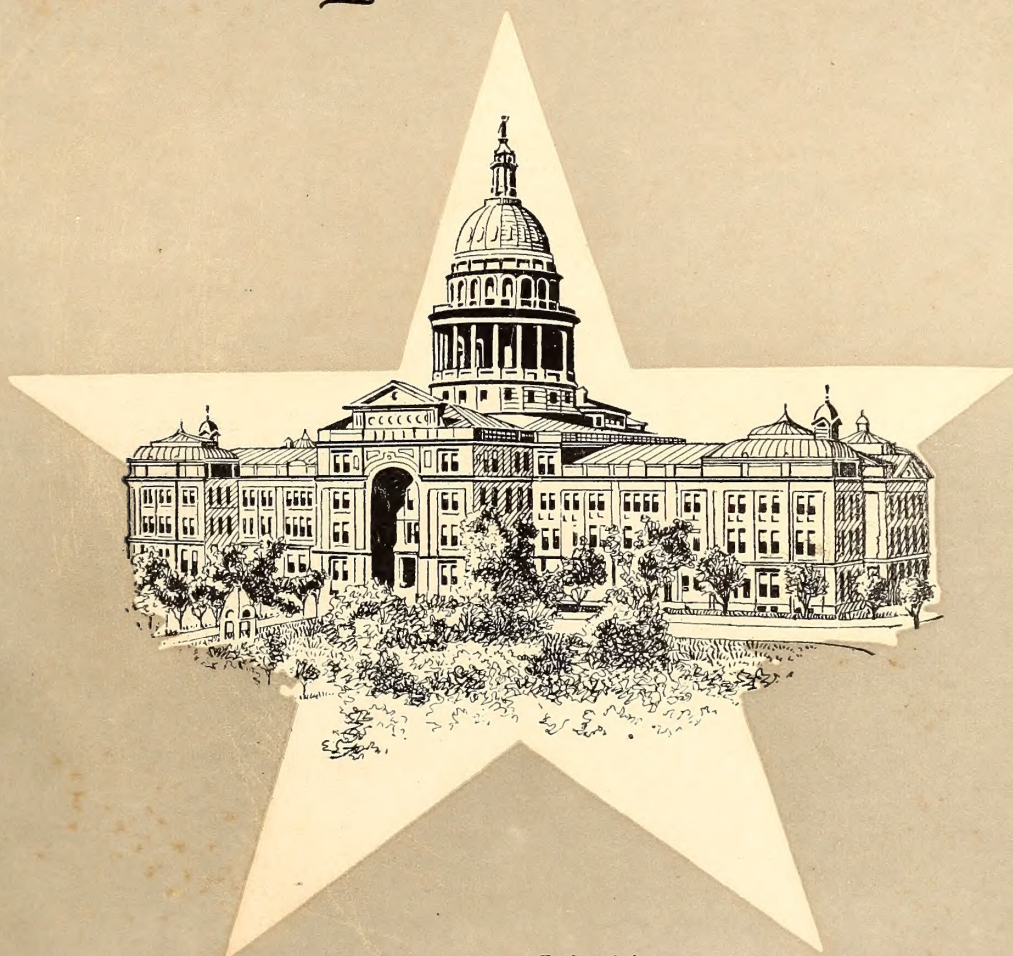








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**R**S. MANLEY, although but recently come to Orange, where he occupies a position of industrial leadership, for many years has been identified with timber preservation enterprises, and few men are better informed as to creosoting methods, and to the value of this treatment in timber conservation. Mr. Manley is president of the Texas Creosoting Company, one of the more recently organized industrial enterprises of Orange, established in the fall of 1923. The plant of the Texas Creosoting Company is one of the largest creosoting plants in Texas. This large industrial unit is located on a twenty-three acre tract on the ship channel, and has sixteen hundred feet of water frontage, facilitating transportation and eliminating unnecessary delays in the traffic department. Some idea of the size of the plant may be gained when it is stated that one cylinder used in its construction required five flat cars to carry, and a freight bill of some thirty-five hundred dollars to transport it to Orange. Its length made it possible for sixty men, hands clasped together at arms length, to stand upon it. The Texas Creosoting Company creosotes telegraph and telephone poles, bridge timber, and piling, and all classes of wood where this treatment for preservation is desired. The plant has a capacity of four million feet, board measure, per month, and turns out creosoted timber both for domestic and export trade, supplying a large percentage of this class of timber in use in this section. The company has a force of one hundred and fifty employees. Officers are: R. S. Manley, president; W. H. Stark, vice president, and D. E. Roach, secretary, treasurer and purchasing agent.

R. S. Manley was born at Junction City, Kansas, the twenty-seventh of September, 1878, the son of C. H. and Marion I. (Jones) Manley. C. H. Manley, retired, is a pioneer banker of Junction City, Kansas. Mr. Manley was educated in the public schools of his native city, and after finishing there was appointed to the Naval Academy, at Annapolis, graduating in 1901, and receiving his ensign's commission in 1903. While at Annapolis he took an active part in athletics and played halfback on the navy football team. He served until 1906 as an officer on ships on the North and South Atlantic Ocean, resigning in that year to accept a position as manager of the Gulfport Creosoting Company, at Gulfport, Mississippi. He remained with the Gulfport Company until 1911, resigning to become president and manager of the Creosoted Wood Block Paving Company, which he headed until 1915. At that time the company was reorganized and the name was changed to the Creosoted Material Company, Mr. Manley remaining as president and manager of the new company, until August, 1923, when he resigned to come to Orange to take charge of the organization of the Texas Creosoting Company. He built the plant at Orange and has since been active in building up one of the leading enterprises here.

Mr. Manley was married at Pensacola, Florida, the tenth of November, 1906, to Miss Celestine A. Brent, a native of Pennsylvania. They have five children, Rufus S., F. S. Brent, Charles Conrad, James Grant and Donald Manley. Mr. Manley is a member of the Army and Navy Club of Washington, D. C., the Rotary and Country Clubs at Orange. As one of the leading creosoting experts in the country

he has attained a national prominence in this field, and is one of the representatives of this industry, qualified to discuss the industry and its future with authority. Since coming to Orange, a city Mr. Manley feels offers unusual opportunities along industrial lines, he has taken an active interest in civic work, and has contributed, both through the building of one of the most important enterprises here, and in a general way, through his sponsoring of development measures, to the expansion of Orange as an industrial center.

**J**OHN W. HART, whose activities throughout an active and busy life have identified him with Orange, has been associated with enterprises of important bearing on the prosperity of the city, and for around a decade has been connected with the auto supply business, a field wherein he has established the reputation of a merchant of experience and success. Mr. Hart is the proprietor of the Hart Auto Supply Company, a business he established in April, 1913, and which has since done a large and rapidly increasing business in wholesale and retail auto supplies. Mr. Hart carries a complete line of supplies and accessories, including tires, parts, bearings and auto equipment of all kinds, and has the largest stock of this kind in the city. The Hart Auto Supply Company is well located on Front Street, and has a force of three employees. Mr. Hart has organized his business along progressive lines, keeping in close touch with developments in his field, and makes a point of offering his patrons the best of the many new accessories and equipment on the market.

John W. Hart is a native of Orange, having been born in this city the third of July, 1883. His father, John T. Hart, came to Orange from his native state of Alabama, in 1876, and was a prominent attorney here until his death. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Addie Goodman, was also a native of Alabama, and continues to make her home in Orange. John W. Hart received his early education in the public schools of Orange, later attending Texas A. and M. College, where he specialized in mechanical engineering. Later he entered the University of Virginia, in the law department, taking the LL.B. degree from that institution. After a short time spent in legal practice in Virginia he was recalled to Orange on account of his father's health, returning here and taking charge of the Hart interests in 1908. He began growing rice on a large scale, and was also head of the Orange County Irrigation Company for around eight years, furnishing water to the rice farmers until 1913, when he quit rice farming, and converted the large rice farm he owned into a ranch, which he still operates. In 1913 he also entered the auto supply business in which he now engages.

Mr. Hart was married at Orange the nineteenth of July, 1915, to Miss Eula Orthmeyer, a native of New Orleans, and the daughter of H. J. Orthmeyer, a prominent funeral director of Orange, where he has resided for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Hart reside on Green Avenue, and have one child, John T. Hart, named for his grandfather. Mr. Hart belongs to the Rotary Club, the Elks Club, and is an Odd Fellow. He is active in all civic work, and one of the best known and liked citizens of Orange.





**P. B. DOTY.** Ambition and determination, coupled with strict attention to business, and devotion to duty are the characteristics which have marked the successful business career of P. B. Doty, president of the First National Bank of Beaumont, Texas, whose connection with the banking business dates back to 1896 when he began as a messenger boy of the First National Bank of Burlingame, Kansas. He came to Beaumont in 1902, at the beginning of the oil boom here, and his life since that time has been interwoven with the history of this city in its growth from a village to the busy, thriving city that it is today. While Mr. Doty has had much to do in the past history of Beaumont, he will continue to be a factor in its future. The First National Bank of Beaumont, of which Mr. Doty became president in 1919, was organized in 1889 as the First National Bank, and is the oldest institution of its kind in this city. Col. W. S. Davidson was president from the time of its organization up to 1917, and he was followed by John C. Ward as president, who was the chief executive from 1917 to 1919. As an evidence of the growth of this bank, the deposits at the beginning amounted to \$100,000.00 and at the close of business April 6, 1925, the deposits amounted to \$6,600,-182.84, and is today one of the largest and strongest banks in Texas. The capital stock of the First National Bank of Beaumont is \$400,000.00 and surplus and undivided profits amount to over \$400,000. This institution is authorized by the Federal Reserve Board, Washington, D. C., to act as trustee under wills, mortgages, agreements and reorganizations, and in other fiduciary capacities. In addition to his interest in the First National Bank, Mr. Doty is identified with many of the city's financial and business concerns, a large number of which he helped to organize. He is president of the Wall Street Property Company, which has vast holdings in city real estate, and is vice president of the Jefferson Securities Company. He is also treasurer and director of the Beaumont Hotel Operating Company. Mr. Doty for several years has been president of the Beaumont Y. M. C. A. and takes a keen interest in the workings of this organization. During the World War, he was a member of the executive committee and chairman of the Three Minute Men. He was active in all the Liberty Loan committees, and in Red Cross and Salvation Army work, and it is known that no man in Jefferson County worked harder for his country during the period of the World War, and in getting the country back to normalcy following it than did P. B. Doty. His entire business life has been devoted to the banking business in its various branches, and after serving two years, at the same time attending school, at Burlingame, Kansas, in 1898 he went with the Colorado Springs Exchange National Bank. The change took place through the fact that the president of the first bank in which he had been employed went with the Colorado Springs institution and Mr. Doty went with him. He remained with this bank until 1902 and during this period he had been promoted from stenographer to paying teller. In 1902, he came to this city and for about seven months was associated with the Gulf National Bank, after its organization, beginning as collection clerk, and filled every office in the bank in succession up to president, to which office he was promoted in 1913.

When Colonel Davidson retired from the banking business in 1919, the Gulf National Bank and the First National Bank consolidated, and there was a condition extraordinary in banking annals and history here in that for about six months prior to this consolidation, and for about six months following, there was not a government official here to examine these banks.

Mr. Doty was born at Burlingame, Kansas, on April 9th, 1877. His father, G. W. Doty (deceased since 1915), was a native of New York state and a pioneer of Kansas, where he practiced law all his life and was one of the most prominent lawyers of his time. He took an active interest in politics and served for several terms in the Kansas Legislature, and also served with distinction as probate and civil judge. He was a veteran of the Civil War, and served throughout the conflict. His mother was Miss Ella Beverly, a native of Michigan, where she was a member of a prominent family. She came to Kansas at an early age, and her father built and lived for many years in a log house in Kansas, which he built in the pioneer days of that state, and lived to be one hundred and five years old. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Burlingame, Kansas.

Mr. Doty was married at Colorado Springs on July 20th, 1900, to Miss Charlotte Griffith, a native of Topeka, Kansas, and a daughter of William H. Griffith, a well known contractor of Topeka. Mr. Doty is a member of the A. F. and A. M. in the Scottish Rite bodies and is a K. C. C. H. of this lodge and is active in putting on the 28th degree. He is assistant Rabban of El Mina Shrine of Galveston, is the imperial representative of the Shrine and is president of the Texas Shrine Council and is also a Knight Templar, and is prominent in the Masonic Circles throughout the country. Mr. Doty is past director of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Beaumont Club, the Rotary Club, of which he is past president, the Beaumont Rotary Club, of which he is past president also, and is a past director of the Neches Club. He is actively identified with all the civic organizations of Beaumont, and is an ardent worker for the advancement of his city, and gives liberally of his time and means to further any project having as its object the improvement of Beaumont. His watchword is "The future of Beaumont never looked brighter than this very day." Mr. Doty has a personality that is strong and benevolent, exerting for more than two decades an influence for good throughout a wide range of the city's activities. He is a leader in the profession of banking and a steadfast exponent of its highest standards.



**WILLIAM CARROLL KEITH**, identified with the lumber industry at Beaumont since his entrance into the business world, has been instrumental in building up one of the largest lumber enterprises in this district, and has also taken an interest in public affairs. Mr. Keith is president and manager of the Keith Lumber Company, a business established at Beaumont in 1901 by Mr. Keith's father, John Frank Keith, who was president of the corporation until his death in 1921, when his son, W. C. Keith, the subject of this sketch, succeeded him. At the time of its organization, the business was primarily for the manufacture of lumber and the business was one of the leading lumber





P B Doty





manufacturing enterprises of this section. But with passing years the policy was more and more toward converting the business to a wholesale organization and divert it from the manufacturing business. This change has now been effected and the entire business handled by the Keith Lumber Company is of a wholesale nature, in car load lots only. The trade territory is extensive, extending throughout the United States, and in addition including a large export business to Mexico and Porto Rico and other countries. The Keith Lumber Company handles yellow pine, hardwoods of all kinds, railroad timbers, and also does a big business in oil derrick patterns. The company owns in fee forty thousand acres of timber lands. The officers are William Carroll Keith, president and manager; B. R. Norvell, vice president, and T. H. Hunter, Jr., secretary, treasurer and sales manager. A branch office is located in Fort Worth. Mr. Keith is also president of the Keith Land and Investment Company, holders of city industrial property and farm lands, and is a director of the American National Bank.

Mr. Keith was born at Beaumont, the twenty-eighth of May, 1886, the son of John Frank Keith, who was born in 1857 and in the lumber business at Beaumont throughout his business career, organizing the Keith Lumber Company, of which he was president at the time of his death, in 1921, and Alice Carroll Keith, daughter of Frank Carroll, who before his death was president of the Beaumont Lumber Company. Mr. Keith spent his boyhood in Beaumont, attending the public schools, and after his graduation from high school went to a preparatory school at Asheville, North Carolina, and later to Eastman Business School, at Poughkeepsie, New York, where he graduated in 1907. He returned to Beaumont, going with the Keith Lumber Company, and at his own request beginning at the bottom of the business. He gave close attention to the details of the lumber business, and had soon mastered its intricacies. The years that followed he worked in the various departments and in every capacity, in the lumber camps and saw mills, acquiring at first hand the details of their operation, and on up to the general offices. At the time of his father's death he became president and general manager, a position which he is well equipped to hold, and wherein he demonstrates executive ability and a thorough understanding of every detail of the operation of this great industry. At the beginning of the United States participation in the World War, Mr. Keith enlisted in the services of his country in April, 1917, and spent three months at the Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs. He was commissioned first lieutenant, and sent to Camp Travis, with the 343rd Machine Gun Battalion, 90th Division, and was instructor there for over a year, being discharged in August, 1918.

Mr. Keith was married at Beaumont, in 1907, to Miss Blanche Doucette, daughter of A. L. Doucette, one of the finest timber estimators in South Texas, and who worked for all the major companies and was considered an authority, and Louise Harding Doucette. Mr. and Mrs. Keith have one child, William Carroll Keith, Jr., born the seventh of November, 1909, and now at preparatory school, preparing for Princeton University. Mr. and Mrs. Keith live at 41 Seventh Street, and are popular members of their representative social set. Mr. Keith is a

member of the Beaumont Country Club, the Beaumont Club, the Neches Club, the Port Arthur Tarpon Club, and fraternally is an Elk and a Mason, York and Scottish Rites, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston.



**EDWARD H. GREEN, JR.**, of Beaumont, Texas, has spent his entire life in the various branches of the lumber industry in Louisiana and Texas. He has handled and worked in every department of the saw mill business and has made a close study of the selling and manufacturing end of this industry. As secretary-treasurer and manager of the Miller-Vidor Lumber Company of this city, he has been a factor in building up and making a success of this company. The Miller-Vidor Lumber Company mill was established here in 1905, but prior to 1910 was known as the Beaumont Saw Mill Company. This lumber company, located at the end of Madison Avenue, sells both wholesale and retail, and makes and mills all kinds of rough and dressed yellow pine lumber. The plant at Beaumont, which is located on the ship channel, covers an area of twenty-five acres, and has a daily capacity of sixty thousand feet of lumber. The company owns thirty-eight thousand acres of timber land of pine and hardwood. About two hundred and ten men are employed by this lumber company, in the woods and at the mill. Mr. Green came to this city in 1905 and in addition to his interests with the Miller-Vidor Lumber Company, he is a part owner and manager of the Green, Moore and Company at Starks, Louisiana, which owns a large saw mill and thousands of acres of contract timber, and between thirty-five and forty thousand acres of standing hardwood and pine. The mill at Starks has a capacity of thirty thousand feet of lumber daily and employs about one hundred and ten men. This is a highly successful lumber concern. Mr. Green started his career in the lumber business at the saw mills of Lake Charles, Louisiana and remained there for a period of sixteen years, before coming to this city. The other officers of the Miller-Vidor Lumber Company of Beaumont are K. Moore and B. D. Moore of Galveston, president and vice president.

Mr. Green was born at Hopkinsville, Kentucky on February 22nd, 1874. His father, E. H. Green came to Texas in the late sixties, and for many years was engaged in mercantile and lumber business. He died at the age of seventy-nine. His mother, Sarah E. Green resides in Lake Charles. His early education was obtained in the schools of Louisiana, after which he attended Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, during 1889 and 1890.

Mr. Green was married at Lake Charles, Louisiana, in 1903, to Miss Elizabeth E. Green, a daughter of M. Green, deceased, well known in Burlington, Iowa, having been in the train service of C. B. & Q. Ry. Co. for forty years. They have three children, Kathryn, Edward H. Green, 3rd., and John M. Mr. and Mrs. Green resides at 485 Frederick Street. Mr. Green is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, and is a director of the Beaumont Club. He is also a member of the Rotary Club and of the Hoo Hoo Club of which he is a life member of No. 9393. Mr. Green has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Beaumont, and gives liberally of his time and means to all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of this city.





**W**ILLIAM M. CARROLL, the record of whose life forms an essential part of the history of Beaumont and Jefferson County, has throughout a busy career been prominently identified with commercial and industrial enterprises of wide scope and important bearing on community prosperity, and has taken an active part in the development of the resources of this section of the state. Mr. Carroll is that sturdy type of citizen, qualified by nature to take a position of leadership and assume responsibilities, who gives his best to his home community, and without whom progress would be impossible. Although Beaumont has claimed him as a citizen, his influence has been felt throughout Southeast Texas, and he has taken a vital and important part in the agricultural, industrial and commercial development of this section. Allied with large rice, irrigation and milling interests, his influence in this line has resulted in increased production, and in the placing of this crop among the important coastal agricultural products. One of the largest owners and breeders of thoroughbred Big Bone Brahma cattle, his part in the development of this breed would be hard to estimate. He is president and general manager of the Neches Canal Company, president and general manager of the Atlantic Rice Mills Company, receiver for the San Jacinto Rice Company, a director of the American National Bank of Beaumont, and is interested financially in other enterprises in this section. While Mr. Carroll is a rice grower, his chief interest in the rice industry is furnishing water to the growers of this grain. The Neches Canal Company, one of the largest irrigation companies in this section, can supply water to from thirty-five to forty thousand acres of land. Mr. Carroll is the only exclusive breeder of Brahma cattle in Texas, and for more than a decade has given this breed his exclusive attention. He owns three of the finest Brahma bulls in the country, and nine cows and several calves of pure bred stock. His entire herd includes around seven hundred head, and is one of the most important Brahma herds in this section.

William M. Carroll was born in Louisiana, the third of July, 1867. His father, the late Frank L. Carroll, was one of the pioneer lumber men in the southeast part of Texas, and was one of the most prominent men and business leaders in this section. At the time of his death, in 1906, he was president of the Nona Mills Company, and owned many important interests in this section. His mother, prior to her marriage, was Miss Sarah Long. Mr. Carroll attended the public schools of Beaumont as a boy, and was at Baylor University, at Waco, from 1882, until 1885. He then went in the lumber business with his father, and was in various branches of the manufacturing lumber business until 1901, when he sold his lumber interests to the Kirby Lumber Company. From that time until 1903 he engaged in the oil business in a small way, and in 1903 turned his attention to rice farming, beginning in a big way, and constantly expanding and developing his interests until he is one of the leading rice irrigators in the state. From time to time, Mr. Carroll has added other interests to the list of enterprises in which he is interested, and is one of the most active business men in this part of the state.

Mr. Carroll was married at Waco, to Miss Vannie Carter, who is his second wife. He and Mrs. Car-

roll have one of the fine homes of Beaumont, at 2120 Calder Avenue, and are prominent and popular socially. Mr. Carroll has one daughter, Mrs. Clytie Allen, by his first marriage. He is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, the Beaumont Club, and fraternally is an Elk and a Woodman of the World. He has contributed generously to every movement for the advancement of Beaumont, taking an active part in all development work for more than a quarter of a century. He has also been active in public life serving as county commissioner from 1914 until 1916, and as county judge from 1916 until 1920. Whether as public official, private citizen or business leader, Mr. Carroll has given his best to his community, and is one of the most highly esteemed and honored builders of Beaumont.



**S**W. PIPKIN, for more than a half a century has been a dominating figure in the history of Beaumont, and during these years there have been few enterprises of importance to the prosperity of the community in which he has not been interested, and few civic movements which he has not actively supported. Although he has for the past decade practically retired from the active management of his many interests, he is frequently consulted when matters of unusual importance arise, and he still retains the keen interest in commercial and civic activities that has significantly marked his career. Among the enterprises in which he is still interested are the Paraffine Oil Company, of which he is vice president, and the American National Bank, the Neches Canal Company, and the Norvell-Wilder Hardware Company, in all of which he is director. He also holds stock in a number of other concerns, and owns much valuable city and country property.

Mr. Pipkin was born in Orange County, the twenty-fourth of August, 1858, the son of John F. Pipkin, pioneer lumberman and saw mill operator of Beaumont, and county judge here for a decade, and Amelia Rabb Pipkin. He attended the public schools near his home for a time, and as a boy went to work in the shingle mills, later going with the Long and Company Shingle Mills, after which he went in the lumber mills in Montgomery County. This was followed by two years on a farm, and two years teaching school, after which he went with the Nona Mills Company, remaining with that concern six years. He then spent three years with the Beaumont Lumber Company. From 1893 until 1906 he was tax assessor at Beaumont, and during that time bought up cattle and lands in this section. Mr. Pipkin is interested and owns some cattle and pasture land, and was one of the biggest cattlemen in this part of the country. In 1903 he, with others, went into the oil business and he was president and general manager of the Paraffine Oil Company from 1904 until 1912. This was one of the very successful oil companies established during the days of the first oil boom in the coastal region, and brought in the first well at Batson. The company has been active in the coastal fields since its organization, engaging in production, and has been a factor in the development of this section. Mr. Pipkin has retired from active business, and for the past decade or more has spent his time in looking after his many interests in and around Beaumont.

Mr. Pipkin was married at Beaumont, to Miss Mary P. Barrow. Mr. Pipkin has two children—





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Jean and John F. The family reside at 476 Fredericks Street, and attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Pipkin is a member of the Beaumont Country Club. It would be hard to estimate the part he has taken in the development of Beaumont, since the days when he first began his business career here, so many and varied have been his activities, yet it is doubtful if there are many citizens of this community who have done more for the development and upbuilding of Beaumont than has he. He has been active in every public spirited movement, and has contributed freely to every civic cause and welfare drive of the past half a century, and the record of his life is a bright page in the history of his city.



**WALTER L. PONDROM**, whose name for around a quarter of a century has been of significance in banking circles at Beaumont, is a conservative banker, whose sound experience and banking policy has played a large part in shaping financial affairs in this city. Mr. Pondrom is active vice president of the City National Bank, of Beaumont, a financial institution that is the result of the re-organization of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, of Beaumont, which was effected in May, 1922, at which time the name was changed to the City National Bank, and the bank nationalized and new officers elected. The City National Bank occupies its own banking home, a fine building in the center of the business district, and well appointed throughout. It is capitalized at two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, with deposits of more than two and three quarter million dollars, and since the reorganization has met with rapid growth, and has the confidence of the community. The officers are I. J. Bordages, president; W. L. Pondrom, active vice president; J. T. Shelby, vice president, and G. H. Petkovsek, cashier.

Walter L. Pondrom was born at Florissant, Missouri, the fourth of September, 1877, the son of Dr. John B. Pondrom, a surgeon of Jefferson City, Missouri, and Mary E. Pondrom. Mr. Pondrom received his education in the public schools of St. Louis, graduating from the high school there, and spent some time in the grocery business after leaving school. In 1893 he came to Texas, going to Dallas, where he was with the American National Bank until 1895. Later from 1895 to 1897 he was with his brother, John B. Pondrom, handling the finances and books of his cotton business. He came to Beaumont in 1900, with the Beaumont National Bank, as bookkeeper, leaving there in 1902 to go with the First National Bank. With this exception he was with the First National Bank until April, 1922, when he resigned to accept his present position with the City National Bank. At the time of his resignation he was vice president of the First National Bank. Mr. Pondrom is a veteran of the Spanish-American War, serving during that conflict with the infantry, Fourth Missouri Volunteers, on occupation duty in Cuba, and being discharged in 1898.

Mr. Pondrom was married at Beaumont, 1912, to Miss Christine Poole, daughter of Judge William J. Poole, a well known judiciary and attorney from Hempstead, and Mrs. Josephine Poole. Mr. and Mrs. Pondrom live at 895 North Street, and have four children—Elizabeth, W. L. Junior, Ruth, and

Sybil. Mr. Pondrom is a member of the Beaumont Club, and the Beaumont Country Club, and fraternally is a B. P. O. E. While Mr. Pondrom devotes most of his time to his business, and to the direction of the affairs of the financial institution with which he is connected, he takes a deep interest in civic welfare, and is vitally interested in community progress.



**WILLIAM F. KEITH**, who for many years has been one of the leading druggists of Beaumont, has been held in high esteem for his work in this connection, and for his interest in the civic and business life of the city. Mr. Keith is the owner of the Keith Drug Company, one of the finest drug stores in the city, located at the corner of Liberty and Pearl Streets. Mr. Keith established this business in 1907, the present store being the outgrowth of the old Dunlap Drug Company, which Mr. Keith bought out and re-organized in that year. The business has since been developed along progressive lines, and the new building occupied by the store in 1922, is one of the finest drug store buildings in the city. In equipping the building, Mr. Keith gave careful attention to every detail, the tile floor, marble fountain and fine fixtures combining to make an interior of the most attractive kind. The store arrangement is exceptionally good, and while a small store in dimension, has been planned so that every foot of space is utilized to advantage, and is complete in every detail. Mr. Keith has been accorded a substantial patronage by a better class of people, and is doing a flourishing business. He has a force of ten employees, including one of the best prescription men in the city.

Mr. Keith was born at Houston, the sixteenth of April, 1875. His father, John Wilbur Keith, pioneer lumberman of South Texas, and one of the most prominent lumbermen in the state, has been associated with the development of this resource for many decades, and is in business with Messrs. Fletcher, Long and Carroll, all leaders in the lumber business in this section. His mother was before her marriage Miss Hasseltine V. Long. Mr. Keith was educated in the public schools of Beaumont and New Orleans, and after leaving school spent a number of years in the lumber business, later going into the mercantile business, and still later, in 1907, in the drug business. Mr. Keith has also been interested in rice culture, and from 1910 until 1920 operated one of the large rice farms in this section, and has also been a factor in the cattle business and particularly interested in the development of the Brahman strain.

Mr. Keith was married at Beaumont, in 1899, to Miss Seawillow Caswell, daughter of C. C. Caswell, a prominent lumberman of Beaumont. Mr. and Mrs. Keith have a fine home at 2008 McFaddin Avenue, and have two children, Marjorie, a graduate of National Park Seminary, and Caswell, of the University of Texas. Mr. Keith belongs to the Rotary Club, the Neches Club, the Beaumont Club, and the Beaumont Country Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, York and Scottish Rites, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine. He has been on the school board for around a decade, and is active in every form of civic endeavor, and as one of the veteran drug men of the city has taken part in the advancement of this business.





**F. YOUNT** has for a quarter of a century been closely identified with the history of Beaumont and oil production in the Gulf Coast district, and is held in high esteem by the citizens of this progressive city for the part he has taken in the development of the resources of this section. Mr. Yount is president and general manager of the Yount-Lee Oil Company, one of the major companies operating in the coastal fields, and which he organized and has since directed. This company is active in drilling in the Gulf Coast fields, with a recent tendency to move rigs into the proven pools of Louisiana, and has settled production running around two thousand barrels daily, with fifteen producing wells at Sour Lake and also production at Hull and other scattered points. Mr. Yount has been for many years a close student of conditions prevailing in the petroleum fields of the coastal territory, and is familiar with formations here and an authority on oil and drilling in the various pools. He has his office in the San Jacinto Building, directing all activities from his headquarters here. The Yount-Lee Oil Company, of which he is the largest stockholder, and president and manager, has for its other officers T. F. Rothwell, vice president, and J. H. Phelan, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Yount was born at Monticello, Arkansas, the thirty-first day of January, 1880, the son of J. N. Yount, who came to that state from his native state of North Carolina, and was a farmer and land owner there, and Mrs. Hattie Yount. Mr. Yount was educated in the schools of his native state as a boy developing a marked aptitude for machinery, studying and learning mechanical engineering through reading and actual experience. He came to Texas in 1898 and began drilling water wells, and after several years thus engaged turned his attention to drilling for oil. He began in the oil business in 1904, and since that time has held every position in the oil fields, from the bottom up, and knows the oil business from every angle. During the first years of his interest in this industry, he engaged in drilling for himself, as his capital permitted, and making allowance for the usual drilling hazards, has been very successful. He is one of those men who forming judgment of a field, through careful study and examination into reports and other available data, retain faith in that judgment and experiment with the oil possibilities and work actively for its development. His drilling operations have always been watched with interest, for when he begins a well there is every indication that it will prove up, and he has to his credit an unusual number of definite successes as an operator and producer. In addition to his interests in the petroleum industry, Mr. Yount has also taken an active part in general business affairs, and is vice president of the Phelan-Joseph Grocery Company and a director of the First National Bank.

Mr. Yount was married at Beaumont, in 1915, to Miss Pansy Merritt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hose Merritt, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Yount have one child, Mildred, born in 1920. Their home, at 1376 Calder Street, is one of the finest in Beaumont. The interior woodwork, of carefully selected oak and walnut, hand carved and finished to bring out the natural beauty of the wood, and the hand decorated walls form a background for the beautiful furnishings that is delightful. Mr. Yount

is a member of the Elks, Beaumont Country and Beaumont Clubs, the American Petroleum Institute and the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. Mr. Yount has many friends in the oil industry, operators in the coastal fields who know and value him as one of the most experienced men in the industry. His part in the development of the coastal fields has been no small one, and to him is accorded much credit for his many activities incident to the opening up of new fields throughout the coastal district. He has the true spirit of the pioneer, the courage to go in as a part of the vanguard, that has resulted in untold wealth in this section, and has made it one of the most important petroleum centers of the state.



**HOMER CHAMBERS**, veteran oil operator, and for the past three decades one of the progressive citizens of Beaumont, has for some twenty years devoted his entire time to drilling and production activities, and is well known to the oil fraternity of the Lone Star State for the part he has taken in the development of the petroleum industry in the Gulf Coast district. Mr. Chambers is president of the Minor Oil Company, secretary and treasurer of the Gilbert Company, and is also a director in the First National Bank of Beaumont. These enterprises, in which he is financially interested, are all closed corporations, owned by a few men, and have been real money makers, paying many times the capital stock in dividends, and own valuable production in the coastal fields. Mr. Chambers has his offices in the Gilbert Building, at Beaumont, directing from this point his operations in the various fields in which he is interested, and in addition to the properties in which he is interested through companies in which he holds stock, has individual holdings in the fields of the coastal region.

Mr. Chambers was born at Luling, Texas, the thirtieth of July, 1878, the son of C. R. Chambers, of Beaumont, and in the retail department of the E. L. Wilson Hardware Company, and Florence (Huff) Chambers. Mr. Chambers spent his boyhood at Luling, attending the public schools there, and later taking a commercial course in preparation for his business career. He went on the road for the E. L. Wilson Hardware Company, representing that well known firm to the trade for around four years. In 1901 he went to Spindle Top, when that field first came in, and started in the manufacture and building of oil tanks, continuing in that line for two years. He then went to Sour Lake, where he drilled for the Gilbert Company, the well, their first in that field, proving a gusher, and one of the largest ever brought in in the Sour Lake field. Mr. Chambers' activities in the coastal field represent the pioneering of a man who had the nerve and vision to back his judgment, and he has been largely instrumental in developing the rich oil fields in the coastal district. Since entering the industry, he has done everything to be done in the oil fields, from the bottom up, and is familiar with every phase of oil field work. In the many years of his actual operations, he has met with the usual reverses that go hand in hand with the oil business, but on the whole his successes have more than balanced these, and his operations are watched with interest by the fraternity.

Mr. Chambers was married in Beaumont, in 1900,





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to Miss Edith Fuller, the daughter of Dr. C. T. Fuller, whose death occurred in Beaumont around three decades ago, and Mrs. Mary L. Fuller. Dr. Fuller was one of the well known physicians of his day, and prominent in all civic activities. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers have an attractive home at 2240 Calder Avenue, and take an active part in the social life of the city. They are the parents of two children, Ruth, a graduate of Randolph Macon College, and who did post graduate work at the University of Texas, and Florence, attending the Beaumont High School. The family attend the First Methodist Church, which they liberally support. Mr. Chambers is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, the Beaumont Club, the Neches Club, and fraternally is an Elk. He is a veteran of the Spanish American War, serving in that conflict with the Third Texas Infantry, as non-commissioned officer. Mr. Chambers has many friends among the oil men operating in the South Texas fields, and is regarded by them as one of the most expert operators in this district. He has kept in close touch with developments in various parts of the state, and few men are better informed as to development work and the outlook generally, than he. Identified with an industry that is second to but one industry, cotton, in the Lone Star State, he is one of the prominent men in that industry, and has done much for the material advancement and general prosperity of his community.



**H. REESE** has for the past decade been prominently identified with the lumber business at Beaumont, and is firmly established as a business man who makes his influence felt in every walk of life. Mr. Reese is president of the Home Lumber Company, one of the leading lumber companies of Beaumont, established in 1917, and incorporated for one hundred thousand dollars. The Home Lumber Company handles a wholesale and retail lumber business, carrying a complete line of building materials. They also build and finance the building of homes and residences, and have handled much construction of this class in Beaumont. The yard is located at the corner of Bowie and Holmes Streets, with J. H. Reese as president, Jake Westbrook, vice president; M. R. Reese, vice president; W. O. McKinnon, secretary, and John Reese, treasurer. Mr. J. H. Reese is also president of the Nederland Lumber Company, which he established in 1923, with a new plant, and a completely stocked yard, dealing in building material of all kinds, and is vice president of the Beaumont Sash and Door Company.

Mr. Reese was born at Belton, Texas, the second of March, 1878. His father, J. H. Reese, an old settler, and for many years a merchant of Belton, died in 1917, and his mother, Mrs. Bettie Reese, in 1920. Mr. Reese was educated in the public schools of Belton, and after finishing school engaged in the mercantile business for two years, and in the banking business for three years prior to going in the lumber business. He came to Beaumont in 1914, and has been active in the lumber business since that time. Mr. Reese has had much experience in the timber business in various parts of the pine belt country, and knows the lumber business from every angle, from the timber to the finished product.

Mr. Reese was married at Fort Worth, the twenty-

ninth of December, 1903, to Miss Elma Connell, daughter of G. H. Connell, well known banker of that city. They have five children—Connell, Elizabeth, Jep, Marion and Lena-Ruth Reese, and live at 1810 Calder Avenue. The family attend the Baptist Church. Mr. Reese is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, the Beaumont Club, the Kiwanis Club, and is a Hoo-Hoo, a fraternal organization to which only lumbermen are eligible. He is also a director of the City National Bank. Mr. Reese owns much city property at Beaumont, and takes an active interest in the development of this city, being in every way a sterling resident.



**JOHN C. WARD, JR.**, president and general manager of the Texas Ice Company, with general offices at Franklin and Neches Streets, is a successful Beaumont business man who has grown up in the city and with the exception of the years spent at college has lived here his entire life. Under his direction, the business of the Texas Ice Company has grown and prospered and in both wholesale and retail divisions it is one of the largest ice distributors in this section of the state.

The Texas Ice Company was organized some years ago and in 1919 was incorporated with a capitalization of sixty thousand dollars. The capital stock has been increased to \$165,000.00. It owns and operates two large plants for the manufacture of ice, the first located at Franklin and Neches Street, where the general offices of the company are maintained, and the smaller plant at Magnolia Avenue and Harrison Street. The plant at Franklin and Neches Streets has a daily capacity of seventy tons of ice. The other plant is equipped to produce forty tons daily. A large fleet of delivery wagons and trucks supplies ice to every portion of the business and residence district, including outlying additions. Every phase of the company's dealings with the public is characterized by courtesy and fair dealing.

Mr. Ward is a native of Beaumont and was born on January 27th, 1882. He is a son of John C. and Pickie (Kyle) Ward and received his education in the public and high schools of Beaumont and at Georgetown University, where he completed a four year course. He also attended a business college at Waco.

After leaving school he returned to Beaumont and was connected with the Beaumont Ice, Light and Refrigerating Company for three years. After that he was with the J. S. and W. M. Rice Lumber Company for four years. He was then made secretary of the Beaumont Ice Company and continued in this capacity for five years. The company disposed of its business in 1917 to the Crystal Ice Company and shortly after that Mr. Ward organized the Texas Ice Company. From a small beginning, he has developed the business until his company has come to be recognized as one of the leading manufacturing concerns in Southeast Texas.

In 1914 Mr. Ward was married in Beaumont to Miss Margaret Doucette, daughter of P. A. and Eliza (Jordan) Doucette. They reside at 693 Irma Avenue. Mrs. Ward's father was engaged in the retail lumber business.

Mr. Ward is a member of the Beaumont Club, the Beaumont Country Club, Neches and Rotary Clubs. He is interested and active in the development of Beaumont and is one of the city's most consistent boosters.





**COOKE WILSON**, veteran oil man of Beaumont, and a business man of many and varied interests, has for upwards of two decades made this city his headquarters, taking a constructive interest in commercial development and directing his operations in the coastal fields from this point. Mr. Wilson is president of the Wilson Broach Company, president of the Tyrrell Hardware Company, vice president of the Texas division of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Company, and president of the Tyrrell-Wilson Investment Company. All these organizations are sound and capably directed enterprises, and Mr. Wilson takes an active part in their management. In addition to the above, Mr. Wilson is a director of the Houston branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. As a business man and executive he is versatile, conservative, and shows a discrimination that is the ripened result of his years of business experience. His name on the board of directors, or as an officer of an organization, is sufficient to stamp it as successful and to rank it among the sound institutions of the city. Among the independent oil operators of this section, Mr. Wilson is considered one of the most careful and conservative, and he has large oil holdings in the fields of the coastal district, as well as in Oklahoma and Louisiana. He has done much to develop the oil resources near Beaumont, and since coming to this city in 1901 has been successful in getting real production. The first well he drilled was a gusher, and this has been followed by other successes.

Mr. Wilson was born in Meridian, Mississippi, the twenty-third of February, 1879, the son of Hugh W. Wilson, a contractor and builder of that city, and Joella Shearer Wilson. He was educated in the public schools of Meridian, graduating from the high school, after which he began his business career. He first entered the banking business at Meridian, and was with the Meridian National Bank there for seven years, during which time he became familiar with the soundest financial principles, and acquired a knowledge of business operation that has been a factor in his subsequent success. In 1902 Mr. Wilson came to Beaumont, and was at that time financially interested in the Mississippi-Texas Oil Company, of which he was general manager. Shortly after his arrival at Beaumont he became interested in development work at Spindle Top. He drilled the twenty-seventh well in this field, which proved to be a gusher, and since that time he has continued to engage in actual development work, with success. From time to time Mr. Wilson has bought oil holdings, and property at Beaumont, and is financially interested in many important business enterprises in this city. During the Spanish-American War he was in military service, volunteering, and serving in the Infantry as a non-commissioned officer. With this exception he has been active in the business world since leaving school.

Mr. Wilson was married in 1908, at Gainesville, Texas, to Miss Mary Randolph, daughter of Thomas W. Randolph, whose death occurred in 1886, and who prior to that time had been one of the leading merchants of Sherman, and a landowner of that section. Mr. Randolph was one of the early settlers of Texas, and one of the prominent men of his day. Mrs. Wilson's mother, prior to her marriage Miss Bettie Thompson, died in 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson live in Beaumont, at 2295 Calder Avenue, and have four

children, Waldo, Mary Randolph, Fay Randolph, and J. Cooke, Jr. They attend the Episcopal Church. Mr. Wilson is a Mason, York Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He is also an Elk, and a member of the Rotary Club, the Beaumont Club, the Neches Club, and the Beaumont Country Club. Despite the exacting demands of his many business interests, Mr. Wilson has always found time to work for the development and advancement of Beaumont, and is one of the most public spirited citizens of this city. His business prosperity has been reflected in the prosperity of Beaumont, and much that has been done in a business way has been of material advantage to the city.



**V. SMELKER** for more than a quarter of a century has been a factor in the commercial world at Beaumont, and is widely known as an insurance and real estate man who, through his progressive activities in this field, has contributed to the development of his community. Mr. Smelker is a member of the firm of T. V. Smelker and Company, one of the oldest real estate and insurance firms in Beaumont. The business was established in 1895, Mr. Smelker coming into the firm five years later, since which time he has been active in the management of the business, building up a large clientele. A general insurance business is handled, the company representing some of the large and well known insurance companies of the country, and writing a large volume of insurance of all classes, including life, annually. The firm of T. V. Smelker and Company also handled some of the most important real estate transactions in this city, and act as general real estate brokers, selling both city and country property. Officers are maintained in the Gilbert Building, and other members of the firm are C. M. Smelker and K. C. Withers. An efficient corps of salesmen are also with the company.

T. V. Smelker was born at Altoona, Pennsylvania, the fourteenth of March, 1872, the son of Charles B. and Mrs. Charles B. Smelker. At the age of five years he was brought to Texas by his parents and spent his youth in this state and in Kansas, attending the schools of these states. After leaving school he was variously employed for some years, later becoming a telegraph operator, and still later going in the printing business in North Texas, spending five years in that business. He then came to Houston, where he was cashier for the Houston Street Railway for a time, after which he came to Beaumont, in 1898. He was in a local railroad office until 1899, when he became a member of the firm of T. V. Smelker and Company, with which he is now associated.

Mr. Smelker was married at Beaumont, in 1903, to Miss Grace Young, a native of Pennsylvania, and they have since made this city their home. They have three children, Charles, Thomas and Herbert. Mr. Smelker is a member of the Rotary Club, the Neches Club, the Beaumont Club and the Beaumont Country Club. He is a Mason, York Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He has taken a deep interest in civic affairs for many years and served as alderman for a period of six years, around a decade ago. He has done much for the advancement of this city, and has many friends here, who hold him in high esteem for his business and civic activities.





*J. George Wilson*







**P**RESTON P. BUTLER for a number of years past has been a factor in commercial circles at Beaumont, and as one of the leading representatives of the import and export trade, has done his part toward making this city one of the leading inland ports of the country. Mr. Butler is secretary and treasurer of the Beaumont Export and Import Company, a large exporting and importing company established in 1919 and the largest business of its kind in Texas, and one of the largest in the United States. The company exports and imports commodities of all kinds, and in addition to the office at Beaumont, in the Perlstein Building, has offices in Tampico, Mexico, Torreon, Saltillo, and Mexico City, Mexico, Monterey, Mexico, and Vera Cruz, Mexico. The capital stock of the Beaumont Export and Import Company is three hundred thousand dollars, fully paid in, and the officers are all men of sound integrity in the business world and are William Saenger, president; H. A. Perlstein, first vice president; Arthur Dooley, second vice president, and Preston P. Butler, the subject of this sketch, secretary and treasurer. Since the establishment of the company, a large business has been built along progressive lines, and the firm acts as representative for many of the leading manufacturing companies of the United States, building up new markets for their products, particularly in Mexico, and also promoting a larger importation of Mexican products into this country. Chief among the exports are tanks, pipe, oil well supplies, tractors, trucks, construction supplies and machinery of various kinds. Mr. Butler, as an executive, has taken an active part in the development of this trade, and his progressive business policy is reflected in the happy trade relations he has established with Mexican markets.

Preston P. Butler was born at Tyler, in Smith County, Texas, on the eighteenth of August, 1891. His father, William O. Butler, a very prominent man of that section, is a farmer and planter in Smith County, and also owns much land in that part of the state. His mother's maiden name was Miss Mattie Gray. Mr. Butler was educated in the Tyler public schools, graduating from the high school there, after which he entered upon his business career. He spent a decade with the Lutchter and Moore Lumber Company at Orange, and while with this company, one of the largest lumber corporations in the South, made rapid advancement in the business world. He began with the company at a small salary, in one of the lumber camps, and with a view to advancing in this industry, applied himself to learning the rudiments of the lumber business, particularly with reference to logging and transportation. During the years that followed, he worked in every department, advancing steadily and acquiring a very thorough and accurate knowledge of the lumber business from a manufacturing standpoint. The last four years he was with the Lutchter and Moore Lumber Company he held the position of purchasing agent, a position requiring an exact knowledge of the entire field of lumber manufacturing and presenting peculiar problems. When he tendered his resignation to come with the Beaumont Export and Import Company as an executive, he was made a very flattering offer to become general manager of the logging and transportation department, and it was with great reluctance that

the company accepted his resignation.

Mr. Butler was married at Orange, in 1913, to Miss Nea Portwood, daughter of the late J. N. Portwood, formerly a druggist of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Butler reside at 985 Fifth Street in Beaumont, and are members of the Methodist Church. Mr. Butler is a member of the Rotary Club, of which he is one of the directors; of the Round Table Club, of which he is past president, and of the Beaumont Country Club, the Beaumont Club, of which he is a director, and the Neches Club, of which he is a director. He is also a director of the South Texas State Fair. Fraternally he is an Odd Fellow and a Mason, York and Scottish Rites. His position in the exporting world, one of special distinction for a man of his years, is significant of what the future offers him in that field.

**L**EE J. BLACK, for upwards of three decades has been a prime factor in the industrial development of Beaumont, and has one of the finest and most completely equipped foundries in this part of the state. Mr. Black is president and manager of the Beaumont Iron Works Company, which he organized in 1910. This large industrial concern occupies a site covering two city blocks, well located in the industrial section, and whereon are located six large buildings, of reinforced concrete construction, and representing a total of three quarters of a million investment. The company makes oil well equipment, rotary drilling machinery, refinery and pipe line equipment and supplies, and also handles special jobbing work, carrying an extra large stock. The foundry makes iron, steel and brass, and is the largest in Texas. The officers of the Beaumont Iron Works are, Lee J. Black, the subject of this sketch, president; J. E. Swindler, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, vice president, and Charles B. Sheeks, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Black was born at Jefferson, Texas, the twenty-fourth of June, 1870, the son of Oliver H. Black, a mechanic, and construction engineer, and Mary Hunt Black. He was educated at Austin College, Sherman, later going to Tennessee School of Technology, where he took up special work. He then began his business career with the construction engineer of the Texas and Pacific Railroad, spending several years in the engineering department of that and other railroads. For twelve years he was superintendent for H. Hanson, Construction Company, railroad, bridge and dock builders. In September, 1902, he came to Beaumont, as superintendent of the Higgins Oil and Fuel Company, remaining with that company until the first of January, 1911, when he resigned to devote his entire time to the iron works which he had organized.

Mr. Black was married at Beaumont, in January, 1901, to Miss Maude Bevil, daughter of John R. Bevil, lumberman, cattle raiser and land owner, who now resides at Kountze, and Martha Hart Bevil. Mr. and Mrs. Black live at 2315 Park Avenue. He is a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the Beaumont Club, the Rotary Club, and fraternally is a Mason, York and Scottish Rites, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Black, building his business along constructive progressive policies, has been very successful in the industrial world, and is known throughout the Lone Star State for his activities in this field.





**B. FLYNN** has spent his entire business career in the oil business, entering this line soon after leaving high school. For more than two decades he has been located at Beaumont, coming here in 1902, soon after the bringing in of the famous discovery well at Spindletop, which was the beginning of the oil industry in Texas.

Mr. Flynn is president and general manager of the McNamara Oil Company, that has production in Sour Lake and Hull. The McNamara Oil Company was organized in 1914, Mr. Flynn having an interest in the company at that time, but it was not until four or five years ago that he took an active part in its management. The company has its general offices at 1108 San Jacinto Building, Beaumont. J. D. Proctor is secretary and treasurer.

For many years Mr. Flynn served as vice president and general manager of the Paraffine Oil Company. Following its organization this company drilled the discovery well at Batson, opening up a new and prolific field. It has been engaged in drilling and producing oil in the coastal fields since its organization. The company has always been a closed corporation and has never disposed of any of its shares of stock to the public.

In 1907 the interests owning the Paraffine Oil Company organized the Reliance Oil Company and it has been operated under the same management as the Paraffine. The same people owned and operated the DeSoto Gasoline Company and the McNamara Oil Company. For fifteen years, and until 1924 each of these concerns was under the direct management of Mr. Flynn, who is one of the best known and most widely experienced oil men in the State. In 1924 he took over the McNamara Oil Company and is operating independently in Oklahoma, Louisiana, North Texas and Gulf Coast.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Flynn was born in Duke Center on March 21, 1881, a son of J. W. Flynn, one of the pioneer oil operators of that State, who died in 1911. His mother was Miss Ellen (Loller) Flynn. His father was actively engaged in drilling and producing in Pennsylvania for many years.

After attending the public and high schools at Bradford, Mr. Flynn followed in his father's footsteps, and worked in the oil fields of Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Indiana before coming to Beaumont in 1902. From his work in the field he obtained a practical knowledge of the oil business that has been invaluable to him. He is one of the few men to engage in the oil business in Texas in the early days of the industry, who has remained continuously until this time. He has been closely associated with some of the biggest men in the oil industry in the Southwest and has contributed no small part in the development of the vast oil resources of this State.

In 1907 Mr. Flynn was married at Beaumont to Miss Florence Maher, daughter of J. W. Maher, an old time operator from Pennsylvania. They have one son, W. B., Jr., and reside at 2108 Harrison Avenue.

Mr. Flynn takes an active interest in civic and social affairs and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Beaumont Country, City and Neches clubs. A man of pleasing personality and keen business judgment, he is one of the most popular oil men of the State as well as one

of the most widely known. Among his former associates were the men who organized and developed the Humble Oil and Refining Company, the personnel of this concern in the early days being made up largely of men formerly connected with the Paraffine Oil Company and the Reliance Oil Company and properties formerly owned by them forming the nucleus of the company which since has become one of the largest in the country.



**WALKER SAYLE**, one of the three prison commissioners in charge of penal institutions in Texas, has made his headquarters at Huntsville since receiving his appointment to this office the fifteenth of September, 1921. Mr. Sayle, associated with the other two commissioners, has under their administration and supervision the penitentiary at Huntsville and the various farms comprising the prison system of the state, and the four thousand prisoners in these various institutions. Some four hundred prisoners are kept in the penitentiary at Huntsville, the others being at the various farms. The Texas prison system owns about eighty thousand acres of lands at various points in the state, some of the finest crops in Texas being raised on these farms, 46,000 acres in cultivation. A total of three hundred and fifty guards are employed by the system, and these are also under the supervision of Mr. Sayle, and the two commissioners serving with him. Mr. Sayle has been especially interested in improving prison conditions, and has done much work in this line. The penitentiary at Huntsville is clean, taking care of all prisoners in an adequate manner. A chapel with a seating capacity of five hundred, and a library with some five thousand volumes is at the penitentiary, and under Mr. Sayle's direction various other facilities have been added.

H. Walker Sayle was born in Yalobusha County, Mississippi, the eighteenth of May, 1877, the son of G. A. and Kate Walker Sayle, the former of Mississippi, the latter of Alabama. The family moved to Texas when H. Walker Sayle was a child of one year of age, and the father engaged in farming and cattle raising in Stephens County until his death. Mrs. Sayle is also deceased. H. Walker Sayle attended the schools of Stephens County and as a young man went to the Panhandle, where he spent some three years on the P. B. and W. H. Fugua ranch. He then operated the Lee Bivins ranch in the Panhandle for three years, after which he returned to Stephens County. In 1912 he was elected sheriff of Stephens County, serving until 1916; also dealing in real estate in Breckenridge some two years, then as the county became famous as an oil field, Mr. Sayle became the first mayor, serving in this capacity until he was appointed prison commissioner the fifteenth of September, 1921, removing from Breckenridge to Huntsville at that time.

Mr. Sayle was married in Stephens County, the seventh of May, 1895, to Miss Lillian Liles, daughter of L. D. Liles, a prominent cattleman of Stephens County. Mr. and Mrs. Sayle make their home in the state home across from the penitentiary at Huntsville, and have one child, Miss Kate Sayle. Mr. Sayle's work in behalf of the betterment of prison conditions has attracted the attention of those interested in prison reform and has brought him favorable comment.





*W. B. Ferguson*









**H. BORCHERS** has for many years past been associated with the technical management of the telephone and telegraph system belonging to The Texas Company, making his headquarters at Houston, and is one of the best known utility executives in Texas. Mr. Borchers is superintendent of the telephone and telegraph system of the Texas Pipe Line Company, which is one of the largest departments of the Texas organization, and owns a net work of lines, all over Texas and in Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. There are more than a hundred employees in this branch of the Texas Pipe Line Company, and affording as it does instant communication with all points, at all times, the department is very important. Mr. Borchers is a telephone man with a sound technical knowledge, and with experience of three decades spent in this line. Under his direction the system has been strengthened, and all lines are efficiently kept up, and the entire department handled in a most capable manner. He began with The Texas Company in the Sour Lake field, in 1903, as a lineman, and was later made foreman over the telephone and telegraph installation system. In 1917 he was made superintendent of the telephone and telegraph system of the Texas Pipe Line Company, and established headquarters in Houston, where he has since resided, directing the management of the hundreds of miles of lines from this city. Mr. Borchers has working under him a large force, all of whom are competent men, and trained in their especial work. He directs all installations, maintenance and operation of the lines.

Mr. Borchers was born at Nebraska City, Nebraska, the twenty-fourth of May, 1872. His father, Edward Borchers, a native of Germany, came to the United States at the age of eighteen, going to Illinois. During the Civil War he joined the Federal Army, and was in a Missouri division throughout the war. At the close of that conflict he went to Nebraska and was a farmer near Nebraska City for many years. After his retirement he moved to Nebraska City, where his death occurred, at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years, the twenty-sixth of October, 1923. Mr. Borchers' mother was before her marriage Miss Fredericke Fredericks. Her death occurred in 1874. As a boy Mr. Borchers attended the country schools of Nebraska, remaining on the farm with his father until he was eighteen years of age. At that time he went with a water well drilling manufacturing plant, the first builders of rotary tools to drill wells. His position was showing the purchasers how to put up and operate these tools, and brought him in touch with many of the early oil operators. In 1892, after many years with the rotary tool company, Mr. Borchers came to Galveston, Texas, and was a marine engineer in that city for one year. In 1893 he went with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, as lineman-helper, and later as lineman, and while in that position helped put up many of the first telephone lines in this section. He remained with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company until 1903, when he went with The Texas Company, as lineman, and has since remained with that company, working throughout the different departments of the telephone and telegraph system.

Mr. Borchers was married at Houston, the second of June, 1900, to Miss Mabel A. Hill, a native of

Nebraska, who came to Houston with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Hill, as a child. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hill now make their home with Mrs. Borchers, at 903 Merrill Avenue. Mr. Borchers is a member of the Houston Lodge, I. O. O. F. He is known to telephone and telegraph men throughout the Lone Star State as one of the most efficient and highly trained men in this field, and is familiar with the entire field of telephone management and operation. Mr. Borchers is justly proud of the well functioning telephone and telegraph system of The Texas Company, a system which owes much of its success to his careful management. He is interested in Houston, both from a civic and commercial standpoint, and has many friends in this city who have watched his progress with interest.



**ALTER L. SLOAN**, Chief Oil Dispatcher of the Gulf Companies, is well known all over the oil country and has the reputation of handling more oil than any other man in his line of business. Mr. Sloan became associated with the Gulf Company in September, 1903, at Sour Lake and came to Houston in 1916, when the Gulf Companies moved their headquarters to this city. He came to Houston in 1903 with the Postal Telegraph Company, and was later transferred to Beaumont, Texas, and soon after going to Beaumont, came with the Gulf Company and has remained with this company since that time. He went to Sour Lake soon after entering the employ of the Gulf Company and then to Batson, and was the second telegraph operator this company employed. In 1907 he was made Chief Oil Dispatcher, which position he has since held. Practically all storage tanks and pipe lines have been built since he has been with the company and he knows the history of it all.

Mr. Sloan was born at McLeansboro, Illinois, on February 21, 1879. His father, C. O. Sloan, was for many years a locomotive engineer, but is now with the Gulf Company. His mother was Miss Sarah Buck, a member of a well known Illinois family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of McLeansboro, Illinois. Soon after leaving school, Mr. Sloan began his business career as a telegraph operator with the Illinois Central Railroad in Kentucky and Illinois and later was telegraph operator for the Louisville and Nashville Railroad. He then went with the Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies, where he continued until he came with the Gulf Companies in 1903.

Mr. Sloan was married in Beaumont, Texas, in 1905 to Miss Jodie M. Gibson, a native of Livingston, Texas, and a member of a pioneer family of that portion of the State. Mr. and Mrs. Sloan reside at 612 Hathaway Avenue. Mr. Sloan is a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, the B. P. O. E., and the Smithers Lake Hunting Club. He has one hobby, "Bird Dogs," and has several champion English Setters, and some of the best dogs to be found anywhere, and spends his leisure time in hunting and fishing in the Texas Coast country. Mr. Sloan is regarded as one of the best posted men in the employ of the Gulf Companies in regard to the fields, and locations of the company's tanks, and pipe lines. He directs the movements of all oil into storage tanks from the fields to the Gulf Company's various refineries, and this requires a complete knowledge of all the tanks and pipe lines of the company.



## MEN OF TEXAS

**ED** STEDMAN, one of a group of business men who have taken a prominent part in the development of Beaumont, is the leading representative of the wholesale fruit and vegetable business in this city, and his name is well known throughout Southeast Texas and western Louisiana. Mr. Stedman is president of the Stedman Fruit Company, an enterprise representing an investment of more than a quarter of a million dollars, and equipped with modern cold storage machinery, and handle efficiently the wholesale fruit and vegetable business of Southeastern Texas and Southwestern Louisiana. This modern plant, one of the largest in the country, is located at Bowie and Park Streets, and is complete in every detail. Rooms maintaining a temperature of forty degrees above zero are used to house fruits and vegetables demanding a low temperature, two motors forcing the freezing compounds through the six miles of piping included in the cold storage plant. All vegetables are handled in the most efficient manner, those needing washing going direct to the washing rooms, where they are cleaned and sent to the department where they are to be stored. Much of the second floor is used for the storage of grocery specialties, crates and other things necessary to the operation of the firm. Six chutes operate to the lower floor, and a P. B. X. board, with twenty-two telephones, insure constant communication from the executive offices to any part of the plant. Although the company handles a wide range of fruits and vegetables, they handle large quantities of bananas and they have facilities for storing twenty-two hundred bunches of this tropical fruit. The method of handling is very efficient, the bunches being propelled to and from the cold storage rooms by an overhead system which permits the weighing and tagging of the fruit. Until 1918 the Stedman Fruit Company was owned by Mr. Stedman and his brother, Jerry Stedman, but in that year the company was incorporated, with a stock of \$236,000.00, with Ed Stedman as president, and Jerry Stedman, secretary and treasurer, and H. P. Wolfe, vice president and sales manager. The trade territory reaches as far as Fisher, Louisiana, on the Kansas City Southern; Dayton, Texas, on the west, Lake Charles, Louisiana, on the east, and includes the principal cities of Southeast Texas.

Mr. Stedman was born at Kosse, Texas, the son of E. D. Stedman, for many years engaged in the wholesale fruit and vegetable business, and Maude Stedman. As a boy he attended the schools of Houston, and at the age of fourteen began to help his father in his fruit business. His father gave him the ambition to establish a large fruit and vegetable business, and although his death occurred almost two decades ago, he witnessed the coming true of part of this ambition. After several years in the plant, Mr. Stedman began on the road, at that time the youngest travelling salesman in the state, and was very successful in that field. He then went with the firm of T. H. Thompson, at Houston, and later came to Beaumont where he went with the T. S. Reed Grocery Company, aiding in the opening of this business and its management. Later he left that firm and went with the new firm of Heisig and Norvell. Then with his brother, J. C. Stedman, he established a fruit business, in a small way, in a small building near the Southern Pacific right-of-way. Within a

short time, the company grew to such proportions that larger quarters were necessary, and the business was moved to the Langham Building, where headquarters were maintained until 1923, when the new plant, on Bowie and Park Streets, was occupied.

Mr. Stedman was married at Austin, in 1898, to Miss Lotta S. Finley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Finley. Mr. Finley is comptroller of the state of Texas, and one of the prominent men of Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Stedman live at Fifth and North Streets, where they have a very attractive home, and have one child, Ed Stedman, Jr., who, since his graduation from the University of Texas, has been with the firm, in charge of the candy and cracker department of the business. Mr. Stedman is vice president of the American National Bank, past president of the South Texas State Fair, past president of the Rotary Club, and is a member of the Beaumont Club, Neches Club, the Beaumont Country Club, and the Port Arthur Tarpon Club. He, with his family, attends the Methodist Church, in which he has been a steward for many years. Fraternally he is an Elk and a U. C. T. The Stedman plant represents an achievement in the industrial world, and is one of the most interesting, as well as important businesses at Beaumont. Mr. Stedman has, throughout his residence here, been the splendid type of citizen who takes an interest in the development and advancement of his city, as well as his own private interests, and few men have done more than he to insure the prosperity of Beaumont.

**H**UBERT B. OXFORD, who has in the two decades of his residence at Beaumont been identified with commercial enterprises of wide scope, has for many years been one of a group of lumbermen who have taken a leading part in the development of this industry here, and has also been particularly active in civic work, enjoying the highest esteem of his fellow citizens. Mr. Oxford is vice president of the Gulf Manufacturing and Lumber Company, Incorporated, and as an executive has made a record for capable and efficient management that has placed this company among the leading lumber manufacturing companies in this section. The Gulf Manufacturing and Lumber Company was established in 1916, by a group of lumbermen of many years experience, and has since handled a large volume of wholesale and retail business. The company manufactures all kinds of mill work, operating a large plant, comprising three acres on the Santa Fe Railroad, and equipped with large modern buildings, and the finest and most modern type of machinery. The work done in this mill is largely detail mill work, for which expert workmen are employed, and only the highest grade of work turned out. No cheap or inferior work is handled, and every piece of mill work that leaves the plant must conform to the high standards that have been set and must pass a rigid inspection. The plant, located at the corner of North and Gulf Streets, is the largest of its kind at Beaumont, and furnishes employment to a force of forty operatives. The Gulf Manufacturing and Lumber Company has done work for the San Jacinto Life Building, doing all the mill work on that building, and the Hotel Beaumont, and has also furnished the mill work for many of the finest homes in the city. In Houston





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they have done various jobs, among which are the Montrose Apartment Building and the Heights Library Building. The officers of the Gulf Manufacturing and Lumber Company, Inc., are, W. Clapp, president; Hubert B. Oxford, the subject of this sketch, vice president, and John Birdwell, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Oxford is a native of the Lone Star State and was born at Sherman, the third of November, 1882. His father, William E. Oxford, for many years a resident of Sherman, was engaged in the mercantile business there, and has taken a prominent part in politics and in civic activities for many years. His mother, before her marriage was Miss Ada Burton. Mr. Oxford attended the public schools of Sherman, and after graduating from the high school there went with R. G. Dunn Company, remaining with that concern for two years, at which time he went with the Wells Fargo Express Company, and for the ensuing three years was with that company. He left that company to go with the Southern Pacific Lines and three years later turned his attention to the lumber business going with the Sabine Tram Company, and after three years with that company, was with the Gulf Lumber Company in Louisiana. Three years later he went with the Turnbow Lumber Company and was for five years with that organization, resigning to come with the Gulf Manufacturing and Lumber Company, acquiring a third interest in the company, in 1917. The Gulf Building and Loan Company with \$30,000.00 capital stock was organized by Mr. Oxford and his associates in the Gulf Manufacturing and Lumber Company and builds and finances residences. He served as city councilman, taking an active part in the administration of the municipal affairs of Beaumont, and advocating all progressive civic movements. Mr. Oxford served five years as captain in the State Militia.

Mr. Oxford was married at Beaumont, in 1909, to Miss Sadie Holmes, daughter of John Holmes and Sibal (Van Wormer) Holmes. They have one child, Hubert B., Jr. The Oxford home, four miles from Beaumont, on the Houston-Beaumont Highway, is one of the finest country homes in this part of the state, and the large grounds are beautifully improved and cared for, making the place unusually attractive. The family attend the First Methodist Church. Mr. Oxford is a director of the South Texas State Fair Association, vice president of the Texas Lumberman's Association and is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, the Beaumont Club, the Neches Club, the Port Arthur Tarpon Club, and the Rotary Club of which he is a charter member and of which he was the first secretary. He has many friends at Beaumont who have watched his progress in the business world with interest, and regard him as one of the coming men in the lumber business.

**LEO L. RYDER** has been prominently identified with merchandising activities at Beaumont for upwards of a decade, and his name carries a prestige in the business world that is a distinct asset to the community with which it is associated. Mr. Ryder is secretary, treasurer and manager of the Ryder Furniture and Carpet Company of Beaumont, one of the largest wholesale and retail furniture houses in the southeastern part of the state, and a creditable addition

to the business world here. The retail store is well located in the heart of the business district, occupying an attractive and modern building of ample proportions. The stock is unusually complete, giving the purchaser a wide range of price and styles. While Mr. Ryder has given special attention to his choice of finer furniture and has a stock that enables the residents of this section to furnish the finest homes completely, he has not neglected the lower priced furniture for the modest home, and has an excellent line of well constructed furniture at a nominal price. Every article in the Ryder establishment has been selected with a view to giving the customer a sterling value, and the patrons of the store shop with the assurance that their selections represent the utmost in quality and value. In addition to the retail house, a well located, three story warehouse is used for surplus stock, thus eliminating long delays in replacing stock in the retail store. A total of more than fifty thousand feet of storage space in the warehouse, with the large retail house, makes the business one of the larger commercial concerns of Beaumont, representing an investment of more than a half a million dollars. The company furnishes employment to a force of about fifty people. W. F. Ryder is president of the company.

Mr. Ryder was born at Cedar Vale, Kansas, the third of December, 1885. His father, William Francis Ryder, prominent lumberman, for years with the Long-Bell Lumber Company and who has amassed a fortune in the business, is known throughout the Lone Star State for the part he has taken in the development of the lumber interests of this section. His mother, before her marriage was Miss Anna E. Mohler. Mr. Ryder received his early education in the public schools of Kansas, later entering the University of Louisiana, where he studied for two years, after which he took a commercial course in a business college at Kansas City, Missouri, fitting himself for his business career. He followed his father in the lumber business, going with the Long-Bell organization, and for the ensuing thirteen years he was in the logging and lumber camps of that company. He then went with the Finkbine Lumber Company, at D'Lo, Mississippi, and spent two years building roads for them. He came to Beaumont in 1918, and started a mill for the manufacture of hard wood and pine lumber, later disposing of this interest in 1922, at which time he began his active connection with the Ryder Furniture and Carpet Company.

Mr. Ryder was married at Oyan, Arkansas, in 1907, to Miss Mattie H. Stuart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Stuart, of that state. Mr. Stuart is a farmer and landowner, and is well known in Arkansas for his agricultural activities. Mr. and Mrs. Ryder have one son, William Ford Ryder, and make their home at 2294 Broadway. Mr. Ryder is a member of the Beaumont, Neches and Lions Clubs and is an Elk and a Hoo-Hoo. He has taken an active part in the civic advancement of Beaumont, particularly from a commercial standpoint, and has done much to insure the prosperity of the city. As a business man he has advocated all progressive and forward looking steps, and is one of the leaders among the younger business men. Mr. Ryder contributes generously to every charitable and welfare organization, and few men have done more than he for the general welfare and prosperity of the city.





**ALBOT FREDERICK ROTHWELL**, vice president and superintendent of production of the Yount-Lee Oil Company of Beaumont, has been associated with the petroleum industry of Texas for over sixteen years and his continued successes in the field management of his company has caused his name to be brought to the forefront of the oil fraternity. The Yount-Lee Oil Company is probably the leading independent oil company of Texas, and attention has been especially brought to it since its discovery of deep oil in Spindle Top in January, 1926, twenty-five years after the bringing in of the Lucas gusher and the discovery of Spindle Top. The first well completed in Spindle Top by the Yount-Lee Oil Company in October, 1925, was not a producer, but gave encouraging indications. The second well, completed in January, 1926, came in with about fifteen hundred barrels per day. From then on the company has carried on an intensive drilling campaign. The third well at Spindle Top came in with about six thousand barrels, the fourth with about three thousand barrels, the fifth, completed on May 11th, 1926, brought about fifty-five hundred barrels, and the sixth, completed May 16th, 1926, came in with about six thousand barrels. The Yount-Lee Oil Company does not confine its operations to Spindle Top, but has been successful in other fields, such as Sour Lake, Hull and Hackberry, Louisiana. Mr. Rothwell became associated with the Yount and Rothwell partnership, which is the predecessor to the Yount-Lee Oil Company in the latter part of 1914, at which time he purchased the Pivoto interests of the Yount-Pivoto Oil Company. A year or two later the interests of the Yount-Rothwell partnership had developed to such an extent that it was thought advisable to incorporate, using the name of Yount-Rothwell, which had already become highly and favorably known; but it developed that under the laws of Texas, a partnership may not legally incorporate, under the same name, without much delay and extended legal requirements. In order to avoid this long delay and legal requirements, the name "Lee" was substituted for that of "Rothwell" in charter application, and the firm was continued under the corporate name of Yount-Lee Oil Company. From the beginning the rise of the company to major importance has been rapid and unusual. In the oil fraternity the credit for this success is given to Mr. M. F. Yount, president, and T. F. Rothwell, vice president. These men are today considered two of the outstanding practical oil men of the industry. The company employs from fifty to one hundred people, own complete drilling equipment, and under Mr. Rothwell's supervision, does its drilling.

T. F. Rothwell was born in West Virginia, February 7th, 1887, son of T. J. and Mary Jane (Cross) Rothwell, both natives of West Virginia. T. J. Rothwell is now engaged in the oil business in West Virginia, but for many years was a farmer in that State. Mr. Rothwell secured his early schooling in his native State, and at the age of sixteen went into the oil fields here, and later in Ohio, where he learned the rudiments of the profession. In due course of time he became a production man and learned cable tool drilling while employed by various oil companies and contractors. In 1910 he came to Saratoga, Texas, where he was employed in the

production department of the Sun Company, being promoted to the position of field manager. He resigned this position to make his present association. Mr. Rothwell gives Mr. T. P. Lee a goodly measure of credit for his subsequent success, for it was Mr. Lee who not only suggested the change, but made it possible for him to make it. Mr. Rothwell is a director of the following: Citizens National Bank, Lake Tool Company and the Rex Supply Company, all of Sour Lake.

On August 13th, 1913, Mr. Rothwell was united in marriage in West Virginia to Miss Mabel Martha Lee, the daughter of T. P. and Elizabeth (Mann) Lee. T. P. Lee is the vice president and general manager of the American Republics Corporation and one of the outstanding men of the petroleum industry of the United States. To Mr. and Mrs. Rothwell were born three children—Mary Elizabeth, Virginia May and Essie Lee (deceased). The family attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Rothwell, like all good citizens, is interested in civic matters, but the nature of his work at this time is very exacting and he cannot give his personal attention to these good causes, although he otherwise contributes generously to them. He is primarily a family man and his spare moments are spent at home with his wife and children.



**L. SAVOY**, although one of the younger member of the business fraternity of Beaumont, Texas, has had a wide experience in the men's furnishings and clothing business, to which he has devoted his entire business life. Mr. Savoy is vice president of the Kyle-Savoy Company, Inc., which is strictly a man's store and carries a full and complete line of very high class men's furnishings and clothing. The Kyle-Savoy Company, Inc. is the leading store of its kind in Beaumont, carrying in stock Society Brand of clothes, Manhattan shirts, and all other merchandise carried is of the best grades and carry the foremost trade marks of the entire country. This store is attractive both without and within, and the splendid fixtures and lighting facilities form a setting that is at once pleasing to purchasers. Other officers of the Kyle-Savoy Company, Inc., which is located at 590 Pearl Street, are W. W. Kyle, Jr., president, and B. E. Kyle, secretary and treasurer. As a very young man, Mr. Savoy started his career in the clothing business at Houston, Texas, with the Ed Kiam clothing firm, which has since closed out this business, and he later became associated with the Mistrot and Munn Store of Houston, and remained with this firm until he came to Beaumont in 1914, where he was associated with various establishments in this city until the present firm was organized in 1922, and has had a wonderful growth since that time. Mr. Savoy believes in keeping all departments up to the standard, and in carrying nothing but the best merchandise, and makes promptness and efficiency the watchword of his establishment.

Mr. Savoy was born at Lake Charles, Louisiana, on November 17th, 1892. His parents, also natives of Louisiana, were members of prominent families of that state. His education was obtained in the public schools of Houston, Texas, which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world.

Mr. Savoy is popular in both the business and social circles of Beaumont and is a member of the B. P. O. E. and the Neches Club, in both of which





*P. F. Rothwell*







he takes an active interest. He is a firm believer in knowing thoroughly whatever business in which a man intends to engage, and a young man should at all times be willing to start at the bottom in any line, in order to learn the business and be able to merit promotions, which are sure to come to the man who pays strict attention to the affairs of the business of his employer. Mr. Savoy is regarded as one of the leaders among the younger generation of business men in Southeast Texas and has a sure claim to a brilliant future. He is optimistic as to the future of Beaumont and Southeast Texas, and believes that this portion of the state is in better condition financially than ever before in its history.

**WESTBROOK** of Sour Lake, Texas, is well known to the oil fraternity of Texas where he has been engaged in the various branches of this industry since 1902. Mr. Westbrook is superintendent of drilling and production of The Texas Company at Sour Lake, and is also in charge of all drilling and production of this company at Liberty, Saratoga and Batson. He has been located here for two years, and The Texas Company is the largest producing company in this field, and has the largest acreage, with valuable leases and complete and modern equipment. This company has eight hundred acres in the Sour Lake field, with one hundred and seventeen producing wells, with a daily production of around 1750 barrels. The Texas Company was one of the first to see the necessity of building houses for their employees here, and they now have more than thirty houses, all of which are comfortable, for their employees.

About sixty people are employed by The Texas Company here. Mr. Westbrook is regarded as one of the successful oil well drillers in Texas, and his services are always in demand by the large oil companies in this line of work. He has during his career been associated with many of the State's biggest oil men, who are now rich, and many of them have left the oil business. Before he entered the oil business, Mr. Westbrook was for several years engaged in various lines of endeavor in South Texas. His first oil experience was at Spindle Top in 1902, where he remained for more than two years, after which he went to Humble, Texas, and became associated with Walter Fondren and was for a period of four years engaged in the various branches of the industry with Mr. Fondren. He then went with The Texas Company, and for seven years was associated with this company in the various fields of South Texas, after which he went with the Fondren Drilling Company, and for one year worked for this company in the field at Humble, Texas. He then came to Sour Lake and drilled two of the biggest wells ever brought in in this field. These wells were located on the lease of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and each made about twelve thousand barrels of oil, when first brought in. Mr. Westbrook engaged in drilling and contracting for himself, and also took contracts for pulling casing, and continued in this line of work for several years. In 1917 the company organized a school and Mr. Westbrook had charge of this school, and trained men in drilling and associated work, and has been with this company since that time as superintendent in the drilling and production departments.

Mr. Westbrook was married at Humble, Texas, to Miss Ida Hankammer, a native Texan, and a member of a pioneer family of the Lone Star State. They have one child—Georgie. Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook reside on the lease of The Texas Company at Sour Lake. Mr. Westbrook is a member of the I. O. O. F. and takes an active interest in this organization. Mr. Westbrook is popular in the oil circles of South Texas and is regarded as one of the reliable and valuable men connected with The Texas Company. He gives his personal attention to all the details of the business, and has built up a reputation as a successful driller, and it is said of him in oil circles that he has never lost a well, where care and experience counted in the bringing in the production.

**H. McDANIEL**, throughout his business career, has been one of the vital factors of the construction business at Beaumont, and has contributed materially to the advancement and development of this city. Mr. McDaniel is secretary and general manager of the firm of McDaniel and Hartford, one of the leading construction firms here, and one that has taken a prominent part in construction work since its organization. The firm has given special attention to the larger contracts, and concentrate their attention largely on work in Beaumont and Port Arthur, although they have handled construction throughout Southeast Texas and Western Louisiana. They give particular attention to schools, churches, and office buildings, and fine residences, but in the main they make no effort toward specialization, handling a general contracting business. His office is in the Kyle Building, and officers of McDaniel & Hartford, other than Mr. McDaniel, as secretary and general manager, are Howard McDaniel, vice president, and E. E. Hartford, president, both of Port Arthur.

C. H. McDaniel was born at Trenton, Missouri, the twentieth of March, 1891, son of Warren McDaniel and Emma McDaniel. The elder Mr. McDaniel is well known throughout Southeast Texas for his activities in the construction, lumber and oil business. He was also an oil operator in Spindle Top, but has now retired and makes his home in California. C. H. McDaniel attended the public schools of Port Arthur, where he graduated from the high school, after which he entered Ohio State University, where he graduated in 1912 with the degrees M. E. and E. E. He then returned to Texas and Beaumont, and was for two years with the Bell Telephone Company, as manager of the traffic department. He then went with his father and brother in the contracting business, the firm at that time being known as the McDaniel Construction Company. A little later his father retired, selling his interest to E. E. Hartford, and the firm has since continued, and was incorporated in 1920.

Mr. McDaniel was married at Beaumont, in 1916, to Miss Emily Suggs. They have four children—Vernice, Chester, Charles, and Dorothea. The family reside at 2195 Avenue A, and attend the Baptist Church. Mr. McDaniel belongs to the Kiwanis Club, and the Knights of Pythias. As a building contractor he has taken an influential part in the affairs of Beaumont, and has done much, both in a business and private way, for its development.



**C**HARLES PAGGI, although a resident of Beaumont but a few years, is well known as an independent oil operator in the coastal fields, whose years of experience enables him to speak with authority on matters affecting the petroleum industry here. Mr. Paggi came to Beaumont in 1921, and has taken his place among the progressive business men of the city, maintaining his office in the San Jacinto Building, and is a most valuable addition to the oil fraternity. He directs extensive operations in the coastal fields, in which he is interested, and his expert knowledge of oil properties and production has been a factor in his success. In his prospecting and development work he uses gasoline drilling equipment and has already drilled over twelve wells in this way. Mr. Paggi began in the oil business in 1907, with his brother, Edward Paggi, organizing the Paggi Brothers Oil Company, which they operated for some years, with Charles Paggi in charge of the field and operating end of the business, and Edward Paggi handling the office and business end. Since Edward Paggi's death he has had complete charge of this business, directing both office and field work. In 1910 Mr. Paggi organized the Tarver Oil Company, which is now the Tholl Oil Company, and also has full charge of the management of this company. The company has good production, and owns its own equipment, including drilling rigs, and under Mr. Paggi's direction has engaged in active operation in the various fields, bringing in a number of promising wells. Mr. Paggi is the class of independent operator who has made a success of buying acreage in or near the proven fields, and holding this property to await developments. He finds this a particularly profitable business, and in 1917 sold to the Gulf Company The Tarver Oil Company holdings at Sour Lake, for a million and a half dollars. This was one of Paggi Brothers' first wild cat operations. This method of operation is only possible for those operators, men of expert knowledge and sound judgment, in whom the big companies have confidence, and of this class Mr. Paggi is a conspicuous example. In addition to his oil interests Mr. Paggi is also financially interested in business enterprises in Houston and Beaumont, and owns city property, farming lands, and cattle. He is interested in the Conant Auto Company of Houston, the Lake Arthur Dredging Company, Charles Paggi and Company, Burgess and Whisenant Undertaking Company of Houston, the Oleander Oil Company, oil jobbers, Galveston, and is a director in the Texas National Bank.

Mr. Paggi was born at Austin, Texas, the thirtieth of December, 1883, the son of M. Paggi, a manufacturer of carriages and wagons at Austin, and Eugenie Paggie. Mr. Paggi was educated in the Austin schools, after which he learned the plumbing business, engaging in that work for two years. He then became interested in oil field work, and the opportunities it offered the young man who was ambitious and willing to work, and he began work in the coastal fields, the first four years, until 1903 working for others, and learning at first hand every detail of the work in the field. In 1903 he went to Sour Lake, at first alone, and in 1907 joining his brother, Edward Paggi, with whom he was associated until the latter's death. During the years that

he has been in the oil business Mr. Paggi has at various times worked in every department of oil field work, and has operated in the Gulf Coast fields exclusively.

Mr. Paggi was married in 1910, at Kountze, Texas, to Miss Gladys Fontaine, daughter of Dr. W. D. Fontaine, a practicing physician of Hardin County. Mr. and Mrs. Paggi have made Beaumont their home for some years, and have an attractive residence, at 2400 Broadway. They have two children, William Mechel and Charles Edward. They attend the Presbyterian Church, to which denomination they contribute liberally, and take an active part in the various social activities. Mr. Paggi is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, the Neches Club, and is a Mason, York Rite, and is a charter member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. Mr. Paggi, although primarily interested in petroleum activities, is also active in various business lines, and a business man of sound and practical judgment. He is a thoroughly public minded citizen, interested in civic welfare and development, and takes an active part in all progressive civic movements.

**P**AUL W. GASOW, one of the younger business men of Beaumont, has taken a constructive interest in the commercial development of this city since coming here several years ago, and is well known as one of the leading representatives of the automobile business. Mr. Gasow is president and general manager of the Gasow-Howard Motor Company, Incorporated, which he established at Beaumont the first of August, 1921. This is the authorized Ford, Fordson and Lincoln dealership in Beaumont, and since the organization of the business Mr. Gasow has sold a record number of Fords, Lincolns, and Fordsons to his many friends and fellow citizens. The plant is one of the best organized and most modern automobile establishments in the city, and has complete sales, parts and service departments, each with a corps of experts in charge. The entire force of employees totals more than thirty. The plant is located at 802-812 Calder Avenue, where is a modern, semi-fireproof building, one hundred by one hundred and forty feet, which was completed for the company in the fall of 1922. An addition of sixty by one hundred and sixty feet, steel and brick, was built August, 1925. This building, designed especially for the Gasow-Howard Company, is considered one of the finest automobile buildings in Beaumont, and combines a number of unusual features. The officers of the Gasow-Howard Motor Company are, Paul W. Gasow, president and manager; George F. Howard, president of the San Jacinto Trust Company of Houston, vice president; C. A. Caskey, treasurer, and W. A. Manning, secretary.

Mr. Gasow was born at Detroit, Michigan, the thirtieth of March, 1893, the son of the late William Gasow. He spent his early years in Michigan, attending the public schools there, and after finishing high school began his business career in the Michigan Savings Bank at Detroit, remaining there from September, 1912, until April, 1913. He then went with the Ford Motor Company, spending two years in the office at Detroit, after which he became traveling auditor for the company, traveling all over the country to the different Ford branches. He resigned this position in 1921, coming to Beaumont





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the twenty-sixth of July of that year, and organizing the present business the first of August.

Mr. Gasow is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, and is active in all civic work. He is known to the automobile trade as one of the leading Ford men of the country, and has attained a high standing in this field.

**W**ILLIAM A. KIRKPATRICK, for upwards of two decades has been a leader in musical activities at Beaumont, and as a teacher, pianist, and organist has contributed materially to the artistic advancement of this city. Prof. Kirkpatrick is a musician of distinctive and interpretive talent whose performance invariably wins the admiration of his hearers, and he displays an enthusiasm in his chosen domain of art that influences his every activity. One of the leading teachers of Beaumont, his classes, limited to forty talented pupils, are inspired by him to seek the highest musical skill and scholarship, and his talents as a teacher are no less distinctive than his talents as performer. Professor Kirkpatrick is especially active in all musical advancement and has brought to Beaumont many of the great artists and the finest musical talent of the country. He also promotes musical events of local interests and organized the Beaumont Musical Society in 1905, and was also a director of the Galveston Quartette Society for several years. He conducts many recitals and displays great generosity by contributing to musical programs on many occasions.

Professor Kirkpatrick was born at Troy, New York, the twenty-ninth of January, 1866, the son of William Alexander Kirkpatrick, a noted artist, and Nellie Van Rensler Kirkpatrick, a singer of unusual distinction. Professor Kirkpatrick attended the public schools of Boston, and for eight years studied at the Choir School of the Church of the Advent. He then spent two years at the New England Conservatory of Music, graduating in voice, piano and organ. The following five years were spent at Troy, New York, where he taught music and was choir master and organist. He then went to St. Louis, where for one year he was in charge of the Trinity Church choir and was organist. This was followed by two years at Memphis, Tennessee, as director for the first choral society in that city, and as organist and choir master at Grace Church and other churches. He then went to Anniston, Alabama, as organist and choir master, and later spent a year at Opelika, Alabama, in a like capacity, making an exceptional choir leader and organist. Following this he went to Birmingham, as organist and choir master at St. Mary's on the Highlands, and as leader of various musical clubs, still later going to Montgomery, where he was in charge of four of the leading choirs, remaining there for seven years, until 1899, during which time he organized many clubs and was a leader in all musical activities. The five following years were spent at Washington, D. C., as choir director and organist at Trinity Church, Ascension Church and St. John's Church, Georgetown, and also as instructor at Ralston Institute. Immediately following, in 1904, Professor Kirkpatrick came to Beaumont, and has since made this city his home, and has been organist and choir master for the past twenty years for Saint Mark's Church.

Professor Kirkpatrick was married at Beaumont, to Miss Mary Bertha Woodward, a very gifted and talented artist. Mrs. Kirkpatrick has charge of the choir of the Christian Church and is interested in all musical events. She was formerly of Washington, D. C. Professor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick have a very attractive home at 1700 Avenue E, where Professor Kirkpatrick has his handsomely appointed studio, and meets his classes. They have one child, Willie Francis. The family are members of the Episcopal Church. As an artist, Professor Kirkpatrick has received the best professional advantages, and is highly accomplished and cultured, splendidly equipped to meet any demands on his talents. He gives his enthusiasm to musical activities and Beaumont is indeed fortunate that there is in the city so thorough a teacher, and so talented an artist as he. For two decades he has been in the lead in musical advancement, creating a demand for the highest type of musical entertainment and securing artists and entertainments that have made Beaumont a musical center of first rank in this section.

**R**OBERT CORLEY, for a quarter of a century one of the sterling citizens of Beaumont, has been a vital force for progress in this community, and is highly esteemed by all who know him. Mr. Corley is sole owner of the real estate and insurance firm of Robert Corley and Company, a firm that has proven itself foremost in civic advancement, and that has a strong, permanent business, built on years of honest dealings. Mr. Corley sells city and country property, and all kinds of insurance and surety bonds of all kinds. Mr. Corley has shown his faith in the growth of Beaumont by making real estate investments from time to time, and holds much city property here. He is familiar with property values, and is able to forecast the direction with future growth will take.

Mr. Corley was born at Terrell, Texas, the twenty-first of February, 1878. His father, J. H. Corley, whose death occurred in 1913, was a pioneer banker, entering the banking business in 1875, and continuing therein until his death. His mother, before her marriage was Miss Martha Kuykendall. Mr. Corley was educated in the public schools of Terrell, and after graduating from the high school there took special business courses, equipping himself for his business career. Mr. Corley spent one year in Houston, where he engaged in the cotton business, and came to Beaumont in 1899. Mr. Corley is a director in the First National Bank.

Mr. Corley is a member of the Rotary Club, the Beaumont Country Club, the Beaumont Club, the Neches Club, and is a Scottish Rite Mason, a Knight Templar and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Corley is a past president of the Beaumont Real Estate Board, and is one of those sterling realtors whose business, founded on integrity and square dealing, is more than a mere establishment for the sale of property, but is an institution of which the community is proud, and which is a factor for civic progress. Mr. Corley is one of the best liked men in his community, with those qualities of Christian citizenship which make for friendships. He has been identified with all progressive movements for a quarter of a century, and few men have done more for the advancement of Beaumont than he.



**EDWARD PAGGI.** Few men were more prominently associated with the development of the petroleum resources of Southeast Texas, particularly in that district near Beaumont, of which city he was a resident, than Edward Paggi, who was one of the pioneer operators in the coastal field, and active in its development for about two decades. Mr. Paggi was typical of the oil man with vision, and with the courage to back his judgment, and his development activities were highly successful not only bringing him a fortune, but adding materially to the petroleum wealth of the State. Mr. Paggi also took an interest in civic activities, co-operating with the various organizations in the plans for the social and commercial development of Beaumont. While he was an oil operator primarily, yet he was interested in various other business enterprises.

Edward Paggi was born at Austin, Texas, the twelfth of October, 1876, the son of Mechel Paggi, pioneer of Texas and prominent in affairs for many years. He attended the schools of Austin, receiving his education in that city, and as a young man began to build boats, which he operated on the Colorado River at Austin. This venture proving successful, Mr. Paggi next went to Mexico, where he began building boats on a larger scale, and for a number of years was a ship builder and contractor, and became well known in ship building circles. After several years in Mexico he returned to Texas, coming to Beaumont at the beginning of the oil boom. He worked in the oil fields up until 1907, but in that year began in the oil business for himself, organizing the Cole Oil Company. He operated this company for a time, later selling it and organizing the Paggi Brothers Oil Company, of which he was president and manager until his death. Associated with him was his brother, Charles Paggi, prominently known in petroleum circles. This was one of the really successful independent oil companies, and Mr. Paggi made a fortune from the development of its interests. He was also one of the organizers of the Tarver Oil Company, of which he was the head until his death, and which was also successful. Mr. Paggi bought a great deal of valuable real estate in Beaumont, and was one of the large property owners of this city. In matters pertaining to the oil development of this district, Mr. Paggi was regarded as one of the best informed men in the State, and his opinion carried weight with the members of the oil fraternity.

Edward Paggi was married at Lampasas, Texas, the thirtieth of December, 1903, to Miss Bertha D. Spreen, a native of Brenham, Texas. Mrs. Paggi is the daughter of Henry Spreen, a native of Germany, who came to the United States as a young man, locating in Washington County, Texas, and later going to Lampasas, which was his home for many years. He now resides at Austin. Her mother was Miss Louise Freitag, prior to her marriage to Mr. Spreen, she also being a native of Germany, coming to Texas as a young lady. Mr. and Mrs. Paggi were the parents of two children: Louise, a graduate of Loretta Heights Academy of Denver, Colorado, and Ruth, a student in the Beaumont schools. Mrs. Paggi is a woman of accomplished intelligence, and during her husband's lifetime was his constant inspiration and a charming wife and mother. She is a good business woman and has

learned much about the oil industry. At this time she is president of the Paggi Brothers Oil Company and vice president of the Tholl Oil Company. The family has continued to reside in the beautiful Paggi home at 230 Seventh Street.

Mr. Paggi was prominent in Masonic circles, a member of the Saratoga Blue Lodge, Knight Templar and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston, and also of the Eastern Star. He took a deep interest in all civic work, contributing to welfare work with a fine generosity that was entirely without ostentation, and was ever ready to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than himself. His death, which occurred in Beaumont on the thirtieth of January, 1921, was a deep loss to his city, and was the cause of a sincere regret on the part of his many friends, both at Beaumont and in other parts of the State.

**LOUIS J. BARNES,** for two decades a resident of Houston, Texas, was one of the pioneers in the field of railroad building of the Lone Star State, having started in this work in 1871, when Texas was a vast empire of prairies over which myriads of cattle and wild game roamed unmolested. Mr. Barnes was for about fifty years active in the various branches of railroad construction—his entire business career being spent in this field of activity, which he started as a very young man. His first work was on the construction of the Texas and Pacific Railroad between Longview and Dallas, where he was the superintendent in charge of laying and building the road bed and work for the various Texas railroads, in the construction end, besides furnishing the materials for same. During the greater part of his activities Mr. Barnes made Longview, Texas, his home and for a period of eight years served Gregg County as its tax assessor, carrying on his railroad work at the same time.

Mr. Barnes was born in Mississippi on December bridges. Later he went with the International and Great Northern Railroad, doing this same class of work. Later still, he formed a partnership with the late George W. Burkett, one of the best known men of the railroad fraternity of Texas, this firm engaged in the sale of material for railroads and bridges, which they obtained from the vast forests of East Texas. This firm also did a great deal of 12th, 1851. His father, Bryant Barnes, was a native of Georgia and a member of a well known family of that State. His mother, Mrs. (Harris) Barnes, was a member of a prominent Mississippi family. His education was obtained in the schools of Texas, which he left at an early age in order to enter the construction business, choosing the railroad branch of this industry, in which he was a signal success throughout his life.

Mr. Barnes was married at Longview, Texas, on October 4th, 1874, to Miss Mary Brown, a native of Longview, Texas, and a daughter of Horatio Brown, who was a member of a well known family of Alabama. Her mother, Mrs. Annie (Turner) Brown, was a member of a leading Georgia family. Mrs. Barnes, during her married life, was more than an ordinary helpmeet, for she was able to handle various business and farming undertakings during the absence of her husband. Today she resides at 204 Lenox Avenue and is interested in church work, teaching a Sunday School class of the Baptist





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Church, near her home. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Barnes, two boys and one girl, now deceased, but all of whom lived to reach manhood and womanhood and the only surviving child is John L. Barnes of Houston, Texas, who is prominently identified with the commercial life of this city. Horatio died at the age of thirty-two, Maude, who married R. A. McLain, died at the age of twenty-eight, leaving two children, and Oliver P. died at the age of thirty-five. The grandchildren are: Mary Bess McLain Prall of Fort Worth, Maude McLain of Longview, and John L. Barnes, Jr. The great-grandchild is Robert Dana Prall. Mr. Barnes was a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Left-Handed Fishing Club of Houston, and various other organizations of this city and of the State. He was a member of the Baptist Church, this being the religion of his forbears. Mr. Barnes died in Houston, Texas, January 12th, 1919. Besides being a pioneer in the railroad building of Texas, he assisted greatly in the upbuilding of many of Texas' towns and communities. Many of the younger generation of Texas' construction men received their training under the able guidance of this splendid man, who was indeed a gentleman of the old school. He was one of nature's noblemen, who loved the trees and flowers of Texas as much as if they were children of the human parents. During his residence in Houston he made a host of friends and his place in the city and community will be a difficult one to fill.

**S**AM WESTON FOSTER, for more than two decades has been actively identified with the printing business at Beaumont, and has established a printery that has contributed materially to the standing of Beaumont as a commercial center. Mr. Foster is the owner of Foster' Print Shop, and a business which he established in 1913, and which has since enjoyed a large and profitable business. He specializes in commercial printing, and gives careful attention to the printing needs of the business man, offering him a service in this field that has no equal in the city. His shop, at 249 Bowie Street, is housed in a modern building and the plant is equipped throughout with the finest and most modern equipment, with every facility for turning out high class work. Mr. Foster maintains a force of around ten trained helpers, and personally supervises all work done in his shop.

Sam Weston Foster was born at Richmond, Texas, the ninth of January, 1871, the son of Guilford Foster, who was also born at Richmond, and Sallie Jones Foster, daughter of Randall Jones. Both his paternal grandfather, Randolph Foster, and his maternal grandfather, Randall Jones, were members of Stephen F. Austin's colony which settled at Fort Bend, now known as Richmond, in 1823. Mr. Foster spent his boyhood at Richmond, attending school there. His first business experience was in the printing business, in 1882, at Houston, where he remained until 1897, when he went to Mexico, spending two years in that country. This was followed by two years at Galveston, after which he came to Beaumont, in 1902, where he has since made his home. Shortly after coming here he went with the Beaumont Journal and was with that paper for six years, later spending two years with the American Printing Company, after which he established his present business.

Mr. Foster was married at Houston, in 1895, to

Miss Vibella McGary, daughter of Daniel McGary, noted publisher and newspaper man, who was featured in the cartoons and stories of Alex Sweet, famous newspaper character and publisher of the Houston Age. Mr. and Mrs. Foster reside in Beaumont, at 1169 Broadway Avenue, and have one child, Sam Weston Foster, Jr. The family attends the First Methodist Church, where Mr. Foster is a very prominent church worker, and where he has been one of the most regular attendants at Sunday school, missing but three times in forty years. Mr. Foster belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the Lions Club, and fraternally is a Woodman of the World. He finds recreation in hunting and fishing, and is interested in all civic and development activities.



**W**ILL F. GRAHAM, well known merchant and business man, has been a resident of Beaumont for about fourteen years, having come here in August, 1912, following the completion of his education. Mr. Graham is one of the best known business men of the city and numbers his friends and acquaintance among people in every walk of life.

Mr. Graham is secretary-treasurer and general manager of the White House Dry Goods Company, founded in 1904 by his father, Chas. F. Graham, who is president of the company. Chas. F. Graham, Jr., is vice president and each of the three is active in the management of the business,

The White House store is the leading dry goods emporium of the city, carrying a stock of high class, dependable and thoroughly up to date merchandise that would do credit to a city much larger than Beaumont. The stock carried includes clothing for both men and women, dry goods, dresses, millinery, notions and practically everything found in the modern department store. The store occupies thirty thousand square feet of floor space and employs one hundred people in its various departments.

Will F. Graham was born at Hillsboro, Texas, on March 3, 1888. He is a son of Chas. Fletcher and Etta Graham and spent his boyhood in Hillsboro where his father was engaged in business for many years before removing to Beaumont. The younger Graham attended the public schools and the high school at Hillsboro and then entered Baylor University at Waco, later attending Vanderbilt. After completing his studies at Vanderbilt he came to Beaumont where his father had established the Store and entered actively upon the management of the business.

Mr. Graham was married at Hillsboro in June, 1913, to Miss Nautie Bird Kirksey, daughter of James S. Kirksey, well known hotel man. Mr. and Mrs. Graham have one son, Chas. Fletcher, nine years of age.

Besides his business Mr. Graham takes an active interest in civic affairs and has been identified with numerous movements in Beaumont of a public character. He is a Mason and a member of the Beaumont Country Club, the Beaumont Club and Neches Club. He is affiliated with the Presbyterian church and is a director of the American National Bank.

Friends of Mr. Graham regard him as one of the most active of the younger business men of Beaumont. The White House Dry Goods Company under his management has achieved a splendid success and is experiencing a gratifying increase in business year by year.





**HERBERT J. HALLIDAY** has for upwards of two decades taken an active part in the commercial and industrial development of Beaumont, where he is interested in enterprises of wide scope, and has been for the past several years a factor in the lumber business in this section. The Turnbow Lumber Company, of which Mr. Halliday is president, is one of the largest lumber companies in the city, and under the capable management of D. M. Caffall, has expanded rapidly. The business was organized in 1907, and until 1919 operated by the original management. In this latter year the present officers took over the business, re-organizing along modern and progressive lines. The yards and offices are located on a three acre tract, with railroad frontage, at the corner of Park and Austin Streets. Adequate buildings, of modern construction, are used for storing the large stock of lumber, and a modern office building insures perfect working conditions in the office. An exceptionally complete line of lumber and building materials is carried, and in addition to the large retail business in this commodity, the company has been active in financing building. The officers are Herbert J. Halliday, president; H. H. Howell, vice president; and D. M. Caffall, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Halliday was born at Dundee, New York, the ninth of January, 1880, the son of C. H. Halliday, a farmer and land owner of that state. He was educated in the public schools at Wellsville and Andover, New York, graduating from high school. He then began working in the oil fields of New York and Pennsylvania, where he spent three years, after which, in 1902, he came to Beaumont, and began operating in the oil fields at Spindletop, and where he has since been active. Mr. Halliday is a practical oil operator, familiar with every phase of oil development, and through experience knows how everything in the fields should be done. In 1907 he organized the Stella Oil Company, with D. M. Caffall, and one other partner. Two years later Mr. Halliday, with Mr. Caffall, bought the interests of the other owner, and have since operated the company, which has been active in drilling and production. They also own the Halliday and Caffall Oil Company, organized in 1917, and a factor in drilling and production activities until its consolidation with the Stella Oil Company.

Mr. Halliday was married at Beaumont, in 1905, to Miss Anna Bonham, daughter of M. Bonham, a cotton man at Corsicana. Mr. and Mrs. Halliday have three children, Herbert B., Elizabeth and David, and make their home at 1696 Victoria. Mr. Halliday is a member of the Beaumont Club, Masonic Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Oddfellows and Hoo-Hoos. Few men have done more in a material way, for the development of Beaumont, than has Mr. Halliday. The many enterprises in which he has been interested have been of vital importance to commercial development, and he has taken pride in the accomplishments of his city.



**N. DOUGLAS** a few years ago became identified with the oil city of Daisetta, and since that time has been one of the most enterprising men in the oil industry here, holding a responsible position with a large company, and attaining the reputation of a production expert. Mr. Douglas is production superin-

tendent for the Houston Production Company, and has been in charge of the work here since September, 1922. He is now in charge of all production, averaging at the present time around a thousand barrels, and is managing the affairs of the company in a capable and efficient manner.

Mr. Douglas had his first oil experience at Goose Creek, where he began with the Humble Company in December, 1916, and until April of the next year was roughnecking and working in various other capacities for that company. In April, 1917, he went to Sour Lake, with the Lake Graham Oil Company, remaining with them until August, after which he went to Humble with the Texas Company, remaining there until November, 1917. He returned to Sour Lake around the first of the year, later enlisting in the navy, and after receiving his discharge returning to the fields in Sour Lake, August, 1919, when he went to Spindle Top, pushing tools, and was there until March, 1920, when he went to West Columbia as timekeeper for the Texas Company. He came to Hull in 1920, with the Gulf Company, remaining with them for one year, after which he went with the Houston Production Company, as timekeeper, and was sent by them to Daisetta in 1922 as production superintendent. In January, 1925, Mr. Douglas went in the retail grocery business at Daisetta, and is now engaged in this line.

Mr. Douglas was born at Colmesneil, Texas, the twenty-ninth of October, 1897, son of Irwin B. Douglas, a druggist, and Nannie Fowler Douglas. He moved to Sour Lake as a boy and attended the public schools there. After leaving high school he began work in the oil fields, and worked there until enlisting in the navy in 1918. He was discharged in July, 1919, as second class machinist, and returned to the oil fields, where he has since been.

Mr. Douglas was married at Beaumont, Texas, the eleventh of November, 1920, to Miss Lillian Bryant, whose parents came from Massachusetts. Mr. and Mrs. Douglas make their home at Daisetta, and have one child, Melva Jack. They attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Douglas is a Mason, Blue Lodge Chapter at Dayton. He is a young man who has made rapid progress in oil field work, and his associates foresee a real future for him in production activities.



**H. SEXTON** has recently become identified with the oil city of Hull, and since coming here has been one of the most enterprising and enthusiastic men in the industry, and has taken an active part in development work. Mr. Sexton is the representative of the Houston Oil Company, at Hull. Mr. Sexton has been with the Houston Oil Company since May, 1922, at which time he was stationed at Mexia, where he had charge of running the oil away for the company, and experimented with wells. From Mexia he went to Curry, as general utility man. In November, 1922, he went to Live Oak County, where he also acted as general utility man. Prior to going with the Houston Oil Company Mr. Sexton spent a year and a half roughnecking at Hull for the Republic Company.

L. H. Sexton was born at Baltimore, Maryland, the twenty-second of November, 1890, son of S. B. Sexton, of the B. B. Sexton Stove Manufacturing Company, of Baltimore, a business established in





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1839. Mr. Sexton attended the public schools of Baltimore until he entered St. John's School, at Annapolis. Later he attended Tome School at Port Deposit, and the University of Virginia, where he was in the engineering school. After leaving the university in 1910 Mr. Sexton was with the Kline Motor Corporation for a time, and later in the banking business at Baltimore for three years, after which he was associated with Mackubin Goodrich and Company. He enlisted in the Aviation Section of the Signal Corps, the thirteenth of December, 1917, and was sent to Princeton U. S. School of Aeronautics, where he was commissioned second lieutenant, and sent with the Motor Transport Corps to Camp Meigs, Washington, handling heavy trucks. Later he was at Camp Meade, in the heavy Motor Transport Division, and was discharged from there in April, 1919.

Mr. Sexton was married at York, Pennsylvania, in December, 1910, to Miss Bessie Ragsdale, daughter of a prominent New York and Baltimore family. Mr. and Mrs. Sexton have two children, Jean and Mary, and make their home in Houston, at 3505 Graustark Avenue. Mr. Sexton is a member of the Sigma Pi Epsilon fraternity at the University of Virginia, and belongs to the Baltimore Yacht Club and the Baltimore Athletic Club. He formerly owned the yacht "Cheneden", winning a number of trophies on the Atlantic in the years from 1908 until 1917.



**HOMPSON MELTON THAMES**, president and manager of the Neches Creamery Company, 1494 Park Street, has been a resident of Texas for more than twenty years and since 1918 has been actively identified with the commercial interests of Beaumont, coming to this city from Port Arthur.

The Neches Creamery Company was organized by Mr. Thames in 1918 and succeeded to the business of the former Beaumont Dairy Products Company, the Neches Company buying the plant and business of the Dairy Products Company. The company manufactures ice cream and butter, which it sells over a wide territory. Most of the milk, cream and other dairy products are sold in Beaumont. The plant and equipment is thoroughly modern throughout and the superior quality of its products is known throughout a large trade territory. The company has ten employees. James S. Kennedy is secretary-treasurer of the company and has been actively associated with Mr. Thames for several years.

Mr. Thames is a native of Alabama and was born at Clayborn on April 2, 1872, a son of John and Amelia Thames. His father was a well known farmer and land owner and Mr. Thames received his education in the public schools of his native state. For several years he was engaged in various lines of work, including the manufacture of lumber, the operation of a grist mill, cotton gin, etc. He also followed the contracting business for a number of years. Coming to Texas in 1902, he operated as a contractor and builder until 1912, when he engaged in the creamery business.

Mr. Thames organized the Thames Ice Cream Company at Port Arthur in 1913 and operated this business successfully until 1916 when he organized the Milk Products Company at Port Arthur, continuing this business until his removal to Beaumont in

1918. The business of the Neches Creamery Company under the management of Mr. Thames has expanded until it is the largest concern of its kind in this section of the state. No small portion of its success is attributed to the close, personal attention given the business by Mr. Thames, who personally supervises the making of all its products.

In 1897 Mr. Thames was married in Alabama to Miss Amelia Slater, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. N. Slater. They have nine children, Norvell Leigh, Dollie, Antonette, Sarah, Marschael, Joe, Amy Lee, James P. and Mollie. The family home is at 1418 North Street.

Mr. Thames has always taken an active interest in civic affairs and is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Beaumont Rotary Club. He is a communicant of the Baptist Church. He is a strong booster for Beaumont and ever ready to aid in any movement for the city's development.



**ALTER C. A. BENEKE**, one of the progressive business men at Orange who has taken an active part in the commercial development of the city, has been a factor in the business world here for a number of years, and is well known in Southeast Texas. Shortly after his arrival in Orange in 1919 he engaged in the filling station business which he conducted along with his other interests until going with the Orange Car and Steel Company, with whom he is now associated.

Walter C. A. Beneke was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, the fifteenth of June, 1881, the son of William Beneke, a native of Germany, who came to the United States with his brother as a boy, and who engaged in the mercantile business for many years, and Elizabeth (Schneider) Beneke. The family moved to Fort Worth in 1893, where both parents' death occurred, and Mr. Beneke received his education in the schools of that city. As a young man he went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where he was with the Great Northern Hotel for two years, and in 1904 came to the Sour Lake oil field, later going to Batson, and still later to Saratoga, where he was with the A. T. & S. F. Oil Company, as field superintendent, for a time. He later went to Wheelan, Oklahoma, where he located the Healdon field, and after a year there returned to Texas, going to Houston where he was chemical inspector for a group of railroads for a period of three years. He then went to Mexico, spending three years in the Tampico oil fields, after which he again returned to Texas, this time coming to Orange, where after six months with the chemical department of the Seaboard Oil and Refining Company, and a year and a half as purchasing agent for a Dry Dock and Ship Building Company he entered business for himself.

Mr. Beneke was married twice, the first time to Mrs. Ada Taylor Gary, a member of the Tyre Taylor family, one of the pioneer families of Wharton County, Texas, this marriage occurring at Hot Springs. He was married the second time at Orange, in 1921, to Mrs. Nellie Simmons Phillips, a native of Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Beneke have one child, Walter, Jr., and reside at Orange. Mr. Beneke is a member of the Elks Club, the Country Club, the Rotary Club, the Orange Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Business League, and takes a deep interest in all civic activities, giving his active support to all development measures.



**THOMAS HENRY LANGHAM.** The name of Thomas Henry Langham, distinguished pioneer of Jefferson County, and one of those early residents of Beaumont to whom this city owes much of its present development, will ever be prominently associated with the history of this city and accorded the high honor that is justly due one who took so active and unselfish a part in the life of his day. Mr. Langham, for years a factor in public life, was that type of public official who finds in his office opportunity to serve his community, and uses his influence to advance his city, rather than to serve his own private ambitions. In few counties has an official held an elective office for so many consecutive years, and while this was in part a tribute to the high esteem in which he was held, it was also a tribute to the untiring devotion he gave to the duties his office involved, and the loyal interest he took in his city and its welfare.

Thomas Henry Langham, a native of Texas, was born the third of August, 1845, in Jefferson County, where his father, James Biddle Langham, settled in the early forties, coming from his native State of Tennessee. He lived here, engaged in agricultural pursuits, until his death. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Sarah Jane Nettles, was a native of Louisiana. Growing up under pioneer conditions Thomas Henry Langham had few educational opportunities, and although he attended school at Cold Springs for several terms his education was largely by self help. At the age of seventeen he enlisted in the Confederate Army, serving throughout the war, and at its close returning to Jefferson County, where he began farming some four miles from Beaumont.

After a number of years thus engaged Mr. Langham came to Beaumont, in 1875, having been elected Sheriff and Tax Collector of Jefferson County, beginning a public career that was marked by many distinctions. He held the combined offices for twenty-six years, at which time the two offices were separated. He then became a candidate for tax collector, being elected by a large majority, and was re-elected each succeeding term until his resignation. Later, at the urging of his many friends, he became a candidate for mayor, being elected to this office, which he held for four years, during which time he was active in securing many civic advantages for Beaumont. At the expiration of four years he resigned to look after his extensive private interests, which included much property acquired from his real estate dealings. Mr. Langham, although, a candidate for office on many occasions was never defeated, and there have been few men in public life so generally esteemed and admired. In the "Story of Beaumont" there was a statement that Mr. Langham had been defeated for mayor at one time, but this was a mistake, because he was never defeated for office.

Thomas Henry Langham was married at the old French home, on Voth Road, the twenty-ninth of December, 1869, to Miss Mary Elizabeth French, who was born in that home, the daughter of David R. French, who came with his father to Jefferson County as a boy of twelve years, settling on that place, where he lived until his death, at the age of ninety-five years. Her mother was Miss Amelia Guidry, a native of Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Lang-

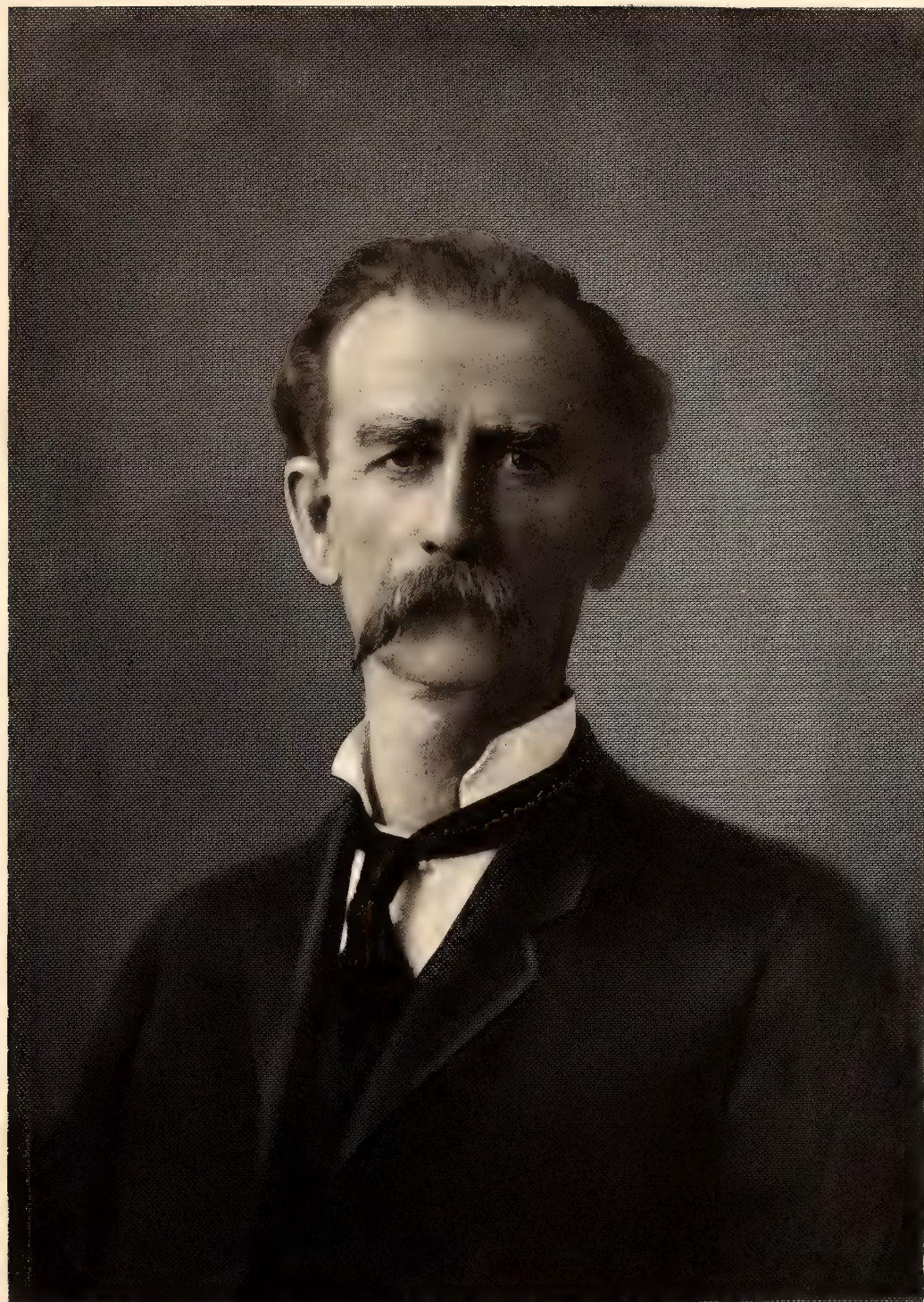
ham had an ideal married life, he finding in his home, his wife and children an interest which left no room for clubs and lodges. Mrs. Langham, a woman of many accomplishments, and a talent for home making, was his constant companion and inspiration throughout the many years of their married life. They had three children: Lula, wife of Guy W. Junker of Beaumont, and who has one child, Lyle, who is married to John Spencer, and also has one child, Junker Spencer; Henry C. Langham, who is married to Hancel Finley, and has two sons, T. Henry, who is married to Arline Stewart and has one child, Hancel, and R. W. Langham; and Sadie, wife of W. F. Treadaway and who has two sons: W. F., Jr., and Tom Langham Treadaway.

Mr. Langham's death, which occurred at Beaumont the nineteenth of April, 1919, was a deep loss to Beaumont, and it will be long before his place will be filled. He had friends by the hundreds, men and women who appreciated his fine qualities, and who knew him for a real man, honest and upright in all his dealings. Even criminals, while fearing him, yet admired him for his square dealing at all times. His name was synonymous with a high integrity, and on many occasions he was sought to act as receiver for some bankrupt concern because of his high standing as a business man of sound and constructive ideals. During the almost half a century of his life in Beaumont he stood for the highest type of civic development and betterment, using his influence at all times to secure for his city the advancement that he so firmly believed in, and there are today many memorials to him in this city that will stand as long as Beaumont shall stand, and recall his memory to the citizens as one of the real builders of his city.

**JOHN WILKINS HUTCHISON,** attorney at law, Houston, Texas, began the practice of his profession here in April, 1916, and in a very short time had established an enviable reputation in his chosen branch of legal jurisprudence. Prior to taking up the study of law, Mr. Hutchison had for almost fifteen years been active in the business and railroad world. He started his career in the railroad service in a minor position when eighteen years of age, continuing in this field of activity until 1907, during which time he had occupied many positions of trust and as an official of one of the largest railroads of the Lone Star State. He later engaged in the real estate business in the State of Pennsylvania, and still later returned to this State and was associated with some of the largest interests of North Texas.

A native Texan, Mr. Hutchison was born at Bryan on April 6th, 1870. His father, Abraham Young Hutchison (now deceased), was a native of Springfield, Tennessee, and throughout his life was engaged in the mercantile business and was known as one of the most progressive merchants of his native State and of Texas. His mother, Mrs. Mary K. (Wilkins) Hutchison, was a native of Brenham, Texas, where she was a member of one of Texas' most prominent families. Mrs. Hutchison is well and favorably known as a composer of sacred music. Mr. Hutchison's education was obtained in the public and high schools of Brenham, Texas, after which he became a student of Baylor University, where he pursued a commercial course, but did





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not graduate from this institution. In 1888, Mr. Hutchison entered the employ of the Houston and Texas Central and the Texas and Pacific Railroad at Sherman, Texas, as assistant ticket agent. In 1895 he was made city passenger and ticket agent at Sherman of the Cotton Belt Railroad, where later he became joint passenger agent of the Cotton Belt and the Santa Fe railroads. He continued in this position until 1902, when he removed to San Antonio and accepted the position of passenger agent of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad, and was made traveling passenger agent of this line of road in 1905. He continued in this capacity until 1907, when he removed to Altoona, Pennsylvania, in order to engage in the real estate business there. He was successful in this field of activity, and during 1908, he became associated with the Henry L. Doherty interests at Altoona, Pennsylvania, but remained with this organization but a few months when he returned to Texas in order to accept a position with the Hobson Electric Company at Dallas, Texas. He remained with this company until 1910, when he went with the Western Electric Company at Dallas, and remained with this company until 1912, when ill health forced him to sever his connection with this organization. Mr. Hutchison had had throughout his life, a desire to become a lawyer, and after the failure of his health, he began the study of law, continuing to read under some of the State's leading attorneys for a period of four years. He passed the bar examination of the Court of First Civil Appeals of Galveston, Texas, in April, 1916. He then established his home and office in Houston and began the practice of law alone, continuing in this profession until the beginning of the World War, when he entered the service of the United States War Department. He was particularly fitted for a position of a military nature on account of the training which he had at various times received. Prior to the beginning of the war he was captain and personnel adjutant, 8th Infantry of the National Guard of Texas. During the war, he was assigned to Selective Service Law Department, adjutant general's office, stationed in the war department at Austin, Texas. Mr. Hutchison had direct and complete charge of draft inductions and allocation of all calls from the provost marshal general's office to the two hundred and eighty-two draft boards in the State of Texas. This position was a very responsible one in that he was responsible for all reports and records pertaining to the draft induction. He originated and designed many of the report forms used by the war department for the draft. During his period of service, Mr. Hutchison was promoted to the rank of major. He was discharged in June, 1919, and on January 5th, 1924, he was appointed by the president of the United States as major adjutant general and rated as a specialist, thereby establishing a record in military circles that is equal in honor to any ever bestowed on a man without being a graduate of some of the leading military institutions of the country. Mr. Hutchison was a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Temple Lodge No. 4, of Houston, where he belonged to Ruthven Commandery No. 2, and was a Knight Templar of Texas Consistory No. 1. He also was a member of the Scottish Rite body of this order at Galveston, and was a Shriner of Arabia Temple of Houston, being a

life member of this organization. He was a member of the Elks Lodge of Houston No. 151, the Woodmen of the World and many other of the fraternal, social and business organizations of Houston and other portions of Texas. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church, this being the religion of his forbears, and to which he clung with the religious tenacity of those members of his family, who were the pioneers in the religious life of Texas. Mr. Hutchison died in Houston, Texas, on October 22, 1924, among his many friends and business associates, who knew him as a man of sterling qualities, loved by those who knew him, intuitively esteemed by all who had the honor of his acquaintance. A gentle, kindly character that appealed to all. A worthy and honored citizen, who was ever ready to contribute his material aid and time toward the up-building of his city and state. Mr. Hutchison was endowed with vigorous intellectual powers, lofty ideals of commercial and civic virtue, a personality energetic, gracious and commanding in its high sense of honor and probity. His attributes of character had endeared him to a wide host of friends and made his name illustrious in the life of a great community.



**LAURENCE CARR**, member of the firm of Dunn and Carr, stock and bond brokers, 604 Union National Bank Building, Houston, Texas, has since this firm was organized in 1919 devoted his time exclusively to the sale of stocks, bonds and all other securities, and has a large and growing business. Mr. Carr, prior to the organizing of his firm, had a wide experience in the stock and bond business with Neuhaus and Company of Houston. He opened an office for this firm in Dallas in 1912 and was manager of this business until 1914, when he returned to Houston. Associated with Mr. Carr as a partner is Mr. Dewitt Dunn.

A native Texan, Mr. Carr was born in Houston January 7th, 1887. His father, J. O. Carr (deceased since 1921), was born at Charleston, West Virginia, and came to Houston in 1870, and was associated with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad practically all his life, and was paymaster of this railroad when he retired from active business pursuits in 1910. When twelve years of age, Mr. Carr started his business career in the office of the General Freight Agent of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad where he remained for a number of years. His next line of employment was with James Bute and Company of Houston, after which he entered the oil business at Beaumont. After a few years, he returned to Houston and entered the business office of the Houston Post where he remained for two years, and then went with the Kirby Lumber Company. He traveled for the Big Tree Lumber Company from 1907 to 1917, after which he became associated with the Neuhaus Company.

Mr. Carr was married at Dallas, February 14th, 1914, to Miss Kathleen Moroney, a member of a well known North Texas family and a daughter of W. J. Moroney, a prominent lawyer of Dallas. They have five children: Laurence Carr, Jr., Mary Kathleen, Dabney, Charlotte and John O. Carr. Mr. and Mrs. Carr reside at 3419 Audubon Place. Mr. Carr is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Houston Club, Houston Country Club, River Oaks Country Club, Chamber of Commerce, the Houston Cotton Exchange, and the Catholic Church.



**G**EORGE O'BRIEN MILLARD. Beaumont has claimed among its citizens many prominent and public spirited men, men who through their unselfish interest in the welfare of the city have furthered civic and commercial advancement, and of these men none have stood higher in public esteem, or have taken a more prominent part in affairs, and particularly in the advancement of the public school system of Beaumont, than has George O'Brien Millard, one of the most honored pioneers of this city. Although Mr. Millard occupied a high place in the business world, and was one of those constructive business men who influence commercial progress, it was not for his business activities that he was most distinguished, but for the years which he unselfishly devoted to the development of the Beaumont public schools. To him is given credit, and without reserve, for the splendid public school system this city can claim today, and it was these schools, rather than the business he had built up, which were his special pride.

George O'Brien Millard was born on the twenty-second of February, 1847, son of Sidney H. Millard, one of the real pioneers of Beaumont, who came here in the thirties, and was one of the four men to lay out the city. Sidney H. Millard was the first county judge of Jefferson County, living near where the present standpipe now stands, and it was here that he reared his son, George O'Brien Millard. The latter attended the schools in Bastrop, but was largely self educated, and at an early age entered the army, at the beginning of the Civil War, fighting on the side of the Confederacy throughout the conflict. After the close of the war he was a guard at the Huntsville Penitentiary for a short time, after which he returned to Beaumont, in 1875, and was a clerk in the John C. Craig mercantile store for four years. He then managed the store for Olive and Sternenberg for a while, later going with the Texas Tram and Lumber Company in which he was active for years. He operated the ice plant for a year, later going in business for himself in the late eighties, engaging in the hardware business for a time. During these years he had accumulated property that was fast increasing in value, and around 1900 he sold his business interests and spent his remaining years looking after his property interests and in his public school work.

Mr. Millard was married at Beaumont, the twenty-second of March, 1877, to Miss Amma Reeves, a native of Mississippi, and the daughter of John C. Reeves, a North Carolinian, who went to Mississippi as a young man and lived there until his death. Mrs. Millard's mother, who before her marriage was Miss Barbaria Shankle, a native of Tennessee, came to Texas after her husband's death, coming to Beaumont in 1872, and made this city her home until her death. Mr. and Mrs. Millard had an ideal home life, and were the parents of three children, Paul Millard of Beaumont, and who married Miss Margaret Allison, a native of Louisiana, and who is a well known insurance man and also manages the Millard estate; Minnie, wife of O. E. Moore of Independence, Missouri, and who has two children, Leslie Millard and Theoric Edwin, and Leslie Reeves Millard, who was killed by bandits while in Mexico for an oil company. Mrs. Millard was the constant companion of her husband, taking a deep interest

and pardonable pride in his work for the public schools. Since Mr. Millard's death she has continued to reside in Beaumont, living at 393 Austin Avenue, the family home for many years.

Mr. Millard's death occurred at Beaumont, the twenty-sixth of January, 1909. By a strange fate it was while carrying out some work for the public schools that he received the injury, to his thumb, which resulted in his death. For years an alderman and a member of the school board, Mr. Millard was constantly alert for the means to advance the schools. He had guarded the standards of the public schools with a zealously that was remarkable and commanding of esteem. Mr. Millard was a steward of the First Methodist Church, and past commander of the Albert Sidney Johnston Camp of Confederate Veterans. His death was a deep loss not only to the public schools but to the city, and his memory will live in the hearts of the people as long as the city stands as an unselfish, patriotic, truly Christian citizen, who spent his life for the advancement of his city.



**H. POWER**, president of Murphy & Bolanz Company, Incorporated, and the Power Investment Company of Dallas, came to the city with the Murphy & Bolanz Company in 1897. Mr. Power has devoted his entire business career to real estate achievement, investments and loans and as president of the above named concerns has gained wide recognition in these fields. Murphy & Bolanz Company was organized in 1874 and has the distinction of being the oldest real estate firm in the state. The company handles general real estate, fire insurance, loans and rental leases and has been the determining factor in a number of the large real estate deals of this city for the past decade, among which are the Union Terminal, Butler Brothers and the Adolphus Hotel sites. The company also publishes Murphy & Bolanz's official Map of Dallas, which is considered the most accurate map of the city. The Home Lease Department is unique in that it sends out to all subscribers a weekly digest of the real estate conditions of Dallas. This company has laid out and supervised the sale of twenty-seven Dallas additions, 4,200 lots. The present home of the company was purchased by Mr. Power for the company early in 1920 and is located at Commerce and Field streets. There are twenty-three employed in the organization which does over \$1,000,000 in business per year. The company has over three thousand clients in and out of Dallas and have on their books for clients \$4,500 on Dallas real estate confined mostly to residential loans. It has always been Mr. Power's hobby to assist people in building and owning their own homes.

The Power Investment Company was organized in 1910 by Mr. Power with a capital of \$5,000, which was increased to \$100,000 in 1915 and gradually has been increased until now it has a paid capital of \$500,000. This company is represented exclusively by the Murphy & Bolanz Company. The business of this concern is to develop residential districts and to build houses and dispose of same to people of moderate means. In 1919 it built one hundred and twenty-five houses and in 1920 about one hundred. During the past five years has erected over five hundred.





*Geo. B. Millard*









**JUDGE BENNETT BRADLEY JOHNSON**, county judge of Jefferson County, is one of the best known men in Beaumont, having been a resident of this city and actively identified with its various affairs for seventeen years. Judge Johnson has occupied his present position since January 1, 1922 and has made an enviable reputation in his skilful handling of the county's affairs. Efficiency and economy have characterized his administration of the office of county judge and he has been accorded the whole hearted support of the business interests of Beaumont and of Jefferson County generally.

As the presiding officer of the Commissioner's Court, Judge Johnson exercises general supervision over the road and drainage construction and maintenance and other public activities of the county. The issuance of bonds for public improvements also come under the direction of his court and in most cases the expenditure of the bond money is under the direct supervision of the county judge and commissioners of the county.

In legal matters the only cases tried before Judge Johnson are lunacy charges and the litigation in connection with probate matters.

A native of Texas, Judge Johnson was born at Port Bolivar, Galveston County, on July 29, 1869, a son of Andrew J. and Camilla (Shaw) Johnson. His father was a pioneer citizen of Galveston County, coming there in 1867, and was well known there as a farmer, stockman and sheep and cattle raiser. In his youth, Judge Johnson attended the public and high schools in Galveston and later was associated with his father in farming and cattle raising and in the operation of a cotton gin.

When twenty-two years of age he became connected with the United States government engineering department and for nine years was employed in the work of building the fortifications and jetties at Galveston harbor. During the last four years of his work he was superintendent of construction. When he left Galveston in 1903, the employes of the government in the jetty work presented him with a beautiful gold watch. After this he engaged in the mercantile business at Port Bolivar for seven years before removing to Beaumont in 1908. He still is interested in the lands in Galveston County that were a part of his father's estate.

Judge Johnson came to Beaumont as a building contractor, but after a few years joined the police department as a patrolman. He served four years as assistant chief and two years as chief of police, being connected with the Beaumont police department altogether for a period of twelve years. He left the department as chief to become county judge of Jefferson County.

In 1891 Judge Johnson was married at Galveston to Miss Delia May Simpton, daughter of George Simpton, well known cattle man of Galveston County. Judge and Mrs. Johnson have two daughters; Mrs. Leona Brown and Mrs. Helen Romeo. His grandchildren are Marguerite Brown and O. B., Audrey, Elsie and Josephine Romeo. B. B. Brown, the husband of the younger daughter, is a conductor on the T. & N. O. Railroad and Robert Romeo, the husband of the elder daughter, is district manager of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, located at Morgan City, Louisiana.

Judge Johnson is a man of fine personality and is

a keen analyst of human nature. Both his public and private life have been as an open book to his constituents and he has won and retained the confidence and esteem of his fellow men.

Manifesting at all times a keen and lively interest in civic affairs, Judge Johnson is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Lions Club and Beaumont Chamber of Commerce. His church affiliation is First Methodist.



**AM Z. POWELL**, pioneer lumberman and business man, has been a resident of Beaumont for more than two decades, having come here in 1901 when the city attained worldwide fame by reason of the opening of the famous Spindle Top gusher oil field. Mr. Powell did not engage in the oil business, however, and has never done so, but has devoted almost his entire business career to the lumbering industry. In this he is admittedly a leader and the mill owned by his company is the largest in Beaumont.

Mr. Powell is identified with the Neches Lumber and Building Company, which has its offices and plant at 1500-1600 Pine Street. J. R. Callaghan is president of the company and Mr. Powell is vice president and general manager.

The company was organized in 1907 and is capitalized at \$75,000.00. It does a general lumber business, including wholesale and retail, and manufactures most of the lumber which it handles. Besides the large lumber mill located on the ship channel the Neches Lumber and Building Company has a large cypress shingle mill which has a capacity of over thirty-five thousand shingles daily. The lumber mill has a capacity of fifty thousand board feet daily. About thirty per cent of the lumber handled is cypress and the remainder is made up of pine and gum. A total of 125 men are employed in the various departments.

One department of the company's business is devoted to the financing of homes and splendid service is rendered clients of the company in this department.

Mr. Powell is a native of Missouri and was born at Kansas City on July 22, 1873. He is a son of A. J. and Phoebe (Johnson) Powell, and received his preliminary education at Independence, Mo., where for many years his father was engaged in the lumber business. He attended Woodland College at Independence and upon coming to Texas in 1901 he located at Beaumont and established a hard-wood saw mill a few miles north of the city. He operated this mill for about three years and then built his present mill, which he has operated since that time.

In 1907 Mr. Powell was married at Beaumont to Miss Carrie Hobner, a native of Baltimore, Maryland. Their home is at 1737 Orange Street.

Devoting practically his whole life to the lumber business, Mr. Powell is an expert in this line. He knows thoroughly every detail of the manufacture and sale of lumber from the stump to the finished and delivered product. He has a splendid personality and is one of the best known lumbermen in Southwest Texas.

Mr. Powell has always taken an active interest in civic affairs and served the city as alderman for two years. He is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Beaumont Club.





**WALTER J. CRAWFORD.** The career of Walter J. Crawford, for more than a quarter of a century a leader in the political and civic life at Beaumont, and one of the most distinguished attorneys of the Lone Star State, is an essential part of the history of this city, and forms one of the interesting chapters in the story of the upbuilding of this city. Always in the lead in every forward movement, his individual influence served to accomplish a great many things for his city. A man of outstanding personality, and endowed with the highest mental qualities, he had that extraordinary courage that enabled him to face the gravest responsibilities, and to impress his life indelibly on his community.

Mr. Crawford was born at Mount Vernon, Franklin County, Texas, the twenty-fifth day of February, 1873. His father, J. S. Crawford, a pioneer school teacher of this state, built up a large school at Campbell, Hunt County. He later moved with his family to Austin. Mr. Crawford's mother, before her marriage Miss Lou Eddins, was the sister of Judge Walter Eddins, a distinguished lawyer. He finished his high school work at Austin and entered the University of Texas, where he finished the law course in two years, graduating in 1897. Later, in 1904, the B. A. degree was conferred upon him.

Mr. Crawford came to Beaumont just after leaving the university, in 1898 and became associated with Judge W. H. Ford, forming the firm of Ford and Crawford, which continued until the former's death, in 1901. Mr. Crawford then became a member of the firm of Smith, Crawford and Sonfield, which, when Mr. Sonfield left the firm in 1915, became Smith and Crawford, an association continuing until Mr. Crawford's death. Mr. Crawford was especially prominent in corporation law, his masterly handling of corporation problems resulting in his being retained by many important firms as counsel. He was also interested in many enterprises of financial and commercial importance, and was a director of the First National Bank, the Orange Petroleum Company, vice president and director of the Gulf Export and Transportation Company, the Beaumont Hotel Company and the International Lumber and Export Company. He was chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Committee that made possible, through the sale of the stock, the Beaumont Hotel, and was foremost in many activities of like character, and during the World War served as chairman of the legal advisory committee.

Mr. Crawford was married at Dallas, in 1901, to Miss Cora Shults, daughter of Martin Shults, a pioneer lumber man of Texas, and who shipped the first load of lumber over the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, and Alexine Smith Shults. Mr. Shults was a close personal friend of General Sam Houston, and one of the prominent men of his day. Mrs. Crawford, in addition to being the constant companion and inspiration of her husband, has been an ideal homemaker and mother to the two children born to them. These children are Alexine and W. J. Jr. The family home is at 1494 Broadway.

Texas Law Review of October, 1924, said, "Judge Crawford held the distinction of being one of most eloquent members of the Texas bar. His fame in this respect was not confined in the courts of the country for his voice was frequently raised in com-

manding eloquence in behalf of some worthy movements, his country and for democracy.

Although eminently fitted for any office within the gift of the people of the state of Texas, Judge Crawford was never a candidate, but was frequently in the midst of the fight in behalf of a friend. For two terms he held the party office of chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Jefferson County and was frequently a delegate to state and district conventions. From 1906 to 1908 he was a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Mr. Crawford was a steward in the First Methodist Church, of which the family were members. He was a Knight Templar, a Shriner and an Elk, and a member of the Woodmen of the World. He was formerly president of the Texas Alumni Association, former president of the Neches Club, former exalted ruler of the Elks, a member of the state normal board of regents, a charter member of the Chamber of Commerce, which he served for years as director, and a member of the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was active in Masonic work and lecturer in the twenty-eighth degree. He was formerly president of the Rotary Club and served on the board of directors of the Young Men's Christian Association. He was manager of the campaign of W. P. Hobby at the time of his election as governor, and was prominent in all political events of the day. His death, which occurred at Beaumont the nineteenth of February, 1924, was a deep loss to the city of Beaumont, and marked the passing of one of the most prominent and constructive citizens of this community.



**LEM PUTMAN OGDEN**—The name of Lem Putman Ogden has many memorials at Beaumont, his native city, wherein he spent many years of his life, and while prospering as the city prospered unselfishly found in his increasing fortune an opportunity to aid in those civic movements which are important to the progress of a city, and to take a constructive interest in the development of Beaumont along commercial lines. Mr. Ogden was interested in enterprises of wide scope, and as a large property owner was instrumental in putting several new additions on the market, and due to his interest in this field was able to secure many advantages, particularly along the lines of public improvements, for Beaumont.

Lem Putman Ogden was born at Beaumont, Texas, on the banks of the Neches River, in 1845. His father, Frederick Ogden, came here in 1841 and was a lawyer and physician of the early days, being active in these professions until his death. His mother was prior to her marriage, Miss Mary Wilcox. Lem Putman Ogden attended the schools of Beaumont until after his parents' death, when he was taken back to Kentucky by relatives, finishing school in that state, and later joining the army there. He fought in most of the important battles of the Civil War, receiving a wound in the pit of the stomach that eventually caused his death. At the close of the war he returned to Texas, primarily to look up his brother, Edward, who had remained in this state. He found him in Calhoun County, driving an ox team from Calhoun County to Houston, hauling freight. Together they came to Beaumont to look up and claim property owned here by their father,





Wm. J. Crawford





*O. G. Greaves*



located it and recovered a part of it. They began manufacturing hand made shingles, which they took to Galveston by schooner, where they were sold. Later Lem Putman Ogden, with his brother, Edward, engaged in the mercantile business, establishing one of the large general mercantile stores of Beaumont, which was later sold. Edward Ogden then became Sheriff of Jefferson County, an office he held for sixteen years, during which time his brother, Lem Putman acted as his chief deputy, who also served as county clerk. The latter also began in the real estate business about that time, buying up land in and near Beaumont. He built the first brick building to be erected here, this building now being known as the Ogden Hotel. Mr. Ogden owned the entire block on which the hotel is located, and also another block on Main Street, as well as the land from which the Ogden Addition was developed. He was one of the organizers of the First National Bank of Beaumont, and for many years owned the Dunlap Drug Store. In addition to these properties Mr. Ogden also owned other scattered interests, among them the block whereon is located the Ogden School, a tract which Mrs. Ogden gave to the city.

Mr. Ogden was married at Beaumont, the nineteenth of January, 1870, to Miss Cynthealia McClure, a native of Mississippi, and the daughter of Andrew McClure, who came to Texas shortly after the Civil War, and Jane Lacy McClure, whose death occurred when Mrs. Ogden was an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Ogden were ideal companions throughout their married life, and were the parents of seven children, three of whom survive, Mittie, wife of George P. Sweatt of Beaumont, and who has one child, Miss Ed Ogden Sweatt, named for her uncle, Edward Ogden; Katie May, wife of Dr. C. A. Cobb, one of the prominent surgeons of Beaumont, and Kittie McClure, wife of Autry Greer of Beaumont, and who has two children, Cytheal Ogden and Betty Allen Greer.

Mr. Ogden died at Beaumont the nineteenth of June, 1903, and with his going the city lost one of its finest citizens, and a man who had been most active in every progressive line of civic endeavor.

The true type of city builder, Mr. Ogden had while promoting his own interests, developed them along lines consistent with the advancement of Beaumont. Mr. Ogden was a Blue Lodge Mason, taking a deep interest in this order, and had many friends at Beaumont who found him a friend, a sterling citizen, and a man whose death left vacant a place in the life of the community.



**ORLO GEORGE GREEVES.** The name of Orlo George Greeves figures prominently in business and civic activities at Beaumont, during a period covering more than a decade, when he was a factor not only in industrial circles, as head of a large oil well supply house, but also in civic affairs, giving a large part of his time to constructive work in this field. During those years Mr. Greeves demonstrated a business ability which made him a leader among the business men of the city and resulted in the building of an enterprise of vital importance to the prosperity of Beaumont. He was also keenly awake to his duties as a citizen and took a deep interest in all activities which had to do with the progress of the city.

Orlo George Greeves was a native Texan, born in Orange the twenty-eighth of August, 1886. His

father, Orlo Bruce Greeves, a Canadian by birth, came to Texas locating first at Orange, where he spent a number of years, and later removing to Beaumont in the late nineties, his death occurring there. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Beaumont and later went with his father in the iron foundry business, receiving his early business training under him. After a number of years with his father, during which time he became thoroughly familiar with every phase of the foundry business, he made the decision to enter business for himself, establishing, in 1910, the Neches Supply and Equipment Company, of which he was president and manager until his death. Mr. Greeves watched this business grow and develop under his constructive and progressive methods, until it became one of the largest oil well and oil refinery supply houses in South Texas.

This business, managed today by his widow, is a monument to the vision of its founder, and the concrete evidence of his executive ability. The company today handles mostly refining equipment, iron castings, steel rails, steel of all kinds, fire brick air tools, etc., and salesmen cover the Gulf Coast and Mexico. Offices are located in the Kyle Theatre Building, Beaumont.

Mr. Greeves was married at Beaumont the eighth of September, 1908, to Miss Zilpah Bushea, a native of Waco. Mrs. Greeves was the constant companion of her husband during his lifetime, taking a deep interest in his career. Since his death she has taken over the management of the Neches Supply and Equipment Company, continuing it along the same progressive lines mapped out by her husband, and has developed into one of the leading business women of Beaumont. She has an executive ability unusual in a woman, and directs her affairs along efficient lines favorable to expansion and development. Mrs. Greeves erected the Orlo Terrace, one of the exclusive apartment houses in Beaumont, located at 2209 Calder Avenue. This beautiful structure occupies two and a half lots and his eight apartments, each of six rooms and beautifully finished with many unusual features. This achievement further marks Mrs. Greeves as a woman of business talents, and is a contribution to the city.

Mr. Greeves' death occurred the nineteenth of December, 1920, as the result of an accidental gun shot wound received while hunting in company with a life long friend. He was a member of the Country Club, the Beaumont Club, the Neches Club, the Round Table Club of which he was a past president, the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce and of other civic organizations. He served as a director of the Texas National Bank. As a sportsman he was well known in Texas and for two years he was president of the Beaumont Baseball Association. His death, coming at the zenith of a career of real achievement, was untimely and a distinct loss not only to the business world at Beaumont, but to the State in general, and to his many friends in all parts of the State who knew and admired him for his many outstanding qualities. A man of highest integrity and sterling qualities of citizenship he was able to influence to a marked degree the trend of progress in Beaumont and the name of Orlo George Greeves will ever be associated with the progress of this city during those years when his interests were interwoven with those of the city.





**JUDGE EDMOND A. McDOWELL**, whose name is honored at Beaumont as a lawyer and jurist who for more than two decades has occupied a high place in the confidence of the people, was at various times called upon to fill positions of public trust wherein he has demonstrated an official and judicial ability and a devotion to the best interests of the community which won the highest approval. Judge McDowell served as judge of the Sixtieth District Court, to which position he was appointed in June, 1915, by Governor Ferguson, which office he held until his death, April 14, 1924. After his appointment he was elected by the people twice to this judgeship. He had under his jurisdiction both civil and criminal cases in Jefferson County, and the wisdom of his decisions and the capable manner in which he dispatched the duties of his judicial office met with the approval of both bench and bar. Judge McDowell took an active interest in politics and was one of the leading political factors in this county. Just prior to his appointment to the judgeship he served as a member of the legislature in 1914 and 1915, and during that time influenced much of the important legislation.

Judge McDowell was born in Amite County, Mississippi, the eighteenth of December, 1857, the son of Thomas H. McDowell, also a native of that county, and a farmer and land owner there until his death in 1898, and Lethea (Lea) McDowell. He spent his boyhood in his native county, attending the schools there, and later entered Mississippi College at Clinton, Mississippi, where he graduated in 1877 with the B. L. degree. He then entered the University of Virginia, in the law department, and after finishing there came to Liberty, Mississippi, where he began his practice, and where he spent two years. He then came to Texas, going to Gatesville in 1883, and practicing law there until 1898, at which time he spent two years at his old home in Mississippi, closing his father's estate. On his return to Texas he went back to Gatesville and after two years there came to Beaumont, in August, 1902. During his residence in Gatesville, he served as district attorney, and as a trustee and director of the Gatesville Reformatory, a position to which he was appointed by Governor Sul Ross. He became assistant county attorney of Jefferson County in 1903, serving until 1904, after which he entered general practice, in which he engaged until his election to the legislature in 1914.

Judge McDowell was married in Mississippi in 1880, to Miss Minnie Davis McDowell, whose death occurred in 1898. He was later married the second time, in Mississippi, to Mrs. Laura Banks Ferguson in 1899. Mrs. McDowell resides in Beaumont, where her son, Dr. Edward C. Ferguson, is numbered among the leading medical men. Judge McDowell was an Odd Fellow. There were few civic events of importance in which Judge McDowell did not take an interest during his residence in Texas, and he was one of the most honored men of Beaumont, and as a lawyer and judge attained a distinction of which his many friends and family are justly proud.



**ALFRED T. WEBSTER**, for thirty-six years a citizen of Galveston was a well known business man and lover of the fine arts. At the time of his death, May 16th, 1924, he had retired from active participation in business af-

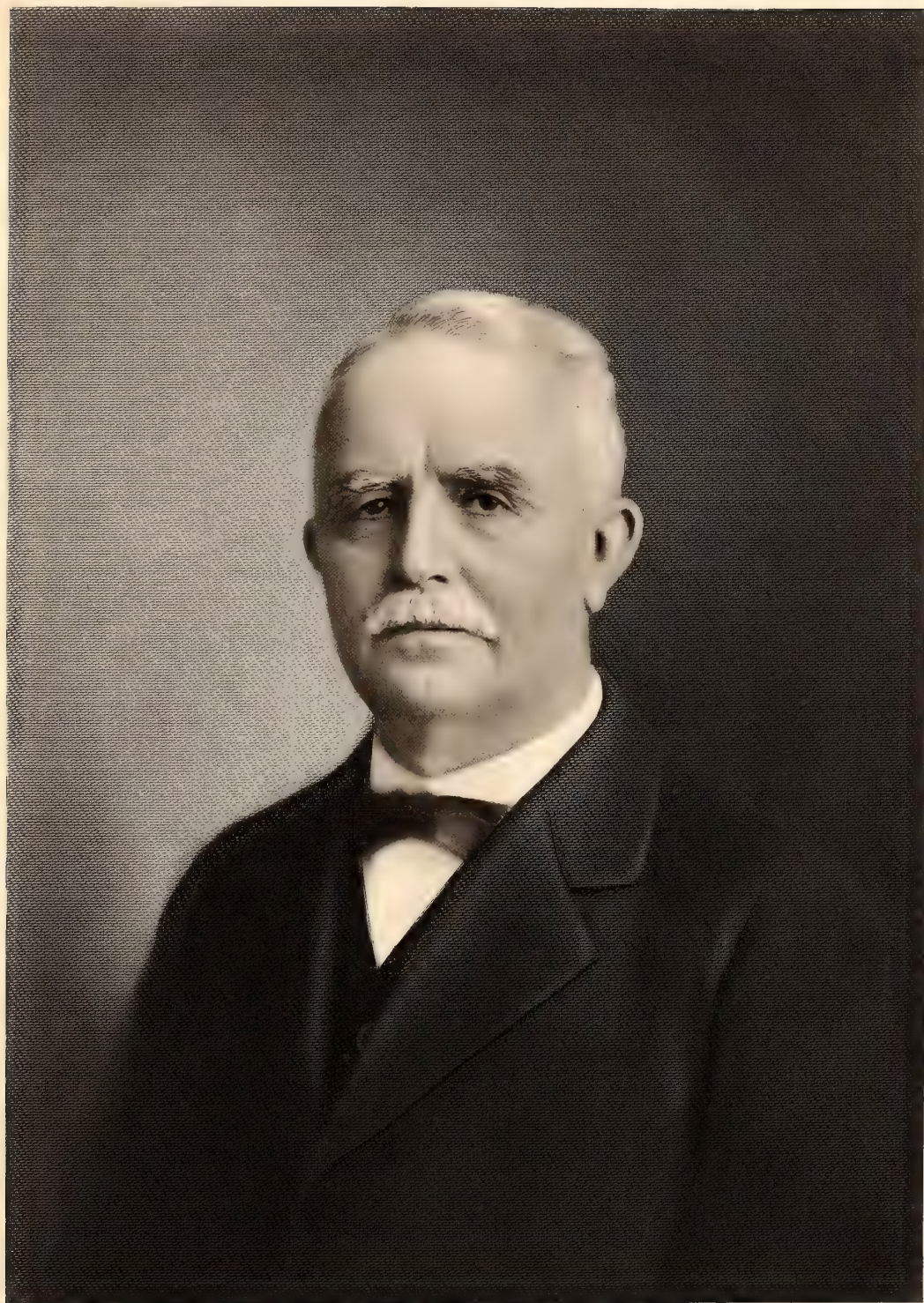
fairs. Mr. Webster started his active business career with the Central and South American Telegraph Company in Panama in 1882, and remained there several years. During this period he made frequent trips to the South American countries in connection with his work. He came to Galveston in 1888 with the All American Cables, Inc., as operator. He worked for a number of years under Mr. R. L. McCann, whom he succeeded as general manager in 1909. Later he was appointed traffic controller of the company, having jurisdiction over the entire system from Galveston to Panama. Mr. Webster was compelled to retire from active duty in 1921 due to failing health, and after a lapse of eight months decided to retire permanently on a pension. Mr. Webster was much thought of by the officials of his company and was considered as one of their ablest executives. The Galveston offices were recognized as being among the most important operated by this company.

Mr. Webster was born in London, England, August 29th, 1864, but was brought up in Edinburgh, Scotland, where he also received his education, Edinburgh being one of the world's famous seats of learning. His father, Oswald Webster, was a pioneer in the British postal service, and was for many years telegrapher to the late Queen Victoria at Balmoral Castle, Scotland. Mr. Webster's mother was a member of a famous Scotch family of historical note, being a sister of John Kinross, composer of much of Scotia's stirring music. It was probably from this branch of the family that he inherited his love for the finer things of life, being himself an artist of some ability, though he only painted pictures to satisfy his desire for expression rather than as a commercial venture.

He was united in marriage at Galveston, Texas, to Miss Jeanne Keenan, a native of Galveston. Her father, Michael J. Keenan, was born in Enniskillin, Ireland, and came to the United States in 1844 when six months old, settling in New Orleans, Louisiana. His cousin was Nancy Armstrong, famous in the history of Ireland, and who lived until she was one hundred and twenty years old. From New Orleans he came to Galveston in 1864, going with the Galveston City Railroad. He built the Market Street Line when only nineteen years old. He retired one year ago, having been general superintendent for this company for twenty-four years. In addition to his work in Galveston he has built railroads in various parts of the country, principally California. Her mother was Fannie Ward Sadler, a native of New Orleans and a member of a well known Louisiana family. She died over three years ago. There was one child born of the union, a boy, Alfred Reginald.

Mr. Webster was very much interested in the development of the Art League in Galveston, and was responsible for bringing to Galveston exhibits from the largest museums and art galleries in the country. He was a member of the New York Water Color Club. His own work as an artist was recognized and ranked as being in the professional class. For many years he was chief of the Clan McAlpine, a local Scottish society. He was an unassuming gentleman of splendid character and his life was an inspiration to those with whom he came in contact, and as one of his intimate friends said, "No more fitting eulogy could be made of him than to say he was a good man, a good husband and a good father."





*E. A. McDowell.*









**P. WALLACE**, one of the most prominent lumbermen of Southeast Texas, and one of the most constructive business men of Grayburg, has for around two decades been identified with commercial and civic activities incident to the development of this town. Mr. Wallace is treasurer and general manager of the Thompson and Ford Lumber Company, one of the larger lumber companies of the Lone Star State, and one holding extensive timber interests near Grayburg. These interests include around one hundred thousand acres of cutover timber land, with an additional twenty-five thousand acres of timber to be cut, and a completely equipped mill, located at Grayburg. The company has their own dry kiln, planing mill, and other equipment, with a capacity of one hundred and twenty-five thousand feet of lumber daily, which is shipped from Grayburg in wholesale lots. A force of around four hundred operatives are employed, who make their home at Grayburg. This town was established by the Thompson and Ford Lumber Company in 1907, as a lumber camp, and was incorporated one year later. Since that time it has developed along progressive lines until it is a village of some three hundred residences, owned by the lumber company, and has its own stores, postoffice, mayor and other officials. The officers of the Thompson and Ford Lumber Company are: J. W. Reynolds of Houston, president; N. P. Sanderson of Texarkana, vice president, and W. P. Wallace, the subject of this sketch, treasurer and general manager. Mr. Wallace is one of the most experienced lumbermen of the State, thoroughly familiar with all phases of the industry, and has been in charge of the Thompson and Ford Company for many years, directing all operations, and developing the company to its present state of expansion. Mr. Wallace is also vice president of the William Graydon Hardwood Company of Grayburg; president of the Wallace Brothers Lumber Company of Kyle, and a director of the Doucette Lumber Company, at Hull.

Mr. Wallace was born at Schulenburg, Texas, the seventh of March, 1875. His father, H. C. Wallace, one of the pioneer lumbermen of the Lone Star State, was a factor in the lumber business at Kyle, Texas, for forty years, and took a prominent part in the development of that town. His mother was Mrs. Julia L. Wallace. Mr. Wallace attended the schools near his home, later entering Southwestern University, at Georgetown, where he finished his education. Returning to Kyle he was in the lumber business with his father for five years, after which he went to Trinity County, where he engaged in the saw mill business for eight years. He then went with the Thompson-Tucker Lumber Company, which later became the Thompson-Ford Company, and has since been associated with the development of this company.

Mr. Wallace was married at Fort Worth, Texas, to Miss Mary Randal. They have four children—Thomas, William, Martha and Mary—and reside at Grayburg. The family attend the Methodist Church, Mr. Wallace being a steward in the church. He is a Mason, Scottish Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Wallace has been especially interested in educational matters for many years, and as president of the Board of Trustees of the Sour Lake schools has done much to improve the school system. He is also deeply in-

terested in civic affairs, and has done much to promote the development of Grayburg, and to make it a desirable residence city. Few lumbermen of the State are better equipped than he to hold a responsible position in the lumber business, and as a lumberman he is held in highest esteem by his associates.



**R. NORVELL**, president of the American National Bank of Beaumont, has been a resident of Beaumont for about forty-five years, and has taken an active part in the growth and development of this leading city of Southeast Texas. The American National Bank is one of the strongest banks of Texas, and its officers and directors are made up of a group of leading citizens of Beaumont and South Texas. The bank has a capital and surplus of six hundred thousand dollars, with deposits of about five million dollars. It was organized in June 1901, and re-organized in 1902. Mr. J. P. Withers was one of the organizers, and the first president of the bank. In 1902, Mr. Norvell became president, and has occupied this position creditably since that time.

B. R. Norvell was born in Burtville, Newton County, November 24th, 1865, the son of William, and Leonora Jane (Swearinger) Norvell. William Norvell lived for many years in Jasper County where he was a pioneer, and for many years he was in the mercantile business in Burtville, Texas. The boyhood of Mr. Norvell was spent in work on a farm. In 1881 he came to Beaumont, and up until 1902 was engaged in the lumber business. He worked his way up in this field of endeavor, and has done practically all of the work required in the saw mill business except as sawyer and logger. For many years he was vice president and treasurer of the Keith Lumber Company, one of the leading concerns of Texas. It will be remembered that the Keith Lumber Company sold its mills and timber to the Voth Lumber Company. It is, however, still engaged in the wholesale lumber business. For many years Mr. Norvell was also a director in the Industrial Lumber Company, but has not been active since engaging in banking.

On April 26th, 1895, Mr. Norvell was married in Staunton, Virginia, to Miss Aurelia P. McCue, a native of Virginia and a member of an old colonial Virginia family. Mr. and Mrs. Norvell have one daughter, now Mrs. Latta. Mr. Norvell is a member of the Beaumont, and Beaumont Country Clubs, Elks Lodge, and is a Knight Templar and Shriner of El Mina Temple. He has not confined his interests alone to banking, but has done much for his community in the way of helping enterprises that built the city. He is a director of the Beaumont Hotel Company, which he aided materially in financial matters. He is a director and treasurer, and chairman of the finance committee of the San Jacinto Life Insurance Company, assisting in financing the San Jacinto Life Insurance Building. He is a director and one of the organizers of the Kirbyville State Bank, and a director of the Gulf Coast Lines. B. R. Norvell has come to be considered the dean of bankers in his section of the state, and is highly regarded and beloved by his associates and those with whom he has had dealings. His name will be recorded in the history of the city as one who has devoted a life time to its progress and growth.



**J**OHAN C. WARD, pioneer of Beaumont and one of the most honored builders of this city, was actively associated with the life and progress of this Southeast Texas metropolis for more than half a century. His life was dedicated to usefulness and service, and few Texans have been held in higher esteem than John C. Ward. During his business life he was associated with practically every activity whose purpose was for the good of the city, and the development of the natural resources of this section, and few men have done more for the advancement of Beaumont than he.

A native of the Lone Star State, Mr. Ward was born in Titus County the twenty-sixth of December, 1851, son of Andrew Jackson and Nancy (Kelly) Ward. His father, a native of Arkansas who later came to Titus County, removed to Beaumont in 1859, and was one of the pioneer lumbermen of this part of the State. His death occurred in 1867. His mother was also a native of Arkansas. Mr. Ward received his early education in the schools of Beaumont, and after finishing his education entered the lumber business with J. G. and George W. Smyth at Smyth's Bluff. He was associated with them for four years, then going with the Beaumont Lumber Company, which also owned the Nona Mills Company, of which Mr. Ward was vice president and manager for a decade. In 1893 Mr. Ward became president of the Beaumont Ice, Light and Refrigerating Company, taking active charge of the organization. He was president until 1903, when he resigned, and removed to Waco to educate his children. He was in Waco until 1909, when he returned to Beaumont and was again made president of the Beaumont Ice, Light and Refrigerating Company. He was also active in the lumber business with J. S. and W. M. Rice at Ward, Louisiana, until 1913, when he became president of the First National Bank, holding this office until 1920, when he resigned. In 1901 Mr. Ward organized the Keith-Ward Oil Company, of which he was vice president, and which was one of the first companies to operate in Spindle Top, drilling one of the first wells there, which proved to be a gusher. The company operated in the coastal fields until 1908, and was engaged in much development here, and was successful.

Mr. Ward was married at Beaumont, in 1877, to Miss Pickie Kyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kyle. Mrs. Ward's death occurred in 1884. On December 15, 1885, he was married for the second time, to Miss Belle Carroll, daughter of J. A. Carroll, a lumber man of Beaumont, and Martha (Long) Carroll. Mr. Ward had a family of eleven children: Wesley Kyle, John C., Jr.; J. S. and J. D. deceased, by the first marriage; H. L., Carroll, King, Mena, Seawillow, Alma and Emma Ward, by the second marriage. The Ward home at 1685 Park Street, is one of the finest in the city and has always been the seat of a gracious hospitality. Mr. Ward was a Master Mason for almost half a century, having been made a Master Mason in 1875, and was one of the most honored members of this order. He was a member of both York and Scottish Rites, and of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He was a member of the Beaumont Club, and also of the Port Arthur Tarpon Club. He was a lover of out-door sports and many happy hours were spent by him at Port Arthur, one of the best known tar-

pon fishing resorts on the coast.

With the passing of John C. Ward on October 20, 1924, Beaumont and the State of Texas, lost one of the most valued and public spirited citizens. During the half century of his active association with the business world of Beaumont, there was associated with his name an integrity and business honor that was a factor in the success of his many enterprises. His business policies were at all times conservative, and his investments all of a sound and substantial character. A man of distinguished appearance who had lived his life for the good of others, he was known and loved throughout the entire community, and his death was the cause of much deep and sincere sorrow wherever he was known.

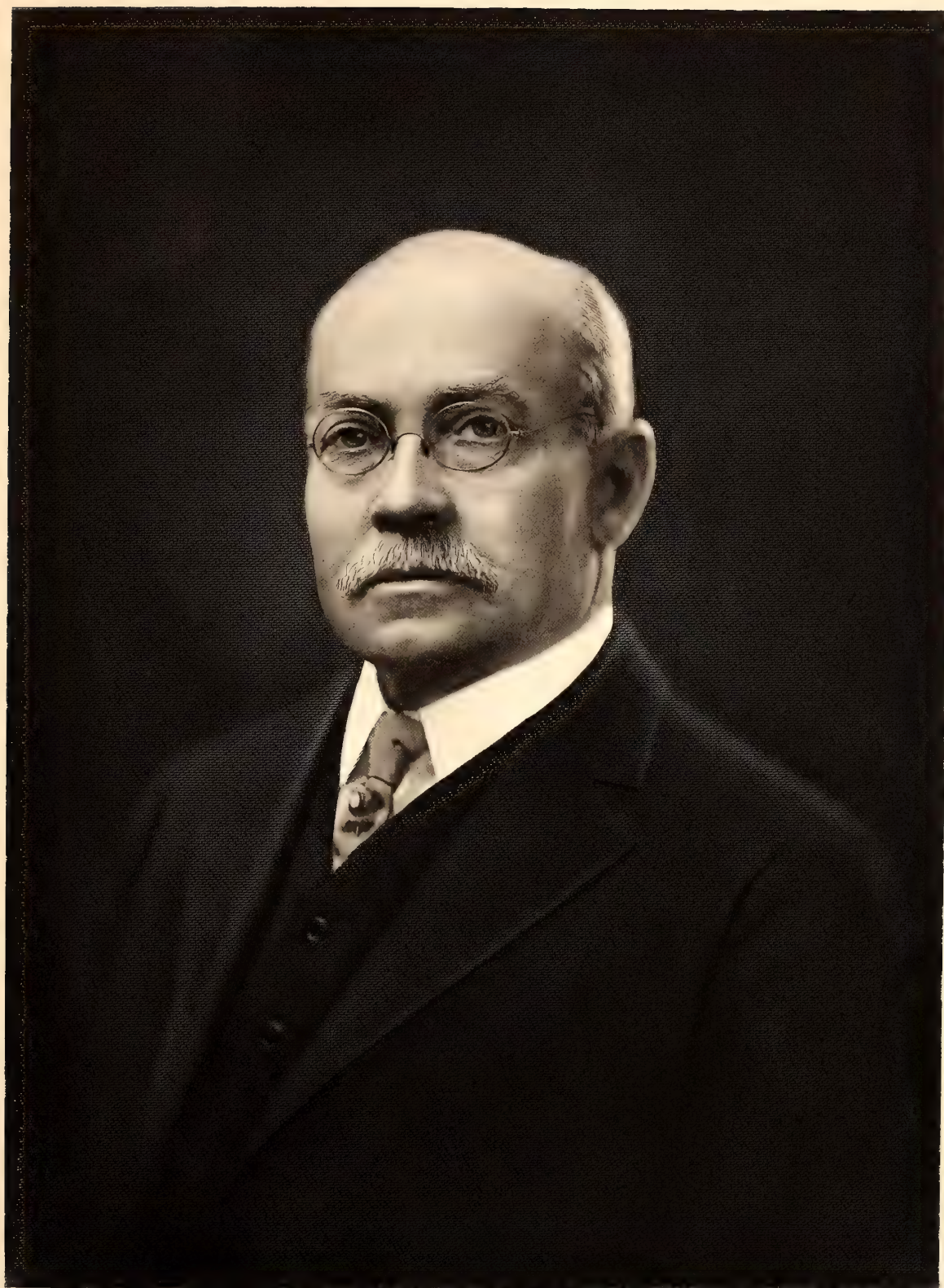
**C**APTAIN BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STERLING. The founder of the Sterling family in Texas was Captain Benjamin Franklin Sterling, who for seventy years was numbered among the hardy pioneers who blazed the way for the present generation. His children and grandchildren have taken a conspicuous part in the growth and development of the various communities in which they reside. The Sterling family is an unusual one, all members of which are not only successful in their various fields of activity, but are numbered among the finest type of the citizenship of Texas.

Captain Sterling was born in Mississippi in 1831, and as a boy came to Texas in the late forties, locating at Liberty. He engaged in manufacturing and building here before the Civil War. When the war came he organized the first company that left Liberty County for the front. He was commissioned as first lieutenant in the company of which his wife's uncle, King Bryan, was captain. He did not go with this company, however, but soon organized another company, which as captain he took to war and served in Waul's Texas Legion. He was an intimate friend of General Sam Houston and, like him, was against secession, but fought for the South when the war came. After the war he located in Chambers County and where he soon became one of the leading men of this section of the State. He was active in the social and political matters of the day and engaged in farming, merchandising and shipping.

Captain Sterling was united in marriage with Miss Mary Jane Bryan, a native of Texas and a member of one of the prominent Texas families. The Bryans were of Scotch-Irish descent, and their American ancestors were among the early settlers of Virginia. A member of this family, Luke Bryan, served with distinction in the battle of San Jacinto. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling were the parents of the following children: Ross S., Frank P., Mrs. Annie L. Barrow, Miss Florence M., O. Bryan, James B., Albert A., John L., Mrs. Cora A. (Mrs. B. F.) Barrow, Mrs. George Koehler and Benjamin G. (deceased).

Captain Benjamin Franklin Sterling passed away in 1917 and Mrs. Sterling in 1888. The name of Captain Sterling and family is indelibly written on the pages of Texas history, and members of the family are destined to play important parts throughout the generations. No finer tribute could be paid to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. Sterling than to say that they reared a family of children whom they inspired with Christian ideals, and who have emulated their parents in clean living, integrity and good citizenship.





*J. C. Ward*









**FRANK H. CARPENTER**, for upwards of two decades one of the leading citizens at Sour Lake, and head of one of the largest financial institutions of the city, is well known in the banking world in Texas. Mr. Carpenter is the president of the Sour Lake State Bank, one of the oldest banking institutions in the city, and the largest in point of customers. The Sour Lake State Bank was organized in 1909, it being the outgrowth of a private banking firm established a number of years earlier by Mr. Carpenter and R. S. Sterling, and reorganized in that year, under a state charter. The Sour Lake State Bank, a conservatively and capably directed institution, has at all times enjoyed the highest confidence of the business men of the city, and numbers among its depositors some of the leading individuals and firms here, including many of the oil companies located at Sour Lake. A modern banking home, owned by the bank, and located on one of the leading corners in the business section, and equipped with the finest fixtures, gives the bank a building in keeping with the prestige of the institution, and is a creditable addition to the business center. The Sour Lake State Bank is capitalized for twenty-five thousand dollars, the surplus and undivided profits running above that figure, and has total assets of around four hundred thousand dollars. The officers are: Frank H. Carpenter, president; Tom F. Cruse, vice president; M. E. Pivoto, vice president; W. Z. Trotti, cashier, and Mrs. Lena Trotti, assistant cashier, with Harold D. Carpenter, Frank H. Carpenter, W. Z. Trotti, T. F. Cruse and M. E. Pivoto as directors.

Frank H. Carpenter was born at Shannon, Illinois, in November, 1870, the son of John M. Carpenter, a farmer and merchant of Western Iowa, to which State he removed in the early seventies. He was educated in the public schools of Iowa, and came to Texas in 1895, going first to Nome, at the time the new railroad was being built to that place. After five years in the mercantile business there he went to Victoria, and later Port Lavaca, where he spent two years, after which he came to Sour Lake, which has since been his home. During his residence here he has acquired land which has proved to be valuable oil land, and he has taken an active part in the development of this resource. At the beginning of the development of the oil industry here Mr. Carpenter had a large number of teams and handled teaming contracts, and operated a transfer and bus line for Savage Brothers, who brought in the first big well here. After two years he went to Humble, remaining there for one year, after which he returned to Sour Lake, which has since been his home. Later Mr. Carpenter bought out the ice plant, operating this for a time, and also bought out a grain business. He now owns many thousands of acres of rice and oil lands, and also has timber interests in this section.

Mr. Carpenter was married in South Dakota, in 1894, to Miss Alma M. Gross, daughter of E. F. Gross, hardware and implement man of that State, and also a member of the State legislature. Mr. and Mrs. Carpenter have a family of five children, Harold D., Mrs. Margaret Doucette, Mildred, Agnes and Frank H., Jr., all of whom are college graduates. Mr. Carpenter is an Elk and an Odd Fellow. He has been associated with the development of Sour Lake from the days when this city was known

as a health resort, until the present time, when it is the center of a great oil district, and has taken an active part in furthering this development.



**WILLIAM S. HIGGS** of Bryan, Texas, has had a wide and varied business career, withal a very successful one. A native of Bryan, he has since a very young man been a factor in the business, political and educational life of this city. In 1918, he entered the banking business here, and is the active vice president of the First State Bank and Trust Company of this city. This bank was organized in 1909 and its charter obtained on October 1st of that year, and showed in its report at the close of business on December 31st, 1923, the following financial condition: Capital stock being \$100,000.00; surplus fund, \$50,000.00; undivided profits, \$35,000.00, and deposits of \$1,237,133.99. He has always been a leader in all matters pertaining to the progress and advancement of Bryan and Brazos County. In addition to his banking interests, Mr. Higgs is one of the organizers of the Bryan Building and Loan Association, one of the most successful building and loan companies in Texas and operates on less cost than any organization of its kind in Texas. Mr. Higgs started his business career in this city, with his father who was engaged in the general merchandise business, and remained in this line of activity until 1910, when he was elected to the office of county clerk of Brazos County. He held this office until 1916, when he again engaged in business, this time choosing the dry goods line. He continued in the dry goods business until 1918, when he came with the First State Bank and Trust Company and has done much toward making this institution one of the best in this portion of the country.

Mr. Higgs was born on April 3rd, 1882. His father, Thomas W. Higgs (deceased since 1905), was one of the pioneers of this county, having located here in 1835, where he was throughout his life engaged in the mercantile business, farming and cattle raising. He was one of the best known and most highly esteemed citizens of this part of the Lone Star State. His mother was Miss Esther Mawhinney. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Bryan, after which he attended Allen Academy of this city and later became a student of Hill's Business College of Waco. Mr. Higgs has at all times taken a keen interest in the educational affairs of this city, and for a period of twelve years was a member of the Bryan school board. He also served as chairman of the democratic executive committee, for several years.

Mr. Higgs was married at Bryan in 1903, to Miss Belle Wren, a native of Grimes County, Texas, where she was a member of a well known family. They have three children: Katherine, Ida Belle and Margaret. Mr. Higgs is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and has membership in the York Rite body of this order. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Bryan Country Club, the Fin-Feather Club of this city, the Bryan Chamber of Commerce and is a director of the Bryan Building and Loan Association. Mr. Higgs is active in all matters having to do with the civic improvement, progress and advancement of Bryan, where he is regarded as one of this city's most public-spirited citizens and leading business men.



**C**HARLES E. WALDEN, whose business activities for around three decades have been an essential part of the life and progress of Beaumont, has contributed materially to the advancement of this city and the development of the lumber and other resources of the southwestern part of the state. Mr. Walden is vice president of the George W. Smyth Lumber Company, one of the largest retail lumber companies in Beaumont. The company is well located, the plant covering eight acres and carrying a complete line of building materials. While the business is primarily retail, some wholesale business is also handled, and the company is one of the vital businesses of the city. The officers are J. B. Smyth, of San Antonio, president; Charles E. Walden, vice president; R. F. Cheesman, secretary; Frank Alvey, treasurer, and Guy W. Cheesman, general manager. The Sabine Tram Company is also an organization with which Mr. Walden has been associated for many years, since 1897, and has been an official of since 1900. He is now vice president of the company, and takes an active part in its management. Mr. Walden is vice president and chairman of the board of directors of the Texas National Bank of Beaumont, a director in the Beaumont Iron Works, and secretary of the Uvalde Rock Asphalt Company, of which he was one of the organizers. Like many Beaumont business men, Mr. Walden played a part in the development of the Spindle Top oil fields. He was interested in the Yellow Pine Oil Company that brought in the third or fourth well, which was a gusher, the first well to use a six inch casing. The company owned a one acre lease and later sold one-sixteenth parts of the acre.

Mr. Walden was born at Doyleville, Madison County, Kentucky, on the first day of June, 1865, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Walden, who moved with their family to Clark County, Kentucky, just out of Winchester, in 1873. Mr. Walden was educated in the common schools of his native state, and finished the course at Allenville Academy, a school corresponding to high school, in 1877. He took the teachers examinations, receiving a first class certificate, and taught school until he had acquired funds to complete his business education, when he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and entered Spencer, Felton and Loomis Business College, finishing there just prior to his twenty-first birthday. He then accepted a position with Johnson's Business College, in St. Louis, Missouri, as instructor, but remained there only a short time, for he was anxious to embark in business for himself. He came to Texas in the spring of 1889, and with his older brother opened a business college in Austin, continuing there until the year 1894, when he came to Beaumont, going with the Sabine Tram Company, and later, when the George W. Smyth Lumber Company was organized, going with that company.

Mr. Walden was married the twenty-sixth of December, 1895, to Miss Sallie Smyth, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. George W. Smyth, of Beaumont. Mr. Smyth was organizer of the Sabine Tram Company and of the George W. Smyth Lumber Company, and one of the pioneer lumbermen of Southeast Texas who have been active in developing this section. Mr. and Mrs. Walden have one child, Charles Smyth Walden, born the fifteenth of June, 1905. They reared Glenn H. Alvey, a nephew, who is like a son to them. Mr. Alvey graduated with honors

from the University of California in 1919. He resides in San Antonio, where he is well known among the younger business men. They reside at 526 Elizabeth Street. Mr. Walden is past president of the Beaumont Country Club, past president of the Rotary Club and belongs to the Beaumont Club, the Neches Club, the Ghrotto, and several other social organizations of Beaumont. He is a member of the Baptist Church, the Woodmen of the World, and several other organizations of that character. Mr. Walden is one of the best known Masons of the Lone Star State and a close personal friend of Sam P. Cochran. His father, a Master Mason, and Master of his Lodge used to ride some fifteen miles on horseback to attend meetings, and it was his devotion that first instilled in the son the desire to become a Mason. He was initiated as an apprentice Mason, December the sixteenth, 1890, passing the degree of Fellowcraft on January the twenty-fourth of 1891, and in March raised to Master Mason. In 1892 he served as Deacon of Hill City Lodge No. 456, at Austin, where he had become affiliated and was active in the work there until 1893. Later he became a Royal Arch Mason, Lone Star Chapter, Knight of the Red Cross, Colorado Commandery, and Knight Templar. He joined Ben Hur Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Austin. Later he became affiliated with Beaumont Lodge No. 286, in February, 1901, and also with Beaumont Chapter No. 198, in 1903. He served as Master of the Beaumont Lodge in 1905, and as High Priest of the Beaumont Chapter for one year, and as Thrice Illustrious Master of the Beaumont Council, No. 126, for one year. In 1903 he assisted in the organization of the Beaumont Commandery, and was its first Eminent Commander, serving from 1903 until 1905. In 1910 he was made a thirty-third degree Mason, having held membership in the Galveston Scottish Rite bodies for many years and in 1911, he served as Potentate of El Mina Temple Shrine of Galveston. He was active in Masonic work until 1913, when his health failed, but has since found it impossible to enter actively into the work, although his interest remains the same. In civic work, as in Masonic work, Mr. Walden has always been active, and has done much for the development of Beaumont. In the first days of his residence here he was particularly active in his work on behalf of the young municipality, and is one of the real builders of the Beaumont of the present day.

**G**UY WALDEN CHEESMAN, one of the progressive young business men of Beaumont, for several years has been active in the lumber trade of the city and is general manager of the George W. Smyth Lumber Company, one of the largest retail lumber concerns here. While the company handles a retail business primarily, some wholesale business is also done. It has a large stock of all kinds of building material and in addition to supplying material for the home, are also financing the building of houses at Beaumont, and through advertising campaigns and other mediums have done much to foster home building and owning in this city. Mr. Cheesman came with the company in May, 1919, and became general manager in January, 1921. Under his direction, the company has rapidly increased the volume of business done annually. The large yards, at the corner of Franklin and Neches Streets, are carefully planned, all





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buildings being of the modern type. The officers of the company are J. B. Smyth, of San Antonio, president; C. E. Walden, vice president; R. F. Cheesman, secretary, and Frank Alvey, treasurer.

Guy Walden Cheesman was born at Beaumont, the fourteenth of September, 1895, the son of Richard Frederick Cheesman, for many years a resident of this city, and secretary of the George W. Smyth Lumber Company, and Emma Regina (Smyth) Cheesman. He began his education in the public schools of his native city, continuing here until his graduation from high school. He then entered the law department of the University of Virginia, where he studied three years. Shortly after the entrance of the United States in the World War, Mr. Cheesman enlisted in military service and was assigned to the 133rd Field Artillery, 36th Division. He was sent to Camp Mabry and after training there for two months, was sent overseas. He spent nine months in France, after which he was returned to America and discharged the second of April, 1919.

Mr. Cheesman was married at Beaumont, the twenty-first of October, 1919, to Miss Ione McGill, daughter of J. T. McGill, lumberman, and Catherine McGill. Mr. and Mrs. Cheesman have one child, Guy Walden Cheesman, Jr., and reside at 2431 Liberty Street. He is a member of the Alpha Chi Rho college fraternity and of the Beaumont and Rotary Clubs. Mr. Cheesman is interested in civic work and has done much for the development of Beaumont, especially along the lines of encouraging building activity.



**P. E. HAMMONS**, for about fifteen years has been identified with the commercial development of Beaumont, and is one of the leading wholesale lumber dealers of this section, featuring a product that has a wide demand. Mr. Hammons is president of the P. E. Hammons Company, Incorporated, a wholesale lumber corporation, handling round piling for ship docks, railroad and industrial construction. It is the only firm in the city handling this class of lumber, and have one of the largest businesses in the state in this line. The company was established in 1913, and since that time has done an increasingly large volume of business, each year showing a gratifying increase. The Hammons Company sells this product throughout the United States and Mexico, and also has a large amount of export trade. The business is manufacturing and wholesale, selling in car lots only. The offices of the P. E. Hammons Company, Inc. are in the Perlstein Building, and the officers are Mr. Hammons, president; T. E. McNamara, vice president and manager; H. L. Bonner, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Hammons also has other business interests, both in Beaumont and in other cities and is vice president of the Southern Land and Lumber Company, president of the De Quincy Wholesale Grocery and Grain Company of De Quincy, Louisiana; president of the National Department Store at De Quincy, Louisiana, and vice president of C. E. Reed and Company.

Mr. Hammons was born at Antoine, Arkansas, the fourth of October, 1885, the son of W. P. Hammons, for many years in the mercantile business in Arkansas, and Sarah Hammons. Mr. Hammons attended the schools of Arkansas, and was a student at the Baptist College at Fordyce, in that state. After leaving school he entered the lumber business, form-

ing the firm of Hammons and Cash, and a little later bought out Mr. Cash, operating the business in Louisiana for around six years. He came to Beaumont in 1911, entering the lumber business in this city, and has since handled the round piling for which he has an international reputation. Mr. Hammons owns thousands of acres of timber land in Louisiana and Southeast Texas, and is known to lumbermen throughout the country for his activities in this field.

Mr. Hammons was married at De Quincy, Louisiana, to Miss Clara Gill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gill. Mr. Gill, an old settler of De Quincy, has been in the mercantile business there for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Hammons have two children, Bruce and P. E., Junior, and live at 1923 Broadway Street. Mr. Hammons is a member of the Beaumont Club, the Beaumont Country Club and the Beaumont Business Men's Club, and fraternally is a Mason. Mr. Hammons has done much to develop the lumber resources of Southeast Texas, and is well known for his many activities in the field of lumber conservation. He takes a deep pride in the civic advancement of Beaumont, and during the years of his residence here has contributed liberally, both of his time and means, for the welfare and development of this city.



**W. ALLACE E. SPROUSE** for around a decade has been a factor in the commercial life at Beaumont, and as one of the leading lumber brokers in this city has been instrumental in building up the lumber exporting business here. Mr. Sprouse is a member of the firm of the Kaulbach-Sprouse Lumber Company, one of the principal lumber exporting companies of Beaumont, and organized in January, 1923. The firm maintains offices in the Gilbert Building, and engaged in a lumber brokerage business, handling yellow pine, hardwood and shingles in car load lots only. They also handle a large volume of business in ties, piling and railroad timbers, selling largely for export. Mr. Sprouse is associated with Andrew J. Kaulbach.

Mr. Sprouse was born in Denton County, Texas, the twenty-fourth of May, 1889, the son of John A. C. Sprouse, well known ranchman of that locality, and Mrs. Mary (Holmes) Sprouse. He spent his boyhood in Denton County, attending the public schools there, and after leaving high school spent one year at Wall College, at Honey Grove, Texas. He began his lumber experience with a retail lumber yard at Denton, later going in the saw mills at Grayburg and Oakhurst, where he acquired an expert knowledge of the manufacturing end of the business. He then went to Waco, where he spent one year with the W. R. Pickering Lumber Company, after which he went to Houston and was with the Pickering Lumber Company there for around four years. He then came to Beaumont, in 1915, and was with the Gulf Export and Transportation Company, as secretary and treasurer, from 1915 until 1922. At that time he became general manager of the Southern Land and Lumber Company, a position he held for one year, resigning to form his present company.

Mr. Sprouse was married at Houston, in 1912, to Miss Irma M. Morse, daughter of George T. Morse, oil man of Houston. They reside at Beaumont, at 2195 Long Avenue, and have two children, W. E., Jr. and John Holmes.





**CHARLES W. MCFARLANE** for upwards of four decades has been one of the vital forces of the progress of Orange, and is well known throughout Southeast Texas for his numerous financial and business activities relative to the prosperity of this section, and for his prominence in Masonic circles. Mr. McFarlane is the proprietor of the Orange Iron Works, one of the most important industrial enterprises of Orange, and which he has owned since 1896. The business, however, was established in 1881 by Greeves and McPhee, for whom he worked from that time until he took over the plant. The years since that time have been marked by progress, the business being developed constructively, and filling a definite need created by the extensive oil operations in this section for a high class foundry. The plant in its present state of expansion covers an entire block, the foundry being completely equipped for all classes of work. Special attention is given to machine work, the repair of heavy machinery, marine work, boiler work, oil field machinery and the manufacturing of various parts. A force of twenty-four skilled operatives is employed in the plant and all work turned out is of the highest standard. Mr. McFarlane is assisted in the management of the Orange Iron Works by his son, Charles T. McFarlane, who is plant superintendent.

Mr. McFarlane is also chairman of the board of directors of the Guaranty Bond Bank and Trust Company, of which he was one of the organizers. The Guaranty Bond Bank and Trust Company is a soundly directed financial institution, contributing a constructive banking service, compatible with commercial development, to Orange and the surrounding territory, and has made a splendid record of growth since its organization.

Charles W. McFarlane was born in New Brunswick, Canada, the twenty-seventh of February, 1860, the son of George McFarlane, a native of Canada, where he resided until his death, and Minnie (Nason) McFarlane, also deceased. Mr. McFarlane was educated in the schools of Canada, and at the age of seventeen years began work in the timber mills of that country. Several years later he determined to come to Texas, coming by way of Boston, Buffalo, St. Louis, and Houston, stopping at all these places for a short time, and arriving at Orange in December, 1880. Here he began work in the D. R. Wingate Lumber Company, remaining with that mill for one year, after which time he engaged in saw mill work for himself, operating several partnership businesses. In 1896 he established the Orange Iron Works, as previously mentioned, and has since been the directing head of this business, as well as becoming interested in various other activities.

Mr. McFarlane was married the 20th of April, 1886, to Miss Jennie Otis, daughter of E. D. (Carrie) Otis, a native of Illinois. Mrs. McFarlane was reared in Mississippi, later coming to Orange, where her marriage to Mr. McFarlane occurred. A family of nine children were born to Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane; the surviving of these are: C. T., Addie Cooke, Annie Murray Smith, Mona, W. S., and F. L. McFarlane. Mrs. McFarlane's death occurred at her home in Orange on the eighteenth of January, 1906. Mr. McFarlane was married the second time to Miss Rosa McDonald, a native of Texas, and to this union have been born five children, Misses Blanche,

Fannie Rose, Zelma, Helen and George E. McFarlane. The family reside at 710 Front Street, which has been their home for many years. Mr. McFarlane is a member of the Rotary Club, and has been active in all civic work for many years, contributing generously to all organized civic and charitable movements. He is one of the most prominent Masons of the country, and one of the foremost Masonic workers of Texas. He has taken all degrees, to the highest honor this order can bestow, and was made a thirty-third degree Mason at Dallas in 1913. Twice each year he goes to Galveston, where he is active in the degree work of the Texas Consistory, No. 1. Mr. McFarlane has been a member of the Madison Blue Lodge of Orange since its organization in 1898, and has been a member of El Mina Temple Shrine of Galveston for many years.



**HORACE H. WATSON**, for many years a factor in the life at Orange, in addition to serving as postmaster and taking an active part in the mercantile business, has been for many years a prominent figure in politics, and is one of the best known Republicans in the Lone Star State. Mr. Watson was appointed postmaster of Orange the twenty-second of February, 1922, receiving his appointment from the late President Harding. The Orange postoffice under his term of office has been brought to a high state of efficiency, employing nineteen clerks, and has handled a very large volume of business, reflective of the prosperity of Orange, and indicating the rapid growth of this city. Mr. Watson is also a member of the firm of the McKay and Watson Paint Store, having been part owner of this business since 1918. The store sells retail trade exclusively, dealing in paint, wall paper, glass and like products, and does the largest business in this field at Orange.

Horace H. Watson was born at St. Louis, Missouri, the seventh of March, 1873. His father, Jos. Watson, a native of Pennsylvania, came to Texas in 1875 and was an educator in Austin County until his retirement several years ago. He now makes his home at Corpus Christi. His mother, also of Corpus Christi, was prior to her marriage Miss Addie Hensel, and a native of Pennsylvania. Horace H. Watson was educated in the schools of Austin County. He came to Orange shortly before the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, enlisting in the Second U. S. Volunteers, and seeing service in Cuba. After being discharged he went to Williamson County, remaining there a short time, and then returned to Orange, going in the liquor business in which he engaged until 1918, when he entered the paint business.

Mr. Watson was married at Beaumont, the twenty-ninth of December, 1907, to Mrs. Lennie Sheehan Streevy, a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Watson reside at 1006 Main Street and have three children, Harry H. Watson, Alma Watson and Eloise Watson. Mr. Watson is a member of the Moose, the T. P. A., and the Elks Club, and belongs to the Rotary Club, the Spanish-American War Veterans, and the National Association of Postmasters. He has been chairman of the Republican Party of Texas from 1919, until assuming the office of postmaster, and has been prominent in political activities for many years. He is also interested in all civic work.





*B. W. Mac Furlong*







**C**HARLES F. LAW has for around a decade been associated with building activities at Beaumont, and is well known in construction circles for the many important contracts he has handled, and his part in the development and upbuilding of the community. Mr. Law came to this city in 1915, and has since engaged as a building contractor, operating under his own name, and with his offices at 1245 Avenue E. While he handles a general contracting business, his attention for the most part is given to big work, and he has supervised the construction of many of the finer buildings in this city. He gives special attention to residence work of the better class, schools, churches, court houses, office buildings, industrial plants, and like structures, and has attained an enviable reputation for this class of construction. While a large part of his work has been in and around Beaumont, Mr. Law does not confine his activities to work in this city, and has handled many important contracts in surrounding towns, and in Louisiana. Mr. Law has his own equipment, and is prepared to handle the largest contracts efficiently and without loss of time.

Mr. Law was born at Indianola, Iowa, the twenty-second of October, 1875, son of William F. Law, a contractor and builder, and Flora Martin Law. As a boy he attended the public schools near his home, graduating from the high schools at St. Charles, Iowa, after which he entered Simpson College, at Indianola, Iowa, where he spent one year. He then went to work in the planing mill at Des Moines, where he spent two and a half years, after which he started a factory of his own, doing fine cabinet and mill work for the ensuing four years. In 1906 he moved to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where he engaged in the contracting and building business until 1915, when he came to Beaumont, establishing the firm of McBride and Law, General Contractors. In 1917 he opened a large shipyard, at Beaumont, building ships for the government, and the first contract let in Texas was handled by him. He completed and launched the first ship built in Texas, and operated the shipyard until the summer of 1919, when the yard was closed, and the partnership between himself and Mr. McBride dissolved. Since that time he has been in business alone.

Mr. Law was married at Des Moines, Iowa, in 1900, to Miss Gertrude M. Hastie, daughter of Alexander Hastie, at one time a coal operator in that state, and later in the abstract business, and Mrs. Mary Hastie. Mr. and Mrs. Law live at 1245 Avenue E, and have three children—John Wilton, William Wallace, and Grace. Mr. Law is a Mason, York and Scottish Rites, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. His work in construction circles has won him more than local recognition, and Mr. Law is known throughout South Texas for his work in this line.

**T**H. HARRIS, one of the leading ice manufacturers of Texas, has taken an active part in the development of this industry. Mr. Harris operates the Independent Ice and Refrigerating Company of Abilene, Texas. Prior to coming to Abilene he was for about ten years an outstanding figure in his line of business in Beaumont and was president of the Crystal Ice Company and was interested in other ice manufacturing plants

in South Texas.

Mr. Harris was born at Decatur, Illinois, the eighteenth of January, 1887, son of T. H. Harris, a landowner, farmer and builder of that State. He was educated in the schools of Illinois and Kansas, and then went in the ice business in Illinois, later moving to Kansas, where after four years he went to Louisiana, and was engaged in rice farming for six years. The following year he operated a garage at Lake Charles, Louisiana, later going with the Union Sulphur Company, as foreman of batteries. He then went with the Crystal Ice Company at Jennings, Louisiana, in 1914, as chief engineer, and has been in the ice business ever since, coming to Beaumont as president and general manager of the Crystal Ice Company. He served in this capacity until moving to Abilene.

Mr. Harris was married at Lake Charles, Louisiana, in 1910, to Miss Grace Drost, daughter of John Drost, a retired business man of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have three children: Leo, Willis and Gene. They attend the Baptist Church and take an active part in church work. Mr. Harris is a Mason, York Rite, a Knight Templar and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston.

**R**HERSCHEL WHITING, for more than three decades one of the substantial residents of Beaumont, has contributed an essential service to community advancement through his large plumbing contracting business. Mr. Whiting operates his business under his own name, maintaining his office, show room and warehouse at 740 Liberty Street, and engaging in a general plumbing contracting business. He employs a force of competent workmen, supervising all construction, and has established a reputation for correct work that has resulted in a large volume of business. Mr. Whiting has made the plumbing installations in hundreds of Beaumont homes. He established his business in 1908, since which time he has advanced steadily, and has one of the prosperous plumbing businesses of the city.

Mr. Whiting was born in Michigan, the fourth of December, 1865, the son of William Henry Whiting, a blacksmith of that state. As a boy he attended the public schools of his native state, and engaged in business there until 1891, when he came to Texas and Beaumont. Prior to coming to this city, Mr. Whiting had had several years experience in railroad work, and continued in this line after coming to Beaumont, working for the Southern Pacific and later for the Santa Fe Railroad. He left this work in 1908 to go in the plumbing business, in which he has since engaged.

Mr. Whiting was married at Beaumont, in 1893, to Miss Margaret Butcher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Butcher, natives of Michigan, who resided in Beaumont for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Whiting have one child, Mrs. Jessie Kerr, and make their home in Beaumont. Mr. Whiting is an Odd-fellow and a Mason, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. He has served for several years as president of the Master Plumbers Association, and is active in the work of that body, taking a deep interest in the advancement of the craft along modern lines. Mr. Whiting has from time to time invested in Beaumont property, and is greatly interested in the growth and development of this city.



## MEN OF TEXAS



**WILLIAM McKISSACK CROOK**, lawyer of Beaumont, began the practice of his profession in this city January 1st, 1899, and has continued to follow his vocation to the present time. Mr. Crook is senior member of the law firm time is given to the requirements of corporate interests, including locally the W. C. Tyrrell Trust, the Jefferson County Investment & Building Association, the Uvalde Rock Asphalt Company, Beaumont Iron Works Company, Phoenix Furniture Company, Unity Oil Company, Sanacosa Oil Company, Beaumont Box Manufacturing Company, Goodell Piano Company, Anahuac Canal Company, Tyrrell Hardware Company, etc.

Mr. Crook was the first Texas commissioner to be appointed on uniform State laws, being associated with Hiram Glass of Texarkana, and H. M. Garwood of Houston; in 1914 he was made vice president of this body; he served as vice president of the Commercial Law League of America, is a director of the Texas State Bar Association, a member of the General Council of the American Bar Association, a director and vice president of the Texas Law Review. With H. M. Garwood, he was elected to life membership in the American Law Institute, in the organization of which he was invited by Elihu Root, its first president, to participate. He was selected by Dr. William Draper Lewis, director of the Law Institute, as one of his advisors in the Restatement of the Common Law of Business Association. In local civic matters, he was first chairman of the Library Commission of the City of Beaumont. He is a director of the Tyrrell-Combest Realty Company, the Jefferson County Investment & Building Association, the Pierce Goodell Piano Company, the Beaumont Hotel Operating Company, and was one of the organizers of the Texas National Bank.

Mr. Crook was born in Maury County, Tennessee, the twenty-fourth of December, 1874, the son of W. J. Crook, a farmer and confederate captain, and Jennie (Parham) Crook. After attending the public schools near his home, he finished his preparatory work at Spring Hill Academy at Spring Hill, Tennessee, later attending Vanderbilt and George Washington universities, taking his LL. B. degree in the latter in 1877. He taught school in Texas under a permanent teacher's certificate. He engaged in practice in Trinity County, Texas, for one year, coming from there to Beaumont in 1899.

Mr. Crook was born in Maury County, Tennessee, 1897, to Miss Jennie M. Helsel, daughter of S. R. Helsel, a farmer. Mr. and Mrs. Crook reside at 395 Seventh Street. They have three children: Theo Helsel Crook, with bachelors and masters degrees from University of California, is a geologist in Venezuela, South America, with the Standard Oil Company of California, Philip G. Crook, proprietor of the Beaumont Landscape Company, and William McKissack Crook, Jr., a student in Beaumont High School. The family are members of the Methodist Church, of which Mr. Crook is trustee and Steward. Mr. Crook is a member of the Beaumont Club, the Texas State and American Bar associations, is a Mason, York and Scottish Rites, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston.



**JOHN W. LOCKHART**, attorney at law and senior member of the well known law firm of Lockhart Hughes, Lockhart and Rayzor of Galveston, Texas, has during his practice of more than eight years before the Texas bar established a place of marked distinction in the legal profession. This firm was established on July 1st, 1923, and specializes in admiralty law, practices in all the courts and are representatives of Underwriters in Admiralty law cases, and Mr. Lockhart referees in bankruptcy. This firm does a large business, and number among their clients many of the shipping interests of the Island City. Their offices are located at 718 American National Insurance Company Building. Mr. Lockhart was admitted to the bar in 1917 and immediately joined his father in Galveston in the practice of law under the firm name of Lockhart and Lockhart. This firm continued until the death of his father in 1923, when he formed the present firm. The firm opened offices at 517 Cotton Exchange Building, Houston, in January, 1925.

A native of Galveston, Texas, Mr. Lockhart was born on August 2nd, 1892. His father, Judge W. B. Lockhart (deceased since June 17th, 1923), was born at Chapel Hill, Texas, and was one of the most able of Texas' lawyers. He practiced his profession for a period of thirty-seven years and was a recognized authority on admiralty law, and practiced in all the Southern ports. Judge Lockhart was active in the Masonic circles of Texas. He joined Harmony Lodge of this order of Galveston when a young man and served his turn in all elective offices, except that of secretary. He was a member of the Royal Arch Chapter and Commandery in Galveston, and served as eminent commander of the commandery. He received his Scottish Rite degrees in Galveston, fourth to thirty-second inclusive, and was elected thirty-third, honorary, by the Supreme Council in Washington in October, 1909, and crowned in 1910. He was for many years and up to the time of his death one of the three trustees of the Scottish Rite Reserve Fund. He had for a long time served as class director during each successive reunion, and was past wise master of L. M. Oppenheimer Chapter No. 2, Knights Rose Croix. Judge Lockhart filled a unique place in the life of this community. He was a big man, in all that word implies, and was a true son of the Old South. Mr. Lockhart's mother, Mrs. Esther (Gresham) Lockhart, is a daughter of the late Colonel Walter Gresham of Galveston, and a member of one of Texas' pioneer families, who have done much in the development of the Lone Star State. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Galveston, after which he attended for one year a preparatory school at Austin. He then became a student of the law department of the University of Virginia, and left that institution at the beginning of the World War. He returned to Galveston and was admitted to the bar here and has continued his practice here since that time. Mr. Lockhart is the fourth generation of the Lockhart family in Texas. His great-grandfather, Dr. John W. Lockhart, came to Texas from Alabama on business, and liked the Lone Star State so well that he returned to Alabama and resigned his seat in the legislature of that State and returned to Texas and located on a plantation near the town of Old Washington.





*Wm Crook*







Many years later he sold this plantation and purchased another at Chapel Hill, Washington County, which is still the property of the Lockhart family. Dr. Lockhart was at the Battle of Galveston, the family having removed to Texas about 1838, during the time the State was a Republic. The Lockhart family have aided greatly in the development of the Lone Star State along many lines, and much of their work will always remain a monument to the enterprise of the family. Mr. Lockhart has in his collection many relics of the early days of Texas; among this collection is a cane which was presented to his great-grandfather by General Sam Houston, and this cane was made from a hickory stick given to General Houston by General Andrew Jackson. This cane is now preserved in the Rosenberg Library of Galveston, but always remains the property of John W. Lockhart.

Mr. Lockhart was married at Navasota, Texas, on November 18th, 1922, to Miss Frances Harris, a native Texan and a daughter of Dr. E. A. Harris, well known physician of Central Texas. They have two children, Frances and Josephine. Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart reside at 1502 Avenue H, which is the house in which Mr. Lockhart was born. Mr. Lockhart is a member of Harmony Blue Lodge of the Masonic fraternity of Galveston and is a member of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies, is a K. C. C. H., and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine. He is also a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, Galveston Country Club and the Artillery Club. He is interested in civic affairs and in the general upbuilding of his native city. In the last few years he has built some thirty rent houses here and has other interests in city and farm property.

Mr. Lockhart is devoting his efforts to the practice of maritime law, and is interested in the growth and development of Galveston as a shipping center.



**DAVID ANDREW SIMMONS**, a member of the law firm of Campbell, Myer and Simmons, although one of the younger attorneys of Houston, has made a creditable record as a trial lawyer. The firm was formed the first of January, 1924, and is composed of Judge Ben Campbell, Sterling Myer and David Andrew Simmons, all of whom are lawyers of experience and success. The resulting firm makes one of the strongest legal associations in Houston, and Campbell, Myer and Simmons have annexed an enviable list of clients. They handle a general civil and criminal practice, Mr. Simmons giving his time chiefly to trial work, for which he is especially well adapted. Offices are maintained in the First National Bank Building.

David Andrew Simmons was born at Galveston, Texas, the thirty-first day of May, 1897, the son of D. E. Simmons, and Virginia (Finlay) Simmons. D. E. Simmons, a native of Iowa, came to Texas as a baby, and was until his death, which occurred in 1924, one of the most prominent attorneys of Texas. Mrs. Simmons has made her home in Houston since her husband's death. David Andrew Simmons attended the public schools of Austin and Houston, later entering the University of Texas, where the LL. B. degree was conferred on him in 1920. He was admitted to the bar in 1919 and began his law practice as a member of the firm of Simmons, Jackson and Peddy. A year and a half later Mr. Simmons was appointed assistant United

States district attorney at Houston, coming here to take this office, which he held until the first of July, 1922, when he resigned to go to Kansas City on special work. After eight months there he returned to Houston, practicing alone until the formation of his present firm.

Mr. Simmons was married at Fort Worth, Texas, the seventh of September, 1921, to Miss Elizabeth Daggett, a native of Fort Worth, and a daughter of E. M. Daggett, one of the best known cattle men of Texas. Mr. Simmons is a member of the Harris County Bar Association, the Texas Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.



**J. HARRIS**, for upwards of a quarter of a century a lawyer who has enjoyed the high has for many years engaged in practice at Houston, where his special qualifications as counsel and trial lawyer have won the admiration and respect of his associates. Mr. Harris is senior member of the firm of Harris and Painter, one of the leading law firms of Houston, and one which has had a remarkable growth since its organization in 1923. J. H. Painter, also well known as a lawyer of high standing in his profession, is associated with Mr. Harris. The firm of Harris and Painter handle a very large practice, taking both civil and criminal cases, and have their offices on the fourth floor of the Scanlan Building.

T. J. Harris was born in Alabama, the twenty-second of July, 1870, the son of the late R. J. Harris, a native of Georgia, and for many years a resident of Alabama, and Fannie Crabb Harris, whose death occurred during her son's infancy. As a boy, Mr. Harris attended the public schools of Palestine, Texas, and after leaving school entered the law office of Judge S. A. McMeans, and later Governor Tom Campbell and Judge W. H. Gill, receiving his legal training under these eminent jurists. Mr. Harris was admitted to the bar in 1896, beginning his practice with Judge McMeans and Governor Campbell, and was later associated with Judge Gill. In 1898 he was made city attorney of Palestine, holding that office until 1900, when he was elected county attorney of Anderson County, and four years later was elected district attorney, holding that office for four years. At the expiration of that time, Mr. Harris came to Houston, in 1910 forming an association with J. W. Woods, as Woods and Harris. Still later he was associated with George S. King, and in 1914 was appointed assistant district attorney, in charge of the Criminal District Court, holding that office four years. After a short period of practice alone, Mr. Harris became associated with E. A. Berry, forming the law firm of Berry and Harris, which later, on the entrance of Weaver Moore in the firm, became Berry, Harris and Moore. This firm was dissolved in 1923.

Mr. Harris was married at Palestine, Texas, to Miss Nellie Hester, a native of Palestine. Mr. and Mrs. Harris reside at 211 Hawthorne Avenue, and have two children, Nellie, a student at Rice Institute, and Jack. Mr. Harris is a member of the Knights of Pythias, is a Dokey and a member of the Bar Association of Houston. He has for many years been one of the leading trial lawyers at Houston, and is generally regarded as one of the most eminent attorneys here.





**H**ARVEY W. GILBERT, one of the business leaders of Beaumont, has through his constructive business policies been instrumental in securing for this city many permanent improvements and industrial enterprises, and to his energy and ability this city owes much expansion. He has spent a decade of his time, and large sums of his own money to advance Beaumont, and to aid in its development, and it was primarily due to his influence that the Atlantic Refining Company, one of the major refining companies of the city, the Pure Oil Company, the K. C. S. Industrial Belt Terminal Railroad, and other concerns have located here. Mr. Gilbert is also financially interested in many enterprises here, and is one of the large property owners of the city. Harvey W. Gilbert and Company own a large part of the nine thousand two hundred acres on the ship channel between Beaumont and Port Arthur, and has taken an active part in developing that district. Mr. Gilbert is president of the High Island Company, Incorporated, one of the larger oil companies, vice president of the Gilbert Cattle and Pasture Company, manager of the lands of the Nona Mills Company, and a member of the Water Ways Committee, the Industrial Committee, and the First Commission of Pilots. Recently Mr. Gilbert organized the Gilbert Home Company, of which he is president. This company owns a patent on aluminum sheets that are made in units for residence construction cheaply. These units are manufactured in the east and shipped by water and will be handled by the various lumber and building material companies. Because of the high cost of lumber this new system of house construction will undoubtedly become very popular with the small home builders. He has his offices in the Gilbert Building. Mr. Gilbert is also a data expert, compiling data and preparing articles for publication.

Mr. Gilbert was born at Beaumont, the eighteenth of February, 1884, the son of John N. and Annie Wilbarger Gilbert. Mr. John N. Gilbert for many years was one of the most prominent men of this city, owner of large land, timber and oil interests, and active in all development work. A pioneer lumberman, he organized in 1877 the Nona Mills Company of Texas and Louisiana, one of the large lumber companies of this section, and was the owner of more than one hundred and twenty-five thousand acres of cut-over timber lands. He was also president of the Gilbert Company. In 1880 Mr. Gilbert, in association with Congressman S. B. Cooper, W. A. Fletcher, and William Wiess, and with the assistance of others, took the first step toward the development of the ship channel, and it has been largely due to their efforts that this advantage of prime importance to the development of Beaumont has materialized. John N. Gilbert died June 5, 1924. Mrs. Gilbert, before her marriage was Miss Annie Wilbarger, also comes of a family that has for years been active in public development, the County of Wilbarger having been named for her grandfather. Harvey W. Gilbert received his elementary education in the public schools of Beaumont, and after graduating from the high school here entered preparatory school at Ashville, North Carolina, after which he finished at the University of Virginia. He then returned to his home and went with his father in the lumber business, in which he has

engaged for a decade and a half. About ten years ago Mr. Gilbert became interested in the ship channel and its possibilities for development, and since that time has been active in this field of endeavor. He has devoted his time and money to the advancement of this important waterway, which has become the greatest oil refining center in the world. In addition to this a good part of the lumber from this section, as well as the sulphur production use the waterway, and it has made possible a period of prosperity that has made Beaumont one of the most important cities in the state.

Mr. Gilbert was married at Houston, in 1914, to Miss Hortense Gibbons. They have since made their home at Beaumont, occupying a fine home at Calder and Seventh Avenues, and have two children—John N. Gilbert, II, and Eleanor Hortense. The family attends the First Church of Christ, Scientist, and are active supporters of this denomination. Mr. Gilbert is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, the Beaumont Club, the Neches Club, and is a Mason, York and Scottish Rites, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine of Galveston. He combines exceptional executive ability, with constructive financial talents, and his work for the development of the ship channel is not only one of the most important achievements in Beaumont in recent years, but is a monument to the foresight of Mr. Gilbert.



**J**OHNN DOLLINGER, JR., for around two decades has been a factor in the manufacturing world at Beaumont, and has built up a plant that ranks among the largest in this section. Mr. Dollinger is president and manager of the John Dollinger, Jr., Incorporated, Company, a manufacturing concern established in a small way in 1906, and since that time a constantly growing business. The Dollinger Company manufactures steel tanks of all kinds, smoke stacks and a general line of flat steel work, and is one of the largest manufacturers of this line of steel products in this section. The plant was removed in 1923 to the new location on the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe Railroads, where they occupy an industrial site of eleven and a half acres, and have a modern, and completely equipped shop. The main building is seventy-five by three hundred feet, and several smaller buildings complete the plant. A force of from forty to fifty operatives are employed, and the business is one of the leading industrial concerns here. From a small beginning, the John D. Dollinger, Jr. plant has grown to be one of the finest in the country engaged in flat steel and steel tank and smoke stack manufacture, and the new plant is the largest in this section. The officers are John Dollinger, Jr., president and manager; Ambrose Rouse, secretary and treasurer; and Andrew Rouse, vice president and superintendent.

John Dollinger, Jr., was born at New Orleans, Louisiana, the twenty-first of September, 1871, the son of John Dollinger, a merchant of that city, and Margaret Dollinger. He attended the public schools of New Orleans, and first engaged in business in that city, in the metal business. Later he went to Donaldsville, Louisiana, where he was in business for himself for four years, later spending four years at Plaquemine, Louisiana, after which he moved to Beaumont, establishing his present business.

Mr. Dollinger was married at Plaquemine, Louis-





Harvey W. Gilbert.







iana, in 1904, to Miss Cora Rouse, daughter of Charles Rouse, an old resident of that place and a grocery merchant, and Nancy Rouse. Mr. and Mrs. Dollinger have six children, Charles, Meyer, Pauline, John, Cora Lee and Francis, and make their home at 1120 Avenue D. Mr. Dollinger is a member of the Rotary Club and is a Mason, York and Scottish Rites, and a member of El Mina Temple.



**JUSTEN F. JAKOWICZ** came to Port Arthur, Texas, in 1917 in order to take over the management of the Consumer's Ice and Coal Company, which is located at 945 Houston Avenue. In 1921 Mr. Jakowicz purchased the plant and has been the owner and manager of same since that time. This plant was built in 1915, and has a capacity of thirty tons of ice daily, and sells to both the wholesale and retail trade. Since Mr. Jakowicz has had the management of this plant, he has built up a wonderful business, not only in the wholesale and retail sales of ice, but in coal and building materials, consisting of brick, cement, lime, roofing, etc. He has made the Consumer's Ice and Coal Company one of the leading plants of its kind in this portion of the state, and plans to increase the capacity of the plant at an early date. Mr. Jakowicz has had an experience as an engineer and ice manufacturer that has taken him to practically all portions of the United States, and he has gained a practical experience that few men are fortunate enough to obtain. He came to the United States at the early age of sixteen years and began his business career immediately, and for a period of twelve years was employed as an engineer at Newark, New Jersey. With this experience as a foundation, he has followed engineering and kindred lines up to the present time, and a good portion of his life has been spent in the ice and brewing lines of this business. He was for many years trouble man for plants of this kind, and this line of work carried him to all parts of the United States. He was regarded as an expert and his services in this field of activity were constantly in demand. He came to Beaumont, Texas, in 1919 on a mission of straightening out the ice plant at that place, and it was his intention to only remain a few days, but he liked the Lone Star State better than any place he had visited, and he concluded to make this his future home, and has never left the environs of Texas. He was associated with the Consumers Ice and Coal Company at Beaumont in 1909, and later was made manager of this plant, and still later was made general manager of Beaumont and Port Arthur plants, and in 1917 came here as manager and in 1921 bought out the plant, which he has since conducted successfully.

Mr. Jakowicz was born in Poland on January 7th, 1873. His parents, natives of Poland also, never came to America. Mr. Jakowicz was married in Chicago in 1906 to Miss Hedwig Janis, a native of Poland, but who had spent nearly all her life in America. They have two children: Eugene and Frances. Mr. and Mrs. Jakowicz reside at 3456 Sixth Street. Mr. Jakowicz is a member of the Knights of Columbus and has attained to the fourth degree in this order. Mr. Jakowicz is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Business League. He is loud in his praise of Port Arthur, and believes that this city will become the leading shipping point of the Southwest.



**A. C. LOVE** is well known in Texas and Louisiana as an engineer, where he has been in charge of some of the most important work in this line which has been carried out in this portion of the country. Mr. Love came to Beaumont, Texas, four years ago to make this city his permanent home, but had resided here for some time before, and had left this city on account of his work calling him to other parts of the state. Mr. Love is county highway engineer of Jefferson County, with headquarters at the court house in Beaumont. More than \$2,700,000.00 worth of new roads and highways have been completed under his direction. Mr. Love has charge of all highway construction in this county and is recognized as one of the most competent engineers in the state. His office here is located at the county court house. In addition to his work as an engineer, Mr. Love is regarded as one of the most capable instructors in engineering of Texas and many of the younger engineers of this and other states have received their knowledge under the able tutelage of Mr. Love. He has had a wide and varied experience in engineering and kindred lines, which he began as an instructor in drawing at the A. and M. College, covering the full subject, for a period of four years. He then entered railroad service, in the construction and maintenance departments and was located in South Central Texas and Louisiana, where he remained for four years—1903-1907, during which time he was associated with the Southern Pacific lines and the Santa Fe Railroad. He then came to Beaumont as general superintendent of the Beaumont Irrigating Company, and was in charge of the work of this company for four and one-half years, after which he engaged in private work for one year. He then returned to the A. and M. College, on the request of the board of that institution, and for seven years was professor of engineering at that Texas College. He then became division engineer for the state highway department and remained in this position for a period of two years, when he returned to Beaumont in order to accept his present place as county highway engineer.

A native Texan, Mr. Love was born at Calvert, on April 1st, 1876. His father, B. F. Love, was one of the pioneers in surveying and engineering in Central Texas. His mother was Miss Amelia M. Weir, a member of a well known Texas family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Calvert, Texas, after which he entered the A. and M. College and remained a student of this institution for three years, and then attended Cornell University, pursuing the courses which would fit him for his life work.

Mr. Love was married at Houston in 1899 to Miss Laurel Sronce, a daughter of E. C. Sronce, for many years engaged in the furniture business at Columbus, Texas, and well known in the business circles of South Texas. They have two children—Jeane, twenty-two years of age, and Alan, aged fourteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Love reside at 1455 North Street. Mr. Love is a member of the York Rite body of the Masonic Fraternity, the B. P. O. E., the Rotary Club and the American Society of Civil Engineers. He is popular in the business and social circles of Beaumont and in all portions of the state, where he is regarded as a man at the top of his profession, and his services along engineering and educational lines are in constant demand.



**M**ARRS McLEAN, who for about two decades has been associated with the development of the coastal oil fields as an independent operator, has made his headquarters at Beaumont, and is widely known to the oil fraternity of this section. Mr. McLean operates under his own name, maintaining offices in the Gilbert Building, and has limited his operations to the coastal fields. He has production from royalties in most of the fields of the coastal region, and is one of the largest royalty owners in South Texas. Mr. McLean has been unusually successful in buying undeveloped leases, securing the capital to develop them, and retaining a part of the royalty, a form of operation that has proven profitable. Two of his most notable successes was in the development of the deep sand fields at Spindle Top and High Island. In both of these fields he secured large lease acreage on which he promoted the successful development, retaining a substantial over-riding royalty on his leases.

Mr. McLean's operations have not been confined to royalties, as his activities are also directed to the producing end of the oil business. He has interest in substantial production in a number of the coastal fields of Texas and Louisiana, with well equipped lease and drilling machinery. While he has associates in some properties, for the most part his operations are in an individual capacity.

Mr. McLean was born at Sherman, Texas, the twentieth of June, 1883. His father, Judge E. C. McLean, is one of the prominent attorneys of Sherman. His mother, prior to her marriage, was Miss Rena Wilson Marrs, a member of a well known family of Kentucky.

Mr. McLean received his early instructions in the public schools of Sherman, later attending Austin College, in that city for three years, after which he went to Austin and attended the University of Texas for three years, receiving the LL. B. degree from that institution in 1904. He was a "T" man in football team, and a member of Sigma Nu fraternity. He came to Beaumont in 1908, and began in the oil business as an independent operator, and has so continued to the present time.

Mr. McLean was married at Beaumont, in 1917, to Miss Verna Hooks, daughter of J. L. Hooks, land owner and cattle man of this section. Mr. and Mrs. McLean have one child, Ruth, and reside at 1262 Calder Avenue. Mr. McLean is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, the Neches Club, and is an Elk. A business man whose sound and versatile knowledge of the petroleum industry has been a factor in his success. Mr. McLean has won the respect and confidence of the business world at Beaumont, and has taken an active part in the development of this city.

**M**E. PIVOTO, one of the most careful and conservative operators in the Sour Lake field, has in the two decades of his activity in the petroleum industry concentrated his attention on development in this locality, and has established the reputation of an independent operator thoroughly familiar with this field and its possibilities. Mr. Pivoto, who operates independently, has two fine tracts in the Sour Lake field, one of ten acres owned in fee, and one of eight acres in lease. He has around a score of producing wells, with close to a hundred barrels daily production, and his lease

is one of the best in the field. He has one of the finest power plants in the Sour Lake field, and has all modern equipment for operating his lease. Mr. Pivoto is also vice-president and a director of the Hull State Bank at Hull, Texas, and vice president and director of the Sour Lake State Bank, at Sour Lake, Texas, and as a banker is thoroughly familiar with the soundest financial policies, taking an active interest in the management of the two banking institutions with which he is connected.

Mr. Pivoto was born at Nome, Texas, seven miles from Sour Lake, in May, 1875, the son of J. M. Pivoto, a farmer and stockman of this community. He attended the public schools at Nome, later engaging in farming until 1903, when he began his oil field experience. He started at the bottom, working for others, and while learning the business saved his money with the view of operating independently. In 1911 he began for himself, drilling his own wells, and operating his lease in the Sour Lake field, and has made a big success here.

Mr. Pivoto was married at Nome, Texas, in 1900, to Miss Ella D. Peterson, the daughter of G. J. Peterson, a farmer in Jefferson County. Mr. and Mrs. Pivoto reside at Sour Lake, and are active in the social life here. Mr. Pivoto is an Elk. He has for many years been deeply interested in the civic development of Sour Lake, and has held public offices, at various times, serving as justice of the peace and as county commissioner.

Note: Mr. Pivoto has, since this sketch was written, moved his family to Beaumont, Texas, residence, 1620 Victoria Street.

**D**UNCAN M. HALL, for around a decade one of the progressive business men of Beaumont, has been a factor in the development of this city as a shipping center, and is one of the best informed shipping and transportation men in this locality. Mr. Hall is the owner of the Hall Shipping Company, one of the leading and oldest shipping companies at Beaumont, and one which has built up a large and prosperous business. The Hall Shipping Company acts as steamship agents and freight forwarders, representing nine of the leading steamship lines. The leading merchandise shipped is lumber, rice, and oil well supplies, and a large proportion of the business handled is to coastwise ports and to Mexico and South America. The office in Beaumont is in the San Jacinto Building, and an office is also maintained in Port Arthur.

Mr. Hall was born at Rockwall, Texas, the third of February, 1889, the son of A. R. Hall, who is with the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad at Rockwall. He was educated in the public schools, attending the schools of Fort Worth, where he graduated from high school. He then went with a railroad company in Fort Worth, in the transportation department, remaining there until 1916, when he came to Beaumont, as general agent for the Gulf Coast Lines, a position he held for two years. He then became traffic manager of the Gulf Export and Transportation Company, remaining with that organization for three and a half years, and resigning to establish the shipping company he has since headed.

Mr. Hall was married at Fort Worth, in 1911, to Miss Eva Susan Sharp. They reside in Beaumont, at 2598 South Street, and have two children, Duncan M. Hall, Jr., and Helen Elizabeth Hall. Mr. Hall





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is a member of the Rotary Club, and is a Mason, Scottish Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He keeps in close touch with shipping and transportation activities, and is an expert in this line. Mr. Hall is also deeply interested in civic affairs, particularly those which have to do with the advancement of Beaumont as an inland port.



**C. GRIFFING**, whose name is of special significance in the horticultural world, has for a number of years past been associated with the nursery business at Beaumont, and has established here one of the largest nurseries in the entire Southwest. Mr. Griffing is the owner of the Griffing Nurseries, an organization that saw its beginning in a small nursery established in Florida nearly four decades ago by D. C. Griffing, and later managed by his five sons, of whom the subject of this sketch is one. The company at Beaumont was established nearly two decades ago, as a partnership between John W. Gates and the Griffing Brothers, and capitalized at that time for five hundred thousand dollars. After Mr. Gates' death the partnership was dissolved, and W. C. Griffing became the sole owner of the business. The tract formerly owned at Port Arthur, consisting of three hundred and sixty-five acres, has been made into one of the most modern sub-divisions in the South, and is known as Griffing Residential Park. The land holdings of the company include two hundred and twenty-four acres at Rosedale, Texas, and one hundred and twenty-six acres near Kountze, with fifteen houses on the Rosedale property and six buildings on the Kountze property. Also around twenty thousand feet under glass at Griffing Residential Park, that is used for florist business.

Today the Griffing Nurseries ship to practically every state in the union, and as far off as Lima, Peru, filling each season around four thousand orders, with approximately two million trees and plants used in supplying the demands of their trade. The general organization consists of Mr. Griffing as general supervisor, with the offices of secretary, auditor, landscape architect and nursery manager filled at each separate tract. The entire force employed in the Griffing Nurseries is around two hundred. In planning the Griffing Nurseries first consideration was given to securing a perfect system of irrigation and drainage, and the plant was built at Rosedale around these two important points. The plant, in its entirety, is one of the best planned, most efficiently operated, in the South, and is a concrete example of the executive ability of Mr. Griffing.

Since Mr. Griffing took complete charge of the business, a period of expansion has marked the entire business, and the territory served has been materially extended. Landscape men from Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana are coming to the nursery in ever increasing numbers to select their material in car load lots. The mail service carries the nurseries to many thousands of smaller purchasers, and the attractive catalogue of the company is distributed to around two hundred thousand people, while thousands of other pieces of small mail go out carrying the Griffing message. In addition to this an ever increasing volume of landscape work is being done by the Griffing Landscape Department, in Beaumont, Part Arthur, Orange, and nearby cities, as well as in cities of Louisiana.

Among the attractive grounds planned and executed by this department are V. Wiess Park, Pecos Boulevard, the Beaumont High School, and the homes of John N. Gilbert, W. M. Crook, Ed. Linn, E. Conway Broun, J. E. LeBlanc, B. R. Norvell, W. R. Priddie, William Saenger, W. C. Keith, M. F. Yount and others in Beaumont; the Port Arthur Hospital, business college, library and many other finer homes of Port Arthur, and many public buildings, apartments and residences in other cities in this section.

Mr. Griffing has spent many years in developing the Satsuma orange, the early market orange of the coast states, and an ideal eating orange. The trees supplied by the Griffing Nurseries begin bearing th second year after planting, and are a hardy, perfect example of this fruit, free from disease, and supplying orange growers of this section with a tree that they can grow without risk. Mr. Griffing also specializes in figs, roses, palms and general landscape material, and has one of the finest stocks in the entire Southwest. The Griffing system of B. and B. shipping is successful and popular. This means baling and burlapping. By this method (B. and B.) the plants are carefully dug with a generous amount of the soil about their roots, and then tightly sewed up in burlap, and so are ready for shipment. Some of the especially successful products of the nursery are the Moserianum or Goldflower, Lauretinus, the Privet group, the beautiful broad leaf evergreen, Red or Griffing's Crimson Crepe Myrtle. Everblooming Roses, tens of thousands of which have been grown here and in which field the nursery is supreme. Griffings' Hardy Palms, Arizona Ash, Papershell Pecans, Commercial Figs, Mulberries and Improved Bud Selected Satsuma Oranges.

Mr. Griffing was born at Norwich, New York, the ninth of May, 1873, the son of D. C. Griffing, who established the Griffing Nursery in Florida around four decades ago. As a boy Mr. Griffing spent much time in the nursery, and after finishing his education he took up horticulture as his life's vocation. He came to Texas in 1906, to establish the Griffing Nurseries in this state, and has been at Beaumont for the latter years of his residence in Texas.

Mr. Griffing was married in New York in 1902, to Miss Nellie R. Bacon, daughter of I. G. Bacon, a farmer and land owner of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Griffing have one child, Ralph C. Griffing, and reside in Beaumont. Mr. Griffing with his family attend the First Baptist Church. He is a member of the Rotary Club of Beaumont, and the Business Men's Club, and fraternally is a Knight of Pythias, an Odd Fellow, and an Elk. He is past president of the Texas Horticultural Society, and of the Southwestern Nurseryman's Association. He is also a member of American Nurseryman's Association, the Texas Florists Society and the Southern Nursery men's Association. Mr. Griffing is a director of the Tyrell-Combest Realty Company, to whom he recently sold 16,000 fig trees. Mr. Griffing has been especially interested in the development and beautification of Beaumont, and has done much to advance this city and make it a perfect residence city. His nurseries and his position as a nurseryman, is pointed to with justifiable pride by Beaumont, and this city is indeed fortunate in having this large enterprise, and a man of Mr. Griffings calibre located here.



**Q**LIVER J. TODD, one of the foremost lawyers of Beaumont, began the practice of his profession in this city in 1901, steadily advancing to a position among the leading lawyers of the state. Mr. Todd's practice is of a general nature, and carries him into all the courts, where his connection with many important and hard fought cases has made him a prominent figure. Mr. Todd has a large and modern suite of offices with a complete library in the San Jacinto Building. He has a force of assistants and his firm is one of the leaders in the city. Mr. Todd gives special attention to corporation practice and is a director in and attorney for the San Jacinto Life Insurance Company, and vice president and director in the Security State Bank and Trust Company. He also represents many of the leading industrial concerns and larger corporations in this part of the state, and is regarded as an authority on corporation litigation.

Mr. Todd was born at Charleston, Illinois, the twenty-seventh of September, 1877, the son of David P. Todd, a native of Ohio, and a farmer and land owner, and Virginia C. Todd, a native of Virginia. As a boy Mr. Todd attended the public schools in Coles County, Illinois, and later of Valparaiso, Indiana, after which he entered the University of Michigan, completing the law course in three years, and graduating in 1901 with the L. L. B. degree. He then came to Beaumont, where he began his practice and has so continued to the present time. He has always taken a keen interest in education and for over two years has served as a member of the Board of Education. In 1924 he was elected president of this board. He has also become interested in agriculture and owns a 5,000 acre rice farm, twenty-five miles from the city.

Mr. Todd was married in Illinois, in 1906, to Miss Carrie Mason, daughter of K. Mason, a farmer of that state, and Mary Mason. Mr. and Mrs. Todd have three children, John D., a student of the University of Michigan, Oliver J. Jr., and James W. Charles M., another child, died in May, 1924. They live at 2325 Broadway. Mr. Todd is a member of the American and State Bar Association, the Beaumont Club, the Beaumont Country Club, and is a Mason, York and Scottish Rites, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He represents the highest type of Christian citizenship, and has taken a deep interest in the accomplishments of his city. His masterly handling of corporation problems, and his legal ability has won for him the respect of the bench and bar of this state, and his merited success is in just proportion to his qualities as a citizen and professional man. Notwithstanding his exacting professional and business duties, Mr. Todd has taken an active interest in all constructive public affairs, and is especially concerned with the upbuilding and development of the city.

**P**RINCE A. DOWLEN, attorney at law, Beaumont, Texas, has for more than a quarter of a century practiced before the Texas bar, and is one of the most successful lawyers of this portion of the state. He began the practice of his profession in this city in 1897 and while he is engaged in a general practice of law, he specializes in land title work and is regarded as an authority on this branch of law. Judge Dowlen has been the recipient of many positions of honor

and trust at the hands of his fellow man, and for two years was justice of the peace here, from 1897 to 1899. He was elected to the office of alderman of the city of Beaumont, in 1906, and served with distinction in this office three consecutive terms. He has always taken a keen interest in educational matters and is a champion of education along all lines. He was a member of the Beaumont school board for about sixteen years and exerted an influence for good and usefulness as a member of that body. He is active in political matters of his city county and state, and has held the office of secretary of the County Democratic Executive Committee since 1920, and for more than four years has held the place of chairman of the City Democratic Committee. Judge Dowlen was admitted to the bar in 1892, and immediately began the practice of his profession in Randle County, Texas, where he remained until 1894, when he came to Beaumont to accept the position of superintendent of the public schools of this city. He remained as superintendent of the Beaumont public schools until 1897, when he resigned in order to again take up the practice of law, and has remained here since that time in the practice of law. After leaving school, Mr. Dowlen began his career in the business world as a school teacher, and taught for several years. His first experience in educational work was in Cheatham County, Tennessee, and later he taught in Davidson and Robertson Counties of that state, after which he removed to Texas and located at Farmersville where he was one of the organizers of the Farmersville Academy and was an instructor of mathematics in this institution until 1889. He then went to Canyon City, Texas, where he was principal of the school at that place, and during the entire period in which he was engaged in teaching, Mr. Dowlen studied law and continued his study of law until he was admitted to the bar.

Judge P. A. Dowlen was born near Pleasant View, Cheatham County, Tennessee, on January 8th, 1859. His father, Harris Dowlen, a native of Robertson County, Tennessee, was a well known farmer and planter of his native state. His mother was Miss Ann Mathis, a member of a prominent family of Davidson County, Tennessee. His early education was obtained in the county schools of Tennessee, after which he became a student of the Peabody Normal at Nashville, and graduated from that institution with the degree of L. I.

Judge Dowlen was married on December 25th, 1889, to Miss Lulu Martin, a daughter of Captain T. B. Martin of Fairforest, South Carolina. They have two children, Prince Orrin Dowlen of Houston, Texas, in the land department of the Roxana Petroleum Corporation, and Tom Harris Dowlen of Boston, Massachusetts, who is manager of City Service Refining Company. Judge Dowlen is a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 286 of Beaumont; is a member of the Beaumont Commandery No. 38, and is also a member of El Mina Temple Shrine of Galveston, and is a Past Master, Past High Priest and is a Past Commander, and shows his activity in Masonic circles here and throughout the state, where he is well known and popular. He is an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Beaumont, and is a leader in all civic movements for the progress and advancement of the city, where he is highly esteemed by the entire citizenship.





Oliver J. Todd.









**WAYNE L. LAY**, for many years a factor in the drug business at Beaumont, has recently established one of the finest drug stores in the city, and is highly esteemed for his connection with the business life of his community. Mr. Lay is president and manager of the Corner Drug Company, one of the large down town drug stores, and located at the corner of Crockett and Pearl Streets, which property has been used for a drug location for the last thirty-five years. The Corner Drug Company, an organization representing an investment of around forty thousand dollars, was established in May, 1922. At that time the building they occupy was entirely remodeled, and all fixtures are new, and the best that can be had. The store, under the new management, is one of the finest in the city, and carries one of the most complete stocks. A force of seventeen employees is maintained, and each department has been carefully planned, to give a maximum of service. In addition to Mr. Lay, as president, J. F. Goodhue is vice president of the company. The corner occupied by the Corner Drug Store is that on which the Dunlap Drug Company was located many years ago, and later the Keith Drug Company, and is one of the best drug locations in the city.

Mr. Lay was born in Mason County, Texas, the eleventh of March, 1887, the son of J. W. Lay, a farmer and land owner of that section, and Mrs. Addie Lay. He was educated in the public schools of Yoakum and Beaumont, and after finishing school began in the drug business. Mr. Lay spent five years with Grimes and Hurst, later going with the P. O. Drug Store, for one year, after which he went with the Keith Drug Company, remaining with them for twelve years, and leaving that firm to establish his present business. He is one of the best known registered pharmacists in the city, and is regarded as unusually competent in all branches of this profession.

Mr. Lay was married at Beaumont, in 1914, to Miss Julia Brown, daughter of a Beaumont family. Mr. and Mrs. Lay reside at 1445 Avenue G, and have three children—Daniel, Albert and Mary Adalene. Mr. Lay belongs to the Rotary Club, and is a leader among the younger business men.



**R. I. SANDERS**, who has for the past several years been a factor in the development of the oil fields of Texas, has had a wide experience in oil field work, especially in the construction of pipe lines. Mr. Sanders is connected with the Humble Pipe Line Company at San Angelo, Texas, going there from the Humble Pipe Line Station at Hull, where he was responsible for the forty-nine miles of pipe line from Hull to Baytown.

Mr. Sanders was born at Corsicana, Texas, the ninth of June, 1886, son of R. I. Sanders, a cattleman of that section. He was educated in the public schools, and after leaving school began in the oil business, in the pipe line department. His first experience was at Sour Lake, Texas, where he began in 1904 for the Texas Pipe Line Company. He remained with the Texas Company for about three years, after which he went with the Gulf Pipe Line Company, remaining with them until 1913, and handling pipe line construction for them in the fields of Texas and Louisiana. He was stationed in Louisiana from 1913 until 1915, for the Caddo Oil and

Refinery Company. In 1918 Mr. Sanders went with the Humble Pipe Line Company, and began work on the pipe line from Webster to Columbia, which he completed in 1918. He also built the lines from Webster to Hearne, from Hull to Webster, and two lines from Webster to Texas City, and one from Groesbeck to Webster, all of this construction being for the Humble Company. He went to Hull in January, 1923, to take charge of the pipe lines of the Humble Pipe Line Company in that district, remaining there until going to San Angelo.

Mr. Sanders was married at Paris, Texas, the twenty-ninth of July, 1915, to Miss Nannie Everidge, daughter of Benjamin A. Everidge, a native of Kentucky, who came to Texas a quarter of a century ago. Mr. and Mrs. Sanders have one child, Roy W. Sanders, Jr. Mr. Sanders is one of the most capable pipe line men in the coastal field, his knowledge of pipe line construction being the result of years of experience combined with a study of this department of oil field operation.



**JOHN E. HATCHER**, since the attention of operators in the coastal field has been directed toward Hull, has been closely associated with the advancement and development of this field. Mr. Hatcher is field superintendent for the Yount-Lee Company and has been in charge of the work at Daisetta since February, 1922. He has a force of around fifty-five men working under him here, and has a number of producing wells, giving production of around fifty-five hundred barrels. Mr. Hatcher directs all drilling and production activities, and looks after the leases of the Yount-Lee Company here.

Mr. Hatcher gained his first oil experience at Spindle Top, and in 1914 with the Lake Oil Company at Sour Lake running a rig. In 1919 he went to High Island, wildcatting for the Sun Company, and after a short time there went to Wichita Falls, with the Sibbly Drilling Company. In October, 1920, he returned to the coastal fields, later going to Duncan, Oklahoma, where he made a good well. He went from there to Mexia, remaining at that place until February, 1921, with the Sibbly Drilling Company. After that he came to Hull with the Yount-Lee Company, and drilled in that field for them until February, 1922, and was in charge of the drilling there until taking charge of all field work for the Yount-Lee Company.

Mr. Hatcher was born at Refugio, Texas, the fifteenth of October, 1892, son of William Hatcher, a farmer, who later went to Beaumont to engage in oil field work. His mother, before her marriage, was Miss Sallie McFarrin. Mr. Hatcher attended the public schools of Beaumont, and after leaving school began oil field work.

Mr. Hatcher was married at Sour Lake, Texas, the sixteenth of October, 1915, to Miss Louise Tidwell, of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher now make their home at Hull, and have one child, Johnie Maye. They attend the Methodist Church. Fraternally Mr. Hatcher is an Odd Fellow and Knight Templar; Shriner, Arabia Temple, Houston. Since entering the oil fields with intention of making this work his career, Mr. Hatcher has made rapid progress. His success is largely due to his industry, his close study of conditions, his ability to handle men, and his capability to adapt himself to conditions and handle any situation that may arise.



**J**OSEPH E. GRAMMIER, during the decade of his residence in Port Arthur, has been a mortician, and has built, through an earnest desire to give the city a real service, one of the finest and most modern undertaking establishments in the state. Mr. Grammier operates the business under his own name, and occupies a large and perfectly appointed funeral home at the corner of Waco and Fifth Streets. Here a modern, two-story brick structure houses the offices, funeral parlors, embalming room, and display rooms, while in the rear and with easy access to the street, is the modern garage where the hearses, cars, and ambulances are kept. A force of four employees assist Mr. Grammier with the fine service that he has set for his establishment since the organization of the business in 1916. In those days Mr. Grammier occupied a small office at 525 Fifth Street, with a pair of horses and a humble ambulance as his equipment. But those horses, and the man behind the small organization responded nobly, and although the equipment was not of the best, there was a spirit of service that made up for this lack, and the business grew. Soon an automobile ambulance replaced the horses, then another, and another, until now Mr. Grammier has a fleet of four ambulances, and two large hearses, ready at all hours of the day or night to answer the call. The two last ambulances added to this fleet are deserving a few descriptive words. Fully equipped with lung motors, first aid kits, and beds that know no jar, they are the last word in ambulance construction, and are the result of many years of study on the part of their builders. These ambulances have meant much to Port Arthur, and few cities of its size can boast the perfect ambulance service that Mr. Grammier has made possible for this city.

Mr. Grammier was born at Hampshire, Texas, the fifth of May, 1895. His father, the late L. Grammier, a native of Jefferson County, and one of the early pioneers of the state, was a planter and cattleman throughout his life. His mother, before her marriage, Miss Clara Broussard, is a member of one of Jefferson County's most prominent pioneer families, and now makes her home at Beaumont. Mr. Grammier spent much of his boyhood in Beaumont, attending the public schools there. After finishing his education he entered his cousin's undertaking establishment, in the fall of 1911, and learned the business under him. In 1915, he took his state board examination and was licensed as an undertaker and embalmer. At this time he was only twenty years old, and the youngest man to be licensed up to that time. He came to Port Arthur immediately following, and established his business in a small way, but, as was inevitable, the business grew, and is now not only the finest undertaking establishment in Port Arthur, but one of the finest in the state. In 1918 Mr. Grammier enlisted in military service, with the 303rd Cavalry, Fifty-third Field Division, at Leon Springs, and was later sent to San Antonio. He was discharged in January, 1919, and returned to Port Arthur and resumed the management of his business. Mr. Grammier is also a director of the Homestead Building and Loan Association.

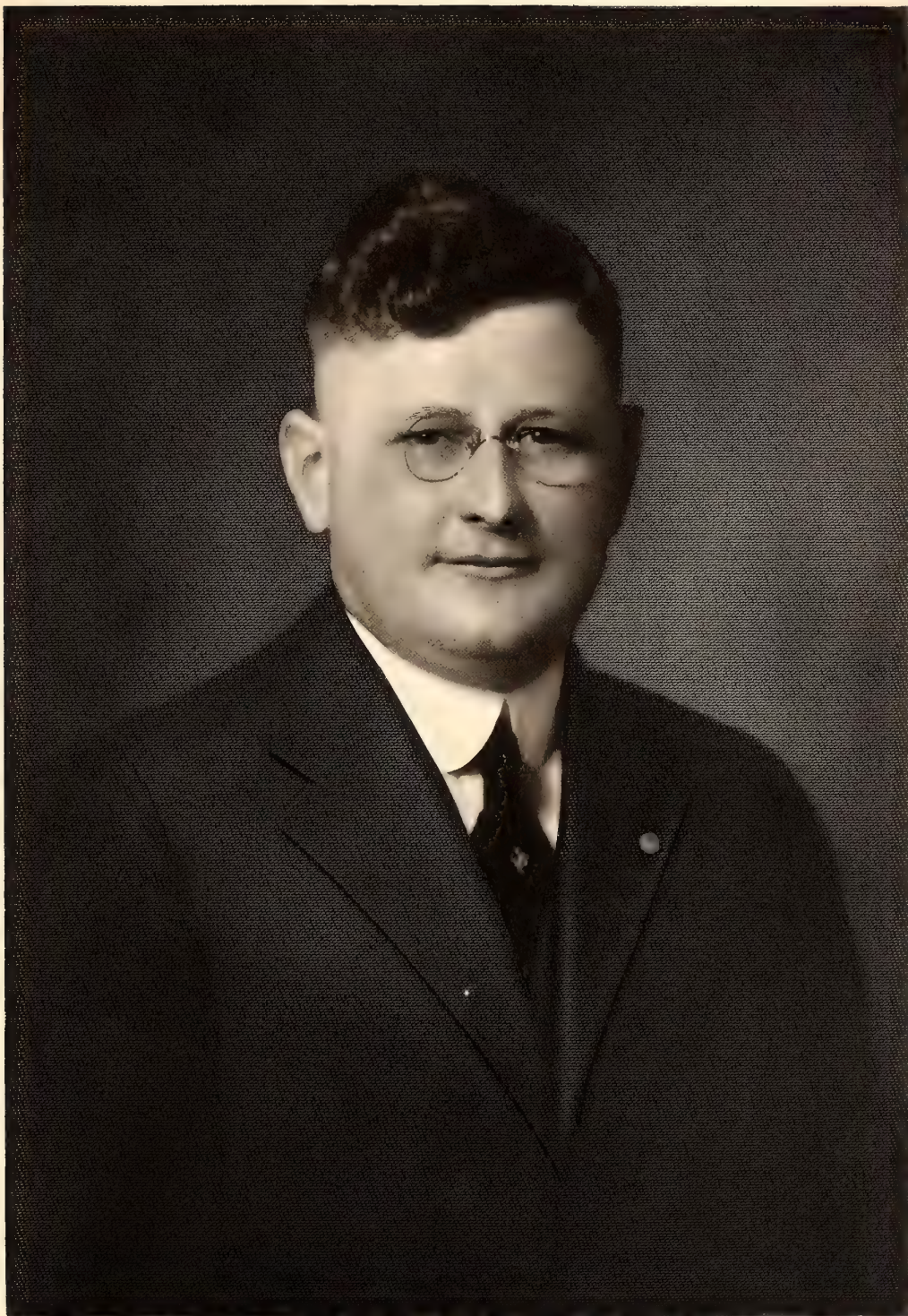
Mr. Grammier was married the seventeenth of September, 1917, at Port Arthur, to Miss Blanche

Mooman, the first child to be born in Port Arthur, and the daughter of L. Mooman, a pioneer of Jefferson County, and one of the first residents of Port Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. Grammier have an apartment over the undertaking establishment, at Waco and Fifth Streets. Mr. Grammier is affiliated with nearly all the fraternal orders of Port Arthur, such as the Elks, Knights of Pythias, Red Men, and others. He is a Mason, Port Arthur Lodge, thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He belongs to the Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Merchants Association, the Rotary Club, the Texas Funeral Directors Association, the National Funeral Directors Association and the Sanitarian Club of America. Mr. Grammier is interested in all civic work, and development work, and is one of the boosters of Port Arthur as "the fastest growing city in Texas."

**J**AMES L. DUNN, for the past several years a factor in financial circles at Port Arthur, is an expert on loans and credits. Mr. Dunn is secretary and manager of the Security Loan and Investment Company, Inc., a financing company operated under the supervision of the banking department of Texas, and which was established in 1921 and incorporated in 1922 as the Port Arthur Finance Company, the name being changed in 1924 to the Security Loan and Investment Company, Inc. They loan money on real estate and buy paper of all classes, particularly automobile paper and trade acceptances, but the main feature of their work consists in making industrial loans. The company has offices in the Deutser Building, and the officers are Dr. Frank D. Mabry, president; H. C. Crawford, vice president; Dr. B. H. Vaughan, treasurer; J. L. Dunn, secretary, with P. T. Williams, Fred Rodriguez and C. C. Harrell as additional directors. Mr. Dunn, as one of the organizers of the company, performed a valuable service to his community in offering a home company to handle local paper, obviating the necessity of having this paper sent to out-of-town financing companies. Local business men have been quick to avail themselves of the facility of this company, and the business handled has been very gratifying. But the feature of their work which means the most to Port Arthur is the granting of "personal character loans" modeled after the well known "Morris Plan."

Mr. Dunn was born in Hopkins County, Texas, the eighteenth of July, 1892, son of J. M. Dunn, and Lucy (Ballinger) Dunn, a native of Kentucky, now deceased. The elder Mr. Dunn came to Texas in 1875, and was one of the leading educators of this state until his retirement several years ago. As a boy, James L. Dunn attended the public schools of Sulphur Springs, Texas, later entering the University of Texas. He left the university to enter the First Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs, where he was commissioned second lieutenant, and sent to Camp Travis, and later to Camp Jackson, and still later to Camp Sheridan, at Montgomery, Alabama. He was discharged the eleventh of December, 1918, as captain of field artillery. He came to Port Arthur in 1919 and was for a year and a half agent for the Texas Company, and was then with Sidney C. Collins, steamship agent, for a time, resigning to go with the present company. Mr. Dunn, as has been stated, is secretary of the





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Security Loan and Investment Company, president of the Butler Motor Exchange, and he is also secretary of the Mabry-Griffing Trust Company, and is interested in the Griffing Residential Park Development Company.

Mr. Dunn was married at San Antonio, Texas, the twenty-second of July, 1917, to Miss Flora Reese, a native of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Dunn reside in the Griffing Residential Park, and have one son, J. L., Jr. Mr. Dunn is commander of the Port Arthur American Legion Post, is a director of the Young Men's Business League, president of the University Club, and a member and past president of the Lions Club. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Phi Alpha, college fraternities. Although a resident of Port Arthur but a few years, Mr. Dunn has taken his place among the civic leaders, and is one of the most popular and progressive young business men of the city.

**A**ALEXANDER BUNGE, throughout his residence at Port Arthur identified with civic and business enterprises of importance, has been a factor in the development of the city of Port Arthur, and is the directing head of the dominating real estate institution of the city. Mr. Bunge is manager of the Holland-Texas Hypotheek Bank, successors to the Port Arthur Townsite Company, and an organization that has assisted in the building of more than two thousand homes in Port Arthur, at a total cost in excess of three million dollars. This development work started with the tiny village on the Sabine Lake, before the incorporation of Port Arthur, and has continued throughout the years, covering the entire city. While in a brief article it would be impossible to give the history of the Holland-Texas Hypotheek Bank, and its many operations incident to the development of Port Arthur, a brief resume of these operations will serve to indicate the importance of this institution, from a civic and commercial standpoint. Organized in 1895, as the Port Arthur Townsite Company, with men like Arthur E. Stilwell, E. L. Martin, C. A. Braley and J. McD. Trimble as its first trustees, this company has followed a policy that has fostered and built the city along modern lines. The extensive program of street construction, park improvement, drains and sidewalk building that was inaugurated at that time has been followed to the present date, and to this company Port Arthur owes the park along the lake shore, extending from Houston Avenue, to Vandervoort Boulevard, and other parks and public grounds in various parts of the city. Of these public grounds a large portion are now occupied by such institutions as the Mary Gates Hospital, the Port Arthur high school, Dellora R. Gates Memorial Library, Port Arthur College and other schools and public buildings. Throughout its history the Holland-Texas Hypotheek Bank has been generous in the donations made to civic activities, and has contributed thousands of dollars to securing public improvements. From the time of its organization, one-fifth of the net proceeds of sales has been set aside to carry forward improvement work. In 1905 the organization recognized the demand for homes in Port Arthur, and broadened their program, which had at first included only the sale of unimproved property, to include loans for the erection of homes, and this policy of promoting home building has resulted in more than two thousand con-

tented home owners for the city. E. J. Everwyn Lange, of Amsterdam, Holland, is now president of the Holland-Texas Hypotheek Bank; E. A. Bunge of Port Arthur is manager, and Miss Claire Easley is assistant manager. Offices are maintained in the Plaza Hotel Building.

Mr. Bunge was born in Amsterdam, Holland, and came to Port Arthur in 1918. On the retirement of Jan Van Tyen, in 1920, he assumed the management of this important real estate institution, continuing to direct the affairs of this organization along the constructive policies adopted in the early days.

Mr. Bunge was married to Miss Elsa Meulman, a native of Holland. They reside at 2948 Sixth Street, and have two children, Adrienne, and Sonja. Mr. Bunge is a member of the Rotary Club.



**F**RANK E. STONEBURNER has for around a decade and a half been active in business circles at Port Arthur, and during this time has been a factor in the field of electrical merchandising and contracting. Mr. Stoneburner is a member of the firm of The Electric Supply Company of which his father, John F. Stoneburner, is the other member. The firm handles a general electrical contracting business, and has a complete stock of electrical supplies, including radio equipment. They carry the most complete equipment of any electrical house in Port Arthur, and are distributors in this locality for all nationally advertised goods. The retail business is one of the largest electrical merchandising businesses in the city, and in addition to this the contracting department handles many of the most important electric wiring contracts here, and is equipped to do any class of electrical installation. The Electric Supply Company is well located in the business district, and occupies a modern building, forty by one hundred and thirty-six feet, at 637 Procter Street. A force of eight employees are maintained, all trained electricians, and competent to handle any kind of electric wiring.

Frank E. Stoneburner was born at Crooksville, Ohio, the twenty-second of December, 1891. His father, John F. Stoneburner, a native of that state, came to Orange, Texas, in 1903, and was manager of Orange County Irrigation Company for five years. He then came to Port Arthur and operated the Port Arthur Planing Mill for a period of five years, after which, with his son, he established The Electric Supply Company. His mother, whose maiden name was Jennie Brown, was also a native of Ohio, her death occurring at Port Arthur in 1921. As a boy Mr. Stoneburner attended the public schools of Ohio, and later of Orange, after which he took a commercial course at Port Arthur College. He then went with his father in the planing mill business, and later with his father established The Electric Supply Company, which he now operates.

Mr. Stoneburner was married at Port Arthur, the thirty-first of March, 1913, to Miss Emma Elder, a native of Louisiana, who was reared in Texas. They have since made this city their home, and now reside at 2341 Fourth Street. Mr. Stoneburner is a Knight of Pythias, a member of the D. O. K. K., the Elks Club, the Lions Club, and other civic organizations. He has taken an active part in all development work at Port Arthur, both along commercial and civic lines, and is one of the best liked young business men of this city.





**JOHN MATTHEW CONLEY**, an honored resident of Beaumont for two decades, and one of the ablest attorneys in this section of the state, has earned noteworthy prominence as a lawyer, and has at various times held positions of public trust, demonstrating his official ability. His devotion to the best interests of the community has won him the highest esteem of his fellow citizens. Judge Conley served as district judge of the Sixtieth District Court from 1911 until 1915, in which year he became chief justice of the Ninth Court of Civil Appeals, at Beaumont, holding this office from June, 1915, until January, 1917. Since that time he has been engaged in the civil practice of law and has been identified with important litigation. Judge Conley is a member of the firm of Conley and Renfro, with offices in the Perlstein Building. He has a large clientele, being retained by some of the large corporations of the city, as well as by many individuals. His law library is complete, placing at his disposal every legal advantage. His careful attention to the interests of his clients has brought him success and he is numbered among the leaders of the Jefferson County Bar. Judge Conley is a director in the City National Bank, for which he is also attorney, and is one of the trustees and attorney for the East Beaumont Townsite Company. He also has oil interests and other properties in this section.

Judge Conley was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, the twenty-second of February, 1874, son of William and Annie E. Conley, the father for many years being a railroad man of that city. Judge Conley attended the public schools of Chillicothe, and after graduating from the schools there, entered the University of Cincinnati, where he graduated in 1898, from the law department with the B. L. degree. Since he was fifteen years of age, Judge Conley has supported himself and he worked his way through college. As a boy he became a telegraph operator and worked for the B. & O. R. R. as operator, train dispatcher, and was employed in the superintendent's office and completed his railroad career in the legal department. He began his practice in his native state, coming to Texas and Beaumont in 1902, and since that time has been one of the best known attorneys and judges here. From 1904 to 1906 he served as assistant city attorney, and for years as vice president of the Chamber of Commerce. He is taking an active part in building up the Southeast Texas State Fair and was its second president. During the World War, Judge Conley took a prominent part in war work, serving as chief of the Civilian Secret Service of this district, comprising six counties, and also as chairman of the County Council of Defense, and served as a Four-Minute Man. He was one of the organizers and a member of the executive committee of the Red Cross and chairman of the home service section thereof.

Judge Conley was married at Kingston, Ohio, in 1902, to Miss Essie Lee May, daughter of Charles W. May, now living in Houston County, where he is a well known farmer and land owner. Judge and Mrs. Conley live at 2272 Grand Avenue, and have one child, Jayne, who was born in 1920. Judge Conley is a member of the Beaumont Club and the Beaumont Country Club, American State and County Bar Associations, and fraternally is an Elk. Whether as a private citizen, as an attorney, or as a mem-

ber of the judiciary, Judge Conley has been unswervingly on the side of justice and the highest and best development of his community, and has done much to further these causes.



**B. SAWYER**, for two decades one of the progressive business men of Beaumont, has been a factor in the drug business here during this time, and has done much to raise the standards of drug store operation in this city. Mr. Sawyer is president of the Jefferson Drug Company, the only wholesale drug house in the city and one handling a large volume of business annually. The Jefferson Drug Company was established in 1919, with a capital of twenty-five thousand dollars, which has been increased from time to time until it is now capitalized for one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Since its establishment, the business has developed consistently, along progressive lines, and has paid a big dividend annually. The company owns its own business home, a modern two story brick structure, at 381 College Street, fronting sixty feet on that street and running back one hundred and eighty feet. They cover a trade territory that includes the states of Texas and Louisiana, and the volume of annual trade reaches a large figure. The officers of the Jefferson Drug Company are O. B. Sawyer, the subject of this sketch, president; D. C. Proctor, secretary, treasurer and manager, and M. R. Kleas, vice president.

Mr. Sawyer was born in Alabama, the twenty-eighth of March, 1877, the son of the late Dr. J. B. Sawyer, a practicing physician of Memphis, Tennessee, and Eudora Stubbs Sawyer. Mr. Sawyer was educated in the public schools of Memphis, attending the high school there, and rounding out his education with special courses. Mr. Sawyer came to Texas in 1893, going to Hillsboro, where he was in a retail drug store for two years, after which he went to Galveston, where he was in the drug business for four and a half years. He then came to Beaumont, and was with W. B. Dunlap for a year and a half, and for another year and a half with the Caswell-Preston Drug Company. In 1905 he started in business for himself, at that time having a partner, whom he later bought out. At that time he opened the Post Office Drug Store, still owning a large part of the stock of this company. Later he bought the Orleans Drug Store, and is now a stockholder in this business. Still later he started the Citizens Drug Store No. 1, later opening the Citizens Drug Store No. 2, and in both of which he is a stockholder. He is interested in the Hardin Drug Company, Incorporated, at Silsbee, Texas, owning the building occupied.

Mr. Sawyer was married at Beaumont, in 1908, to Miss Ethel Little. They live at 875 Fifth Avenue, and attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Sawyer is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, and is a Mason, York Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Sawyer's achievement in the business world has been entirely through his own efforts, and his intimate knowledge of the drug business, as well as his ability as an executive, has resulted in a wholesale drug business which is an important factor in the commercial life of the community. Mr. Sawyer has also been identified with many business and civic affairs, and has done much for his community along the lines of civic advancement and beautification.





John M. Chley.







**A**NTON JACOBS, Volkart Brothers, Inc., agency of Volkart Brothers, Inc., 26 Beaver Street, New York City. President and general manager, Max Greeven. Vice president and secretary, Leon B. Herault. Houston manager, Anton Jacobs. Office, 1509 Cotton Exchange Building. Telephone, Preston 3189.

**R**S. ALLEN is one of the live, progressive young insurance men of Houston and is associated with R. M. Anderson in the Anderson-Allen agency with offices at 317 Carter Building. Anderson and Allen are general agents for the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company and have a large section of South Texas as their territory. Local agents are stationed at practically all important points in their territory and the agency has been producing a steadily increasing volume of business since its organization in May, 1922. The Lincoln National is one of the strongest old line companies operating in Texas and writes an attractive line of standard life contracts. Business produced by the Anderson-Allen Agency by the middle of the summer of 1923 indicated they would write during the year a considerable increase of business over the previous year.

Mr. Allen procured his first experience in life insurance work as an agent for the Southland Life Insurance Company of Dallas. He was with the Southland for only a few months when he accepted the general agency for the Lincoln National Life at Jacksonville, Texas. His territory there embraced four counties surrounding Jacksonville and the agency was conducted with splendid success from September, 1921, until May, 1922, when Mr. Allen concluded to join forces with Mr. Anderson in the agency at Houston.

A native of Texas, Mr. Allen was born at Rusk in Cherokee County on September 4, 1891. He is a son of W. R. and Leota (Summers) Allen and received his education in the public schools and high school at Jacksonville and in a commercial college at Tyler. His father was a well known business man at Jacksonville and for ten years or more prior to his death in July, 1923, was the resident agent there for the Texas Company. He originally came to Texas from Georgia, some fifty years ago.

After leaving the business college, Mr. Allen's first work was as secretary to the superintendent of the Texas and New Orleans Railway Company. He remained in this position for about a year and a half, when he resigned to become stenographer in the general offices of the Texas Company. He remained with this company for several years and was filling the position of general cashier when he resigned. In 1919 Mr. Allen was elected secretary of the Young Men's Business League of Houston and had a splendid record of accomplishments to his credit when he resigned eighteen months later to enter the insurance field.

Mr. Allen was married in Jacksonville on August 6, 1913, to Miss Clyde Williams, daughter of J. D. Williams, prominent business man and dry goods merchant at Jacksonville for the past forty years. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are the parents of two children, R. S., Jr., and Mary Jean.

Mr. Allen has always maintained an active interest in civic affairs and is a member of the Houston

Salesmanship Club and a director of the Young Men's Division of the Houston Chamber of Commerce. He also is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.

**J**OHAN F. LEWIS has during his eight years spent in the oil business established an enviable reputation as a producer of flowing wells, having brought in fifteen producers without drilling a dry hole, and has also proven a success as an executive. Mr. Lewis came to Houston in 1919 from Fort Worth and is President of the Producers Crude Oil Company, with office located at 405 Goggan Building. The Producers Crude Oil Company was organized in 1922 with a capital of \$1,000,000.00, fully paid, and operate in the Mid-Continent oil and gas fields and are operating in Arkansas and expect to begin active development work in Texas. Other officers of this company are Frank Lewis, Secretary and Treasurer; this young oil official graduated from Harvard University in June, 1923. J. H. Smith of Fort Worth is Vice-President of the Producers Crude Oil Company. Mr. Lewis was Vice-President and Field Superintendent of the Old Dominion Oil Company, whose predecessors were the General Petroleum Company, from 1919 to 1922.

A native Texan, Mr. Lewis was born in Erath County, November 13, 1876. His father, F. M. Lewis, a native of Alabama, came to Texas in 1854 and for many years was engaged in farming in Erath County. His mother was Miss Minerva Gilbreath, a native of Tennessee, and came to Texas in 1853. His education was obtained in the country schools of Erath County. After leaving school in 1896, he started his business career as a clerk in a store at Dublin, Texas, and later became a traveling salesman in Texas, Louisiana and West Mississippi, and continued in this line from 1903 to 1905. He then became Manager of the Strawn Merchandise Company at Strawn, Texas, where he remained for one year, and then went to Mexia with the Nussbaum store, where he remained until 1910, as Manager of this dry goods store. In 1910 he entered the dry goods business for himself at Dublin, Texas, and in 1912 his store was burned and he engaged in the real estate business there, and continued in this line of endeavor until 1917 when he entered the oil business. Mr. Lewis drilled a number of wells in Stephens and Wichita Counties, and it was while drilling here that he drilled the fifteen consecutive producing wells, and this occurred while he was an official with the General Production Company and the Old Dominion Oil Company. In addition to his oil interests, Mr. Lewis owns farm lands in West Texas and has other real estate interests in the State, and is a Director in the Quartet Music Company of Fort Worth.

Mr. Lewis was married in Dublin, Texas, on December 26, 1897, to Miss Irene Smith, a native of Tennessee and a member of a prominent family of that State. They have three children, Frank, Imogene and Billie. Mr. Lewis is a member of the A. F. and A. M. He is one of the most careful and conservative men engaged in the oil business and has built up a strong company. He has had several years experience in the field and today spends the greater part of his time there, and is a student of the oil business, and is popular in the oil circles of Texas.



**H**ARRY A. BURR, for many years a resident of Orange, where he has been identified with the technical management of public utilities throughout much of his business career, has used his influence to further the development of Orange along progressive lines. Mr. Burr is secretary and general manager of the Gulf States utilities under the executive management of Stone and Webster, Inc., whose predecessor, the Orange Ice, Light and Water Company, was established in 1896, and has since supplied Orange with these important utilities. At all times the company has kept pace with the development of the city, extending their service as the growth of Orange demanded, and has been an important factor in this growth. Mr. Burr has directed much of this development, and is keenly awake to the part public utilities take in civic advancement. The ice plant has at present a capacity for eighty tons of ice daily, employing in this department five men, and manufacturing ice for wholesale distribution only. The light department, a modernly equipped plant, has a daily capacity of nine thousand kilowatts, furnishing light and power throughout Orange County, including the oil fields near here, and also extending service to a number of Louisiana towns and oil fields. This department employs seventy-five people. The water department, a plant with a capacity of two million gallons of water per day, the supply coming from pure artesian wells sunk to a depth of seven hundred and fifty feet, has some fifteen miles of water mains, supplying this important utility to the entire city, and has a force of five employees. The officers of the old Orange Ice, Light and Water Company were: W. H. Stark, president; H. J. L. Stark, vice president and treasurer, and Harry A. Burr, secretary and general manager. The plant office is located at 406 Front Street, where modern electric appliances are displayed and handled.

Harry A. Burr was born in Floyd County, Iowa, the fourteenth of July, 1880. His father, O. Burr, a native of Ohio, after a number of years in Iowa removed to Jennings, Louisiana, and later, in 1889, came to Orange. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Helen Walker, was a native of New York State. Harry A. Burr was educated in the public schools of Orange, later taking a commercial course at the Massie Business College, at Birmingham, Alabama, after which he began his practical business career. He had formerly, as a school boy, worked for the Orange Ice, Water and Light Company during vacations and after one year with the Leader Printing Company came back to the plant. During the years that followed he worked in practically all the departments, obtaining a first-hand knowledge of the technicalities of public utilities, and in 1914 was made general manager of the plant, four years later, in 1918, becoming secretary of the company.

Mr. Burr was married at Orange, in March, 1907, to Miss Bessie Parish, a native of Orange, and the daughter of James Parish of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Burr live at 406 Third Street. He is a Mason, Orange Blue Lodge, a Knight of Pythias, a Macabee, an Elk, and a Woodman of the World. He is also a member of the Rotary Club, and the Country Club, and has for many years taken a deep interest in the advancement of Orange, particularly in the development of the up-to-date public utilities.

**B** FRANK BROWN, president and general manager of the Sabine Supply Company, a wholesale hardware and supply company, doing a large business in Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana. This business has been built up from a small concern to its present position among the hardware jobbers of Texas, mainly through the efforts of Mr. Brown, who has been connected with this company as its manager since 1906. Officers of the company are: B. F. Brown, president and general manager; W. H. Stark, vice president; H. J. L. Stark, treasurer, and D. A. Pruter, secretary. The foregoing officers, with Mr. F. H. Farrell, make up the board of directors.

B. F. Brown was born in St. Joseph, Missouri, December 18th, 1875, his wife, formerly Miss Julia Andrews Robertson of Austin, Texas, and his three children, Julia, age thirteen, Eleanor, age eight years, and Frances, age four years, comprise his family. Mr. Brown is a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a director in the Orange National Bank and is chairman of the Orange Wharf and Dock Commission, operating wharves and terminals at Orange.

**J** AMES N. PARKER has been actively identified with business affairs at Orange since coming here several years ago, and as a banker has taken an influential part in the commercial and civic development of this city. He came to Orange in 1919 to organize the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, which he served until recently as vice president and directing head. Since leaving the bank Mr. Parker has devoted his attention to looking after his personal business interests.

James N. Parker was born at Arizona, Louisiana, the nineteenth of March, 1880. His father, James A. Parker, a native of Arkansas, during his early life a lawyer of Arkansas, and a former general attorney of that state, removed to Louisiana in the '70s, and later became a Methodist minister. James N. Parker was educated in the schools of Louisiana, graduating from the high school at Lake Charles, after which he entered Vanderbilt University, taking the B.S. degree in 1898. He began his banking career at New Orleans, in 1909, as clerk in a bank there, later going to Rayville, Louisiana, where he was in the Rayville State Bank for three years, leaving as cashier. After several years with the Louisiana State Banking Department he became president of the Bank of Delhi, of Delhi, Louisiana, and later went with the Frost-Johnson Lumber Company, at Mansfield, Louisiana, as superintendent and later as manager. After nine years with the company he came to Orange.

Mr. Parker was married at Monroe, Louisiana, the twenty-second of November, 1906, to Miss Jessie Mason, the daughter of John T. Mason, a prominent business man of Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Parker reside at 611 Tenth Street, in Orange, and have two children, Jessie Nash, and Eliza Belle. Mr. Parker is a Mason, Blue Lodge Chapter, Mansfield, Louisiana, Royal Arch and Knight Templar, at Beaumont, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He belongs to the Country Club, the Orange Gun Club and the Port Arthur Tarpon Club, and is well known as an outdoor sportsman. Mr. Parker is also interested in civic work and supports liberally those movements which have for their purpose the advancement of Orange.





*A. C. Quinn*









**H. McNEILL**, during the decade and more of his residence at Nederland, has attained a commendable reputation in the community for his activity in mercantile circles, and has taken a deep interest in civic affairs. Mr. McNeill is a member of the firm of McNeill & Company, one of the leading general mercantile stores in this locality, which he established in the fall of 1911, shortly after his arrival in this community. The McNeill store has met with a progressive growth since its establishment, meeting the community need for a mercantile store of reliability and sound values, and at present has one of the largest stocks in the city, and employs a sales force of four people. The store is well located in the down-town business center, occupying a modern store building, and has a complete stock of dry goods, general merchandise and groceries. Mr. McNeill has partially relinquished the active management of the store in recent years, and the management of the business has been largely in the hands of his sons, J. H. McNeill, Jr., and J. Paul McNeill, and James B. Cook, who is a partner in the business.

J. H. McNeill was born in North Carolina the twentieth of August, 1862, the son of the late Alex McNeill, a native of that state and a prominent farmer. Mr. McNeill was educated in the country schools of his native state and in 1887 began in the mercantile business at Godwin, North Carolina, later removing to Brown Summit, also in that state, where he was in the mercantile business for many years prior to coming to Nederland in 1911 to engage in business. Mr. McNeill still owns three large farms in his native state and raises tobacco and grain.

Mr. McNeill was married in North Carolina in 1890, to Miss Minnie Walker, a native of that State. They have three children living: W. T. McNeill, a prominent young attorney of Beaumont; J. H. McNeill, Jr., and Paul McNeill, both in the store here as partners, and have two children deceased. In 1916 Mr. McNeill built one of the finest homes in Nederland, and the family have since resided there. Mr. McNeill has been a factor in the commercial development of Nederland, his progressive merchandising methods greatly affecting the prosperity of the city, and has also been active in all civic work.



**WILLIAM MEEKER**, one of the real builders of Port Neches, and one of a group of business leaders who have been active in every forward movement, as one of the largest property owners here has been able to influence the trend of advancement to a large extent and has taken a constructive interest in all development work. Mr. Meeker came to Port Neches in 1916 and engaged in the furniture business here until his retirement in 1919, building up one of the largest furniture businesses here, and taking an active part in the commercial life of the city. Since 1917 he has built four modern business buildings of brick and concrete construction, and all of which are creditable additions to the business center. He has also built a modern moving picture building, with seating capacity for five hundred people, and equipped to give the highest type of shows, and provide the residents of Port Neches with a first

class amusement house. In addition to these properties Mr. Meeker owns a number of rent houses and other valuable real estate. Since his retirement he has spent his time in looking after these interests, and in furthering the development of Port Neches.

Mr. Meeker was born in St. Louis, Missouri, the fifteenth of May, 1860, the son of Sam Meeker, a native of Tennessee, who went to St. Louis as a young man, and Mrs. Meeker, nee Hood, a native of St. Louis. He was educated in the public schools of Missouri, and as a young man went with the United States government, doing special work until coming to Texas in 1912. He located first at Brownsville, remaining there for one year, after which he went to Beeville where he engaged in business until coming to Port Neches, in 1916, since which time his career has been sketched.

Mr. Meeker was married at St. Louis, in 1910, to Miss Stella Gardner, a native of Illinois. They have made their home in Port Neches since Mr. Meeker's business interests have been centralized in this city, and are active in all public advancement movements. Although Mr. Meeker was formerly active in club and fraternal work, he has resigned from all these organizations, and devotes his entire time to his business interests, and to the development of his city.



**LONZO CHARLES LOUIS WEITZEL**, who has recently entered the business world at Beaumont, is one of the most progressive druggists of this city, and is a factor in the life here. Mr. Weitzel is secretary, treasurer and manager of the Palace Drug Store, one of the old established drug stores of Beaumont, which was bought out in 1922 by Mr. Weitzel and O. B. Sawyer, and has continued to operate under the old name. The Palace Drug Store has a fine location at 600 Pearl Street, in the business district, and has a very large trade. Under the management of Mr. Weitzel the business has been materially expanded and built up and the success of the reorganized establishment is a creditable reflection on his business ability. Every department is complete and especial attention has been given to prescription work and the development of a large fountain trade. In addition to Mr. Weitzel as secretary and treasurer of the Palace Drug Store, O. B. Sawyer is president.

Mr. Weitzel was born in Goliad County, Texas, the thirteenth of January, 1897. His father, Fred Weitzel Jr., is a farmer, stock raiser and land owner of that county. Mr. Weitzel attended the public schools of Goliad County, and after leaving high school went in the drug business, at El Campo, Texas, where he spent five years. He then came to Beaumont, going with the Post Office Drug Store for a short time, and leaving there to buy an interest in the Palace Drug Store, which he has since managed. During the World War, Mr. Weitzel served with the Medical Corps, 35th Infantry, Nineteenth Division, at Camp Travis, enlisting in September, 1917, and being discharged in June, 1918.

Mr. Weitzel was married at El Campo, in June, 1922, to Miss Olivia Otell, daughter of Fred Otell, a farmer and landowner of that section. Mr. and Mrs. Weitzel reside in Beaumont at 1493 Park Street. Mr. Weitzel is a Mason, and since coming to Beaumont has taken an active interest in the commercial development of this city.



**J**AMES HENRY RACHFORD came to Beaumont in 1883 and during his long residence here has been active in the development of this city along all lines and many of the city's most substantial improvements were started by this progressive citizen. He started to practice law in 1887 and during this same year engaged in the land business, and was the first to enter the real estate business in this part of Texas. He selected Beaumont as the town of promise, and among the many additions to this city which he and his associates platted and sold were the Herring Addition, the O'Brien Addition, the B. D. Cray Addition, the Langham Addition, the N. Blanchette Addition, the V. Blanchette Addition, the first section of the Van Wormer Addition and the Neches River Park Addition. They platted and sold out completely the Oaks Subdivision of Port Neches, and are selling the industrial and waterfront additions of the Rachford and Dearing Subdivision of this city; this being the only additions to Port Neches with a river frontage and many other advantages. Mr. Rachford is the owner of the Coast Land Townsite Company, which is selling the additions to Port Neches, and is a firm believer in the future of this portion of Texas. The Coast Land and Townsite Company also are the owners of the Finlay Townsite in Hudspeth County. Having devoted many years of his life to the various branches of the real estate business, and the fact that he has resided here continuously for more than forty years, during which time he has made a close study of conditions and land values, makes him an authority on these matters and he is recognized as such. In 1888 Mr. Rachford organized the Rachford Abstract Company of Beaumont, of which he is the sole owner, and this company is the oldest abstract company in this section of the state. He is one of the pioneers in the rice growing industry of Texas and was largely instrumental in getting the people interested in rice growing in this section. In 1890 he sold much land to people from other states in order to get them to come here and assist in the development of this territory. Mr. Rachford is president of the Silsbee Oil and Development Company, which was organized in 1921, and are operating in Hardin County. He also has large and valuable land holdings, which he owns in fee, and in time expects to develop a real oil field. He has drilled many wells and located valuable holdings, but is holding development on account of titles. He is the owner of the Rachford Building at Port Neches, Texas. Mr. Rachford has the oldest real estate office in Beaumont or in this part of the state. He served as county judge part of an unexpired term in 1896, and served as county surveyor of Jefferson County for a period of twelve years. Mr. Rachford started the interest in building sidewalks in Beaumont and has ever been active along this line, and now this city can boast of as many miles of sidewalks as any city of similar size in the country. He was for many years a member of the school board and has always taken an active part in the educational matters of the city and community. Mr. Rachford was one of the organizers of the first Chamber of Commerce of Beaumont and was the first secretary of this organization. Among his many achievements for the good of this portion of the country was in 1894, when the people of this portion of the state were struggling to get the national

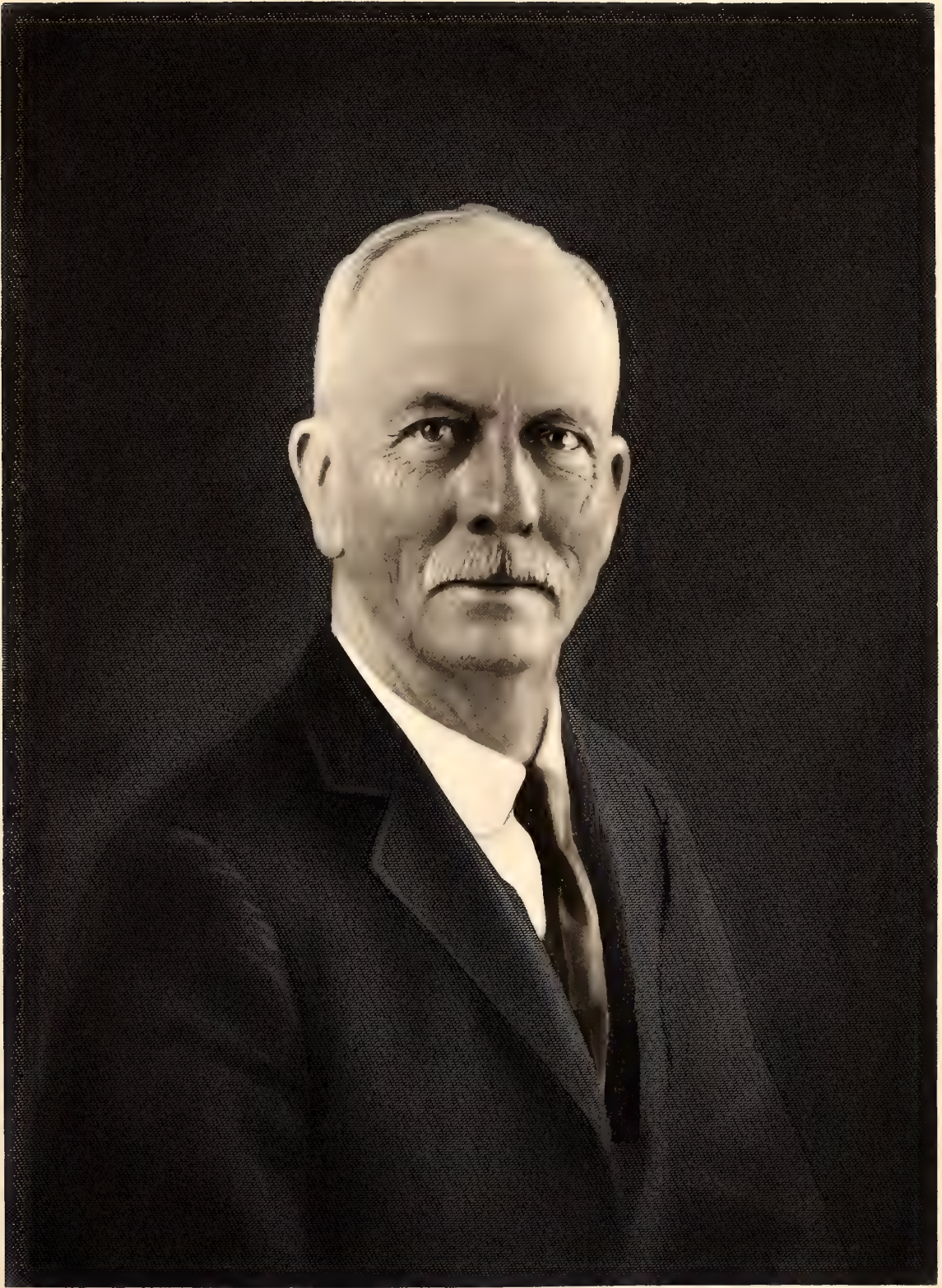
government to appropriate money to dredge Sabine Pass, and at this time a great portion of this congressional district looked on deep water aspirations for this section as a joke, and in order to overcome this, Mr. Rachford, with a few associates, called the first and only Deep Water Convention, and carried a solid twelve-coach trainload of East Texas people to Sabine Pass to see the waterway. After that they all became boosters and appropriations were forthcoming. In 1900 Mr. Rachford, with a few friends and associates, worked up the Rice Carnival, which was a success and the forerunner of the fairs for this portion of Texas. For many years he was connected with river excursions, carrying thousands of passengers every season, and is still engaged in putting this territory on the map as a shipping point. Mr. Rachford's office in Beaumont is located at 948 Pearl Street. He came to Texas in 1883 and settled in Dallas, but in November of the same year, he removed to Beaumont, and for the first few years practiced law here, which was practically confined to land practice,

Mr. Rachford was born in Monroe County, Kentucky, on September 8th, 1866. His father, Robert E. Rachford, also a native of Kentucky, was engaged in the lumber business and farming at Beaumont and Port Neches. His mother was Miss Angie E. Dearing, a member of a prominent family of Kentucky. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Glasgow, Kentucky, after which he attended the Glasgow Normal College and graduated from this institution in the class of 1883 with the B. S. and A. M. degrees, after which he immediately started his business career.

Mr. Rachford was married in Beaumont, Texas, in 1889 to Miss Annie C. Baughn, a daughter of W. P. Baughn, an extensive cotton and sugar planter of Brazoria County. They have two sons—Henry H. Rachford, who is the personal representative of the Gulf Oil Company at El Dorado, Arkansas, and Leslie V. Rachford, with the Texas Title Guaranty Company, San Antonio. The Rachford home is located at 2335 Park Street. Mr. Rachford has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Beaumont and gives liberally of his time and means to all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of this city. It can be truthfully said that there is probably no man in Beaumont today who has for more than four decades been so closely identified with the social, civic and commercial life of Beaumont, exerting an influence for good throughout a wide range of the city's activities, and a recognized leader along all lines as James Henry Rachford.

**C**HARLES F. GRAHAM, although but recently come to Beaumont where he is known as one of the most progressive merchants of the city, has for more than four decades been associated with merchandising activities of wide scope, and is one of the best known pioneer merchants of the Lone Star State. Mr. Graham is president of the White House Dry Goods Company of Beaumont, the largest and most modern department store in the city, and one handling a large volume of business annually. The White House Dry Goods Company was established in this city a number of years ago, being opened and managed by William F. Graham, son of the subject of this sketch, with Mr. Graham as president. Since com-





*Jas. H. Rachford.*







ing to Beaumont to make his home in 1921, Mr. Graham has been partly retired from active business, and while he directs in part the management of the store here, he has continued to leave its management largely to his son, who is vice president and general manager of the business.

Charles F. Graham was born at Carrollton, Missouri, the seventh of November, 1862. His father, W. H. Graham, a native of Kentucky, removed to Missouri while he was a young man and after a number of years in that state came to Denton County, Texas, in 1871, where he was a farmer for a number of years. Later he removed to Dallas, Texas, remaining there until his retirement some few years prior to his death, which occurred at the advanced age of eighty-seven years. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Jane Minnis, was a native of Missouri, her death occurring in Dallas, at the age of eighty-seven, the same age at which her husband passed away. Mr. Graham attended the public schools of Missouri, and at the age of eighteen years began in the mercantile business, gaining his first business experience at Lewisville, Texas, with the A. E. Graham Chain of stores in North Texas, he being a partner in the business. He later went to Ladonia, where he spent two years, and in the fall of 1890 went to Denton, and still later to Hillsboro where he opened a store, the Graham Company Department Store, of which he was president and general manager until 1921, when he sold out the business and came to Beaumont. Mr. Graham has also been interested in mercantile establishments at various Texas cities, and is one of the best known merchants in the state.

Mr. Graham was married at Lewisville, Texas, the twenty-fifth of May, 1887, to Miss M. Ettie Fox, the daughter of John M. Fox, a pioneer of Collin County, and later a resident of McKinney where he was prominent in business and civic activities for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Graham have three children, William F., associated with his father in business, as vice president and general manager of the White House Dry Goods Company of Beaumont; Charles F., Jr., also associated with his father in business, and Etta Jess, wife of C. A. Graham, who is also a member of the firm. Few merchants in the Lone Star State have had so wide and varied experience in the mercantile business, and Mr. Graham brings to Beaumont an outlook and breadth of vision that is exerting a wide felt influence on the business life of the city.



**MONROE W. CARROLL**, whose name has been constructively associated with the development of the petroleum resources of the coastal fields for around a quarter of a century, has been for four decades and more one of the outstanding citizens of Beaumont, and has taken an active part in the industrial and commercial development of this city. Mr. Carroll's participation in the oil industry has been primarily as an independent operator, buying undeveloped properties, which he has developed principally with his own capital, later selling to the larger companies after the property has been proven. He has displayed an unusual ability in this field, and has developed some of the most important tracts in the oil fields along the coast. One of his most recent projects is the development of a few thousand acre holding in Gonzales County, where operations are

going forward at a gratifying rate. A second contribution to the oil industry, and one of no less importance than his development activities, has been the many new drilling and fishing tools of his invention which Mr. Carroll has placed on the market. Many of these tools have been in constant use since their introduction and have proven especially adaptable to conditions of the coastal fields. Two in particular, the Carroll mud pump, a device that will fit in any water or mud pump, and a deep well pump for pumping oil, are important advances in oil well machinery, and deserving of special mention. These devices are being manufactured commercially and are supplied to operators through the oil well supply companies.

Mr. Carroll was born at Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana, the eighth of January, 1860, the son of Francis L. Carroll, a lumberman and land owner of that state who moved to Texas in 1873 and is one of the pioneer lumbermen of the Lone Star State, and Sarah Long Carroll. He began his education in the public schools of Beaumont, and after leaving high school and later Baylor University and Texas A. and M. College, after which he went to Salem, Virginia, where he attended Roanoke College, and further equipped himself for the business world through a commercial course at Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, graduating at the age of twenty-one. He had his first business experience at Nona, Texas, a town some twenty miles from Beaumont, and which he named. He served four years as postmaster, also financing all early development operations at Nona, and was one of the incorporators of the Nona Mills Company, in which he was active from 1882 until 1885. In 1885 he returned to Louisiana, establishing a saw mill at Provencal, which he operated until 1894. In that year he went to Dallas, making that city his headquarters, and continuing the operation of the mill until 1898, when he came to Beaumont, at which time he disposed of his lumber interests. In 1901, Mr. Carroll turned his attention to the oil business, drilling a gusher in the Spindle Top, which produced three hundred thousand barrels of oil in three months. He owned several tracts of land in Spindle Top, drilling his own property here and also handling drilling contracts. In 1902 he, with S. W. Pipkin, went to West Columbia and bought property which was held until 1920, when it was leased to the Humble Company and has proven one of their most valuable holdings. In 1903, Mr. Carroll went to High Island, buying and developing property there, and is at the present time engaged in active development work there. From 1906 until 1911 he operated a large machine shop and foundry business. He has from time to time been active in the various fields along the coast, and few oil men are better or more favorably known than he.

Mr. Carroll was married at Mount Lebanon, in June, 1887, to Miss Lula Prothro, daughter of W. B. Prothro, a planter, landowner and cotton mill man of that place. They make their home at Beaumont, residing at 1726 Park Street, and have four children, M. W., Jr., Mrs. Pearl Miller, Harry P., assistant manager of the Beaumont Gas Company, and Mrs. Thelma Hamm. Mr. Carroll has throughout his residence at Beaumont taken a definite interest in the advancement of this city and has contributed to all development work for many years.





**CHARLES HENRY MOORE**—In the history of the lumber industry of Texas, the name of Charles Henry Moore occupies a prominent and important place as a man who pioneered and blazed the way for those who are today leaders in this great industry. When he entered this field of activity, methods were crude, and with a progressive spirit he adopted modern ways of manufacturing and marketing the products of the forest. In 1870, when he entered this business in Texas, the virgin pine forests of Texas and Louisiana were so extensive that there appeared to be enough lumber in them to furnish the entire world throughout the ages to come. He witnessed a complete revolution in which the business was handled from the cutting of the timber by a few people in a small mill and hauling was done by ox teams. He saw the immense tramways built to the forests and the iron horse of commerce in the form of railroads enter the vast saw mill districts and carry the finished products to every portion of the globe. Mr. Moore was always one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of the Island City, and after his retirement from business he served in an official capacity with some of the largest and most important institutions of the city until his death on February 3, 1926. He served as president of the Edgewood Land and Logging Company, Miller-Vidor Lumber Company, vice president of the Lock-Moore Company, Texas Bank and Trust Company, Texas and Gulf Steam Ship Company, American Indemnity Company, and was a director in the First National Bank of Galveston and the Doe Estates Company of San Francisco.

Mr. Moore began very young as a school teacher in his native State, and in 1862 he went to California and became associated with his uncle in the sash, door and blind business, where he learned every branch of this industry, and remained in this line of endeavor in California until he came to Galveston in 1867 and engaged in this line of business for himself. He later engaged in the lumber business, both manufacturing and retail, and under the name of C. H. Moore and Company, established the first factory for making interior woodwork that was established in this portion of the State. In 1876 he engaged in the general lumber business with W. F. Stewart and Company, and continued in this branch until 1880, when he sold his interests with this firm and joined A. J. Perkins of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and continued with this firm as a member until the death of Mr. Perkins in 1893. The firm then became known as Moore and Goodman, and is now conducted by Mr. Moore's two sons and Mr. H. B. Goodman under this name, and is one of the largest companies of its kind in the city.

Mr. Moore was born at Freeport, Cumberland County, Maine, on August 10th, 1842. His father, Ira Moore, was a pioneer school teacher in the State of Maine, and was also engaged in farming. His mother was Miss Martha Doe, a member of a well known Maine family. His education was obtained in his native State, in York County, where through close application he finished school at a very early age, and engaged for a short time in teaching.

Mr. Moore was married in California in 1871 to Miss Ida Kilburn, a daughter of Wells Kilburn of Napa, California, who was well known in the business circles of the Golden State. They had two

children, Kilburn and Bartlett D. Moore. Mr. Moore was a member of the Hoo-Hoos and B. P. O. E., and always took an active interest in the affairs, both civic and political, of Galveston, and served for one term as alderman. Mr. Moore never failed to take a keen interest in everything pertaining to modern life, and believed that all the changes which have taken place in the business and social world were for the betterment of this generation and those to come. Out of the spirit of the pioneers of yesterday, men of loyal devotion, energy and progressiveness, has emerged the Lone Star State of today with its immense activities. To these builders of yesterday, who laid foundations, is due much of the success of the present and future eras. In the list of pioneers in the lumber industry of the State, no name stands out with greater prominence and none is more worthy of honorable mention, not simply as one of the makers of the greatest industry this State has ever known, but as a leading spirit of the Southwest than is the name of Charles Henry Moore.



**JUDGE DANIEL P. WHEAT** came to Beaumont, Texas, in 1882 and three years later was admitted to the bar, and prior to his election to the bench he practiced his profession before the courts of South Texas for several years. During his period of law practice, Judge Wheat was identified with many of the most important cases which came before the courts of this portion of the state. Judge Wheat was popular and was the recipient of many positions of honor and trust at the hands of his fellow man. In 1887, he was appointed county attorney of Jefferson County and served with distinction in this office for eight years. In 1899, he was elected to the office of mayor of Beaumont, and his administration was one of great accomplishment, and his services to the city have become a part of the history of the city, and his name will be perpetually associated with the beneficial achievements of his administration. While serving as mayor, he created the first paid fire department in this city, paved the first street ever paved in Beaumont built the first sewer line here and also created the first free mail delivery in the city, and re-named and numbered the streets of Beaumont. After serving his city for four years as mayor, he was appointed to the office of county judge of Jefferson County, and served his county in this capacity for a period of five years, following which he was judge of the Corporation Court here for about six years, and won the admiration of the entire citizenship for his just decisions. Later, the County Court at Law was created and in 1915 he was made judge of this court, and throughout his long service on the bench the dignity of the court was at all times upheld. Judge Wheat rendered the citizenship of Beaumont and Jefferson County great service, both in public and private capacities. In the capacity of an attorney, he wrote the first charter the city of Beaumont had, and as a private citizen he was one of the leaders in this portion of the country, always ready and willing to aid his fellow man, his city, state and country in every manner possible. In the building of both the foundation and the superstructure of Beaumont, he worked zealously and efficiently, and demonstrated his faith in the future of this city by both words and deeds.

Judge Wheat was born at New Orleans, Louisiana.





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on April 13th, 1865. His father, Captain J. J. Wheat, was a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Louisiana. His education was obtained in the public schools of Texas, but the liberal education which he obtained in later years was largely through self help. The opportunities for securing an education were limited, and he devoted himself diligently to home study, and his splendid knowledge of law and its fundamentals was secured through his own efforts in home study. Judge Wheat, at all times, had the deepest interest in the man who aspired to better his condition, and was ever ready and willing to render helpful service to his fellow man.

Judge Wheat was married at Beaumont on June 25th, 1889, to Miss Lettie E. Thompson, a daughter of Col. W. L. Thompson, well known in the legal circles of Texas and Louisiana, having been a member of the Texas Legislature, and serving for several years as a member of the Louisiana Senate. He was also deputy collector of customs under President Cleveland. Of this union six children were born, John J. Wheat, Mrs. Nenie A. Trotter, Mrs. Lettie Mae Cade, Lee B. Wheat, Daniel P. Wheat, Jr., and Virginia E. Wheat. In fraternal organizations, Judge Wheat was a member of the A. F. and A. M., the I. O. O. F., Woodmen of the World, Ancient Order of United Workmen, B. P. O. E. and the Eagles, and he took an active interest in all organizations for the progress and advancement of his city. Judge Wheat died at his home in Beaumont on the 27th of February, 1924, and at the time of his death was the oldest judge in Jefferson County in point of service. He was honored and loved by all with whom he came in contact, and he left as a heritage those things which he had done, which will be cherished always as living memories of the man who had been closely identified with the social, civic and commercial life of Beaumont for more than four decades, and exerted an influence for good throughout a wide range of the city's activities. Judge Wheat was endowed with vigorous intellectual powers, lofty ideals of commercial, political and civic virtue, a personality energetic, strong, magnetic, gracious and commanding in its high sense of honor and probity. During the long period of his life spent in Beaumont, he occupied a place of leadership in all the circles of the city on which, indelibly, he has impressed the seal of his usefulness, and in his passing, the profession to which he belonged lost one of its ablest figures, and the city of Beaumont a staunch, wise, resolute and constructive citizen.

**R**ICHARD ANGELO GIRAUD, whose name for many years was one of special significance in the financial world at Houston, had a genius for handling financial affairs and was one of the men carrying heavy burdens of responsibility in his time. Mr. Giraud was a banker of unusual success and experience, and contributed constructive banking service to his city that was largely instrumental in furthering civic development. Beginning at the very bottom, by close application he rose to a position where his name carried a prestige that was an asset to the institution with which it was connected, and his death, while he was yet in his prime, cut short a career that promised to carry him to the very pinnacle of success. Mr. Giraud had intellectual talents of high order, the natural ability

and perseverance to attain great heights, and his financial achievement was but a tribute to his earnest application of these endowments.

Mr. Giraud was born at New Orleans, Louisiana, the second day of October, 1850. His father, Theodore Giraud, was born in the United States, but educated in the home of his ancestors, in Paris, France. He came to Texas before the Civil War, later going to Mexico for the Mexican Government, and his death occurred very suddenly in that country. His mother, before her marriage, Catherine Thorne, was born in Sterling Castle, Scotland, where her father, an English officer, was stationed. Later the family came to the United States, during her girlhood, and she was reared in Alabama, later coming to Galveston, where she met and married Theodore Giraud. After her husband's death in Mexico she moved to Houston with her two sons, during the Civil War.

Richard Angelo Giraud was educated in Houston, attending school until he was fourteen years of age, when he went to work for J. R. Morris Hardware Store. After a short time with that store, Mr. W. J. Hutchins, head of the City Bank of Houston, and who had known him for a long time, saw in the boy a remarkable promise and took him in charge, with a view of making a real banker of him. He started from the very bottom in the City Bank, working himself up to the position of Assistant Cashier during his quarter of a century with that institution. When that bank failed and the Commercial National Bank took it over Mr. Giraud was made Cashier, a position he held until his death in 1896.

Richard Angelo Giraud was married at Lynchburg, Virginia, the tenth of November, 1874, to Miss Annie Ott, a native of that State and daughter of William H. Ott, who was also born in Virginia, and was a planter there all his life, and Frances Connell Ott, a native of England who came to the United States with her parents as a small girl. Mrs. Giraud is a woman of charming personality and culture, brilliantly endowed to be the wife of a man of distinction such as was Mr. Giraud. Their home at Houston was the seat of a flowing hospitality that endeared them to the friends that they made by the hundreds, and this home life was made further delightful by the seven children of Mr. and Mrs. Giraud. These children are, the late James Arthur Giraud, whose death occurred the fifteenth of February, 1923, and who was a prominent insurance man of Houston, and who was married to Miss Mildred Durst; Richard Theodore Giraud, who is married to Miss Louise Brown, and who has two children, and is owner of the Giraud Insurance Agency; Frances, wife of Theodore Heyck, Manager of the Houston Cotton Oil Mill and the Consumers Cotton Oil Mill, and who has four children; Edith, wife of George S. Westerfield, a mechanical engineer and manufacturers agent at Houston, and who has four children; Charles William Giraud, whose death occurred the fifth of October, 1918, and whose widow was formerly Miss Mary Kittrell, whom he left with two children; Stuart A. Giraud, of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, who married Miss Earle Anderson, and Miss Stella Giraud, who is at home.

Mr. Giraud died at his home in Houston the nineteenth of October, 1896, at the age of forty-six years. His life, spent in earnest endeavor, was marked by a generosity that endeared him to all who knew him, and the record of that life is a bright page in the history of his city.





**JOHN GOGGAN**—Few names figure more prominently in the annals of Galveston's history, few men were more vitally concerned with civic growth, or were more generally admired than John Goggan, business man, city builder, philanthropist and for two score years one of the honored residents of Galveston. Mr. Goggan was a man of vision, dreaming big dreams of the Galveston of today, but unlike most dreamers he was likewise a man of practical attainments and had the ability to make his dreams of civic greatness come true, at least in large measure. At the time of his arrival in Galveston in 1867 the city was emerging from the port of early Texas history into the thriving city that is one of the leading ports in the world of commerce, and men capable of bearing responsibility, of planning and directing big things, were in demand as never before. Mr. Goggan, with his characteristic energy, entered into this development work, giving his time, his strength and his means to the material development of Galveston, and in the doing impressed himself on his world as one of the remarkable personalities of his time.

John Goggan was born in Tipperary, Ireland, on the twentieth day of October, 1846, son of Thomas Goggan and Bridget Goggan. He spent his early years in his native country, but his dreams were of America, and he came here as a young man, seeking a career that would give him opportunity for self-expression as well as the acquirement of wealth. In 1866 his brother, Thomas Goggan, had come to Galveston and established the pioneer music house of Thomas Goggan and Brother, and the following year, in 1867, John Goggan followed him here. This business, established in a small way, and one of the first establishments dealing in musical instruments to be established in Texas, grew under the guiding hand of John Goggan, and today the firm of Thomas Goggan & Bro. is known throughout Texas, and for that matter to the musical trade of the country. The house became one of the largest musical establishments in Texas, with branches in various cities, and was more than a mere merchandising establishment, it was a Texas institution, and counted its patrons friends rather than customers.

John Goggan was married twice, after the death of his first wife, Sophie Marke Goggan, at Galveston, marrying Miss Aileen Patterson at Galveston in 1884. He had three children—Daisy, who later married Dougal McAlpin, and is now deceased, and Mary, now Mrs. Thomas Griffith Johnson of Atlanta, Georgia, daughters of his first wife, and Eveline Catherine, who married George Noble Copley on the twenty-first of April, 1909, his daughter by his second wife. Mr. Goggan was a devout member of the Catholic Church, and was throughout his residence at Galveston a communicant of St. Mary's Cathedral, and later at Sacred Heart Church, at the corner of Fourteenth and Broadway.

John Goggan was a leader in every movement for the betterment of Galveston, and his high ideals were felt in much of the development of his time. After the storm of 1900 he was in charge of all work in the east end of Galveston, working under the emergency government, and taking an active part in alleviating the suffering and distress following the disaster. He was benevolent in a fine

and unostentatious way, many of his contributions to charity being made anonymously, and the unfortunate of Galveston found in him a real friend, ever ready to lend a helping hand when by so doing he could aid someone less fortunate than himself. Mr. Goggan was an ardent fisherman, and a member of the Fish Feeders' Club, an organization composed of a number of prominent Galveston men who spent Saturday afternoons engaged in their favorite sport. He also belonged to the Aziola Club, the Artillery Club, the Garten Verein, the Old Harmony Club, the Galveston Yacht Club, the Galveston Golf Club, and was a patron and supporter of many organizations for musical and artistic advancement. He belonged to Camp Hughes, and met his death through drowning while on a fishing trip with the members of this camp on the fifth of September, 1908. A man of broad sympathies, with a wholesome philosophy of life, he counted his friends by the hundreds, and his death was deeply felt throughout the city, and the memory of his busy and well-spent life is an inspiration to others to follow in his wholesome example.



**ARTHUR EDWARD ANDERSON** was throughout his life prominently identified with the business, financial and social life of Galveston, Texas, where he was perhaps best known in the cotton and shipping circles, being a leading factor of these two fields of activity. He was brought to the Island City by his parents in 1892, was reared and educated here where his business successes were also achieved. As a very young man, Mr. Anderson joined the well known firm of Sgitovich and Company, becoming secretary soon after joining this organization, and later because of his splendid work was made secretary-treasurer of this company, which is the largest shipping company of the Lone Star State. He was always a student, taking at various times courses in his line of activity, that he might better fit himself to serve his company and render more efficient service to it. Mr. Anderson has an innate artistic talent and in his early youth showed great promise as an artist and only economic conditions prevented him from following his natural bent in the world of art. His work had received special mention among artists of the country, who held out the greatest encouragement to young Anderson and his family.

A native Texan, Mr. Anderson was born at Palestine on November 17th, 1888. His father, August Edward Anderson, a native of Sweden, came to the United States as a young man, where he became a leader in the business world. His mother was a native of Houston and is now residing in New Orleans, Louisiana. His education was obtained in the public schools and convent at Galveston, which he left when a mere boy in order to enter the business world and where he met with success.

Mr. Anderson started his business career in Galveston with the Galveston, Harrisburg and Houston Railroad in the cotton department, and while associated with this line of railway, he received many merited promotions. Outside interests saw the ability of young Anderson and he was invited to join the staff of the E. C. Worrall Company, cotton brokers of Galveston. He remained with this company for several years and when they removed to England he became associated with the firm of





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Sproule and Buckman, remaining with this organization until 1913. His accurate and efficient business methods together with his strict attention to the details of his business attracted the attention of the late M. Sgitcovich, and when his firm retired from active business pursuits, Mr. Anderson was offered a position with the Sgitcovich Company, who for some time had wanted him with their organization. He accepted and became one of the most honored and trusted men of this large shipping company.

Mr. Anderson was married at Galveston, Texas, in August, 1908, to Miss Betty Parr, a native of Fantanette, Indiana. Her father, Joseph Parr, and mother, Margaret Jane (Gregory) Parr, both natives of England, came to the United States in 1887, settling in Indiana. In 1901 they removed to Texas and established their home near Galveston, where they remained for a period of five years, then removed to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where they still make their home. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Anderson: Betty Jane and Helen Irene. The Anderson home is located at 3402 R½. Mr. Anderson was prominent in the Masonic circles of Galveston and of Texas, his membership in this order being with Tucker Lodge where he also was a Shriner of El Mina Temple of Galveston. He held membership in the B. P. O. E., and other social organizations where he was very popular. In the business and civic organizations of the Island City Mr. Anderson took a leading part, at all times willing and desirous of giving his material aid to all projects for the improvement and betterment of the Island City. His church affiliation was with the Episcopal Church, this being the religion of his forebears for many generations.

Mr. Anderson was killed in an automobile accident in 1924. At the time of his death he was acting president of the Sgitcovich Company, while Mr. T. R. Hancock, the president of the company, was absent in Washington, D. C., on important business of the company. Mr. Anderson was indeed a young man of the very highest type, was very popular with his business associates and all others who were fortunate in having him as an acquaintance. His future in the business world was the brightest of any man of the Island City, being absolutely assured, through his great knowledge of his business and of his knowledge of men in general, and his capacity for making friends and of holding them.



**HERMANN CARL LANGE**—Among those pioneers of Galveston, who in the early days of the history of the city laid the solid foundation of commercial and civic progress, upon which the prosperity of today rests, stands the name of Hermann Carl Lange, for half a century associated with the business world here, and a man whose activity in all civic affairs entitles him to a place among the builders of Galveston. Mr. Lange came to Galveston as a young man, bringing with him the enthusiasm of youth and, filled with an unconquerable ambition to forge ahead, he soon took his place among the more prominent men of earlier days. Actuated by a realization that industry was the price of success, Mr. Lang threw himself wholeheartedly into his work and the management of the business he had founded, with the result that he built up one of the largest wholesale

grocery houses of his time, and yet, in spite of heavy business demands, he found time to take an interest in the development of Galveston, and whenever opportunity arose he was one of the first to give his support to those civic measures which determine the future growth of a city. Mr. Lange was that type of business man whose integrity, whose sound and practical ideas and whose constructive vision are best appreciated in a crisis, and in times when cool heads and men capable of bearing heavy responsibilities were in demand, he never faltered, giving his best to his city, and working indefatigably for the common good.

Hermann Carl Lange was born in Germany, the seventeenth of July, 1846, of German parentage, and was brought to the United States as an infant, in 1847. His family settled at Houston, where he received his schooling, and where he remained until the late sixties, when he came to Galveston. Here he entered the wholesale grocery business, beginning in a local house, and as he learned the business he found advancement rapid. Some years later he started in the wholesale grocery business for himself, and later became associated with the firm of Foche, Wilkens and Lange, a firm which was thereafter not only a factor in the wholesale grocery business, but engaged in the cotton business, and dealt largely in that product. Mr. Lange was the head of the grocery department of this firm and active in its management from its organization until his death in 1912, and it was largely due to his constructive policies and his foresight that this firm became one of the largest in Galveston, and contributed to the general prosperity of the city.

Mr. Lange was married in Galveston in 1877, to Miss Augusta Gruendler, daughter of C. Gruendler of Germany, who came to America in 1867, his death occurring the following year. Mrs. Lange took a deep interest in her husband's business, and gave encouragement and inspiration to him throughout their married life. Mr. and Mrs. Lange were the parents of ten children—Alvin T. Lange, Carl W. Lange, Hermann R. Lange, William G. Lange, Oscar G. Lange, Olga, Mrs. R. B. Wilkins; Adele, Mrs. A. Q. Peterson; Helene, Mrs. F. A. Redmond; Anna, Mrs. J. S. Stafford, and Miss Erna Lange. The family have resided since 1885 in the Lange home at 1102 Avenue G. Alvin T. Lange succeeded to his father's interest in the business, which is now conducted under the name of Wilkins & Lange.

Mr. Lange was a prominent Mason, taking an active interest in Masonic affairs, and was a member of the Aziola Club, the Germania Club, the Garten Verein, and other organizations. He belonged to the South Texas Wholesale Grocers' Association, of which organization he was a past president. Mr. Lange was a member of the Lutheran Church, in which faith he was reared. Mr. Lange was a member of the first city commission of Galveston, appointed by the governor, and was re-elected each succeeding term, serving until his death. He was a prime factor in the rebuilding of Galveston after the great storm of 1900. From 1900 until his death he was president of the City (Water) Works Company, and had charge of the plant after the city took it over. Mr. Lange's death, which occurred in Galveston in 1912, on the twentieth of April, was deeply felt throughout the city, and was a loss, not only to commercial and civic interests, but to his hundreds of friends.



**C**HARLES THEODORE SUDERMAN. For more than four decades the business, shipping and marine circles of Galveston had as one of its most enterprising members Charles Theodore Suderman. Mr. Suderman was the senior member of the firm of Suderman and Young, harbor and coastwise tug boat operators, one of the largest and oldest institutions of its kind in the city. Mr. Suderman started in stevedoring for himself in 1896, meeting with splendid success and adding other branches of the business, and joining forces with Mr. John Young, well known in the business and financial circles of the city.

Mr. Suderman was born in Sweden on October 13th, 1859. His father, N. P. Suderman, spent his entire life on the sea, and Mr. Suderman inherited this love for the sea from his father, and after attending school in his native country, he shipped on an American ship to America in 1877, and within a year he was made an officer. Before locating at Galveston, he was on the high seas for many years, and has been in every port in the world. When Mr. Suderman first came to Galveston, he entered the employ of Charles Clark and Company, large ship owners and well known throughout the country in this profession. He had always been active in the business, civic and political life of this city, and served on the city commission for two years, from 1918 to 1920.

Mr. Suderman was married at Galveston in 1891, to Miss Katie Dolson, a daughter of Benjamin Dolson, well known business man of this city, where for many years he was engaged in the stevedoring business. Mr. and Mrs. Suderman had four children: Charles W., Adolph Daniels, Collis P. and El-Mar. Mr. Suderman was a member of both York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic order, and was a Shriner of El Mina Temple of Galveston. He also held membership in the Aziola Club and the Galveston Country Club.

Mr. Suderman's death occurred in his native country, August 30th, 1925, while he was on a visit to his birthplace. In the passing of Mr. Suderman Galveston lost one of its most valued business men, and beloved citizens. A host of warm friends, and all those with whom he was associated knew him to be a loyal friend and devoted husband and father.

**J**ESSE E. LONGE—In recounting the history of the commercial development of Beaumont, the name of Jesse E. Longe, one of the foremost residents of this city for many years, stands out as the type of business man who used his influence in commercial circles to secure advantages for his city, and whose business activities were conducive to civic prosperity. Mr. Longe was the type of merchant to whom progress is inevitable, and, although beginning in a small way, he built up in a brief period of time one of the largest coffee importing houses in the city, bringing to Beaumont a business in this line that added materially to the wealth of the city. Yet he was not interested in this business alone, but found time to take a part in all civic work, and contributed generously to various welfare movements.

Jesse E. Longe was born at Humboldt, Kansas, the twenty-seventh of November, 1871, son of William H. Longe, a native Ohioan, who spent a number of years in Kansas, removing to Florida in the early eighties, and later going to California, where

his death occurred, and Libby Swartz Longe, also deceased. Mr. Longe was reared in Daytona, Florida, attending the schools there, and as a young man beginning his business career in that city as a clerk in a grocery store. Later he took charge of the store as manager, operating it very successfully for a number of years, after which he removed to Colorado. He did not like that state, however, and shortly afterwards came to Texas, locating at Beaumont, where he started the Longe Coffee Store on a very small scale. This business developed rapidly, constantly expanding to meet growing trade demands, until today it is one of the largest coffee retail houses in Texas, and a monument to the vision and business ability of its founder. Mr. Longe imported and roasted coffee, giving careful attention to securing the best coffee available, and giving to his patrons a product that was in part responsible for the growth of the business. As a business man there was ever associated with his name an integrity that was one of his greatest assets, and his business relations with his fellows were of the highest order.

Mr. Longe was married in Daytona, Florida, the twentieth of October, 1892, to Miss Bessie Austin, his childhood sweetheart and schoolmate. Mrs. Longe was a native of Rock Island, Illinois, and the daughter of Richard Austin, who came to Florida when she was a child, and whose death occurred a few years later. Mrs. Longe was reared and educated by her mother, Deborah Ballough Austin, who is also deceased. She and Mr. Longe had an ideal married life, and their home was noted for its fine hospitality and atmosphere. Mrs. Longe is a woman of high accomplishments, and throughout her married life was the constant inspiration and companion of her husband. One child, W. Harry Longe, was born to this union. He is a graduate of the Beaumont schools and of the New York University, where he specialized in advertising. Leaving college he enlisted in the United States Army, and served during the World War, with the coast artillery, at Galveston and other points. After his discharge he returned to Beaumont, taking over the management of the business established by his father, and has since continued the operation of the business along highly successful lines.

Jesse E. Longe died at Beaumont the twenty-second of April, 1921, cutting short a career which had been marked with many distinctions. He was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church, and had been chairman of the Board of Stewards for many years, taking a prominent part in all church work. He was also a member of the Beaumont Country and Rotary Clubs and was a director of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Longe was greatly interested in civic work, especially in those movements which had for their purpose the welfare of the community and he gave freely both of his time and means for the betterment of the condition of those less fortunate than himself. Among his business associates he was known for his progressive ideals and a high business standard that was reflected in his own business and made it an organization of which Beaumont was justly proud. He had many friends, men, women and children, from every walk in life, and was held in highest esteem by all who knew him, and his memory will long be honored by all who were associated with him, and who felt the influence of his character.





CHARLES T. SUDERMAN







**J**UDGE FREDERICK JOSEPH DUFF, whose merited success as a member of the bar at Beaumont is in proportion to his qualities as lawyer and citizen, has in the two decades and more of his practice in this city attained a position of leadership in his profession. Judge Duff is a member of the firm of F. J. and C. T. Duff. The firm is one of primary importance at Beaumont, both in point of prestige and practice, and has established one of the largest practices in the city, with an imposing list of clients. Special attention is given to corporation work, and Mr. Duff's masterly handling of corporation matters has won for him the admiration and respect of bench and bar. He also has a large admiralty practice and has attained a high reputation for his work in this field. The firm represents the Southern Pacific Railroad and the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railroad as division attorneys, and acts as attorney for the Western Union Telegraph Company, the American Railway Express Company and the Gulf Refining Company. They are also employed as counsel for many of the other large concerns of Beaumont, and represent these corporations efficiently. Offices are located in the San Jacinto Life Insurance Building. C. T. Duff, one of the brilliant young attorneys of the city, is following in the footsteps of his father, and promises to attain distinction in his vocation.

Judge Duff was born in Brazoria County, the sixth of August, 1859, the son of George W. Duff, pioneer attorney of that county, and Martha (Culpepper) Duff. After finishing his school work, in the schools of Brazoria County, he went to Baltimore, Maryland, and entered Baltimore City College. After leaving college, he returned to Texas, where he was engaged in steamboating some three years, reading law and making preparation for his legal career during that time. He was admitted to the bar in 1883, going to the State Legislature in the same year, at that time the youngest man to go to this body. He made an excellent record at Austin, impressing his influence on much of the important legislation of the day and looking after the interests of his constituents in a capable and commendatory manner. Returning to Brazoria County, he resumed his private practice, and was elected county judge of Brazoria County, and while in that office demonstrated his judicial ability and his devotion to the best interests of the people. He came to Beaumont in January, 1901, after almost two decades of successful practice, and established his practice in this city, steadily advancing in his profession, and fulfilling the earlier predictions as to his future. As a railroad builder, Judge Duff has contributed much to the development of Texas. He took an important part in the building of the road from Beaumont to Summerville and Beaumont to Longview and the road from Houston to Beaumont, now a part of the Gulf Coast Lines.

Mr. Duff was married in Brazoria County, in 1885, to Miss Clinton Terry, daughter of Mr. Clint Terry, pioneer attorney, of Brazoria County, who was killed at the battle of Shiloh, in the first year of the Civil War. Judge and Mrs. Duff have one child, Clinton Terry Duff, who is associated with his father. The family reside at 2280 Calder Street. Judge Duff is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, of which he is one of the organizers, is a life member of Hoo-Hoos, and is a Mason, York Rite, Knight Temp-

lar and an Elk. In legal ability, poise and character, he has no superior among the attorneys of this state and represents the highest type of Christian citizenship.

**J**OHN D. McLELLAND is well known in the business circles of Houston, where for more than twenty years he has been associated with the local Western Union Telegraph office. Mr. McLelland is City Superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company; this being the highest position of the company in Houston, where two hundred and fifty people are employed. Mr. McLelland came to Texas and to Houston in 1901 as night chief operator of the Postal Telegraph Company, and received one promotion after another until he had reached the highest position in Houston within the gift of this company, that of manager. In 1914 he went with the Western Union Telegraph Company, and has been with them since that time. This Company maintains conveniently located offices at 915 Franklin Avenue.

Mr. McLelland was born in Georgia in 1869. His father, J. D. McLelland, was a native of Scotland, and came to the United States when thirty years of age and settled in Georgia. His mother was Miss Luvicy Moody, a member of a well-known Georgia family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Georgia, and later he was a student at the Southern Normal School and Business College at Bowling Green, Kentucky.

While attending College, Mr. McLelland studied Telegraphy, and formed quite a liking for this work, and, after leaving College, he began his business career as a railroad telegrapher at Hazelhurst, Georgia. He continued in railroad work at various points in Georgia until 1896, when he entered the employ of the Western Union Telegraph Company. He then went with the Postal Telegraph Company at Augusta, Georgia, as operator and later became wire and traffic chief. He continued in this position until 1901, when he came to Houston as night chief operator for the Postal Telegraph Company. He remained in this position for one year, when he was made chief operator, and in 1914 was made manager of the Houston office. He held this position until 1920, when he was made City superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company.

Mr. McLelland was married in Georgia on December 24, 1891, to Miss Lona M. Ramsey, a daughter of Col. and Mrs. W. H. Ramsey, of Valdosta, Georgia. They have one daughter, Thelma, now the wife of J. P. Lalor, of Houston, who have three children—J. P. Lalor, Jr., Catherine and John McLelland Lalor. Mr. McLelland has received practically all the honors that may be conferred by the A. F. and A. M. He is a 33rd Degree Mason, is Past Master of Holland Lodge No. 1, of Houston, is Past Master of San Jacinto Lodge of Perfection, of Houston, is Past Wise Master of the Rose Croix, a Knight Templar and member of the Royal Order of Scotland. Mr. McLelland was coronated a 33rd Degree Mason at the House of the Temple at Washington, D. C., October 24th, 1918. Mr. McLelland has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Houston, is an active member of the Rotary Club, and gives liberally of his time to all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of this city.





LINTON WEST NUGENT, noted Galveston attorney, came to this city in 1918, adding an element of strength and purpose of fine capacity and of judicial ability to the upbuilding of the legal forces of Galveston. Judge Nugent possessed a wide experience gained as county attorney, county judge, State senator and many other places of importance in his city and State, and he once took his rightful place among the men whose activities were advancing the city's importance. Before coming to Galveston Judge Nugent was a citizen and lawyer of Houston for about two years, where he was regarded as one of the leading lawyers of that city. He was admitted to the bar on December 13th, 1886, at Montgomery, Texas, but instead of beginning the practice of his profession at that time, he taught school for several years. He was superintendent of the schools of Conroe, Texas, during 1888 and 1889, and during 1889 and 1890 he headed the schools of Legget, Polk County, Texas, and during his association with these schools, and throughout his life there was reflected the progressive spirit of Judge Nugent, who at all times had the welfare of the public schools at heart. After severing his connection with the public school work, he entered the lumber business, and for a period of six years was manager of the Freeman Lumber Company. In July, 1897, Judge Nugent established his office at Conroe, Texas, and began the practice of law, and continued the practice of his profession there until March 16th, 1916. During this period he served as county attorney for one year and as county judge for four years, retiring from the bench in 1902 in order to give his time and attention to the practice of law. In 1916 he removed to Houston, Texas, where he engaged in law practice, which he continued in that city until removing to Galveston in 1918, when he came to the Island City as head of the legal department of the American National Insurance Company, and also attorney for the American Bank and Trust Company and the City National Bank. He later became attorney for the receiver of the Gulf Fisheries Company, general attorney for the Galveston News, attorney for W. L. Moody Cotton Company, W. L. Moody and Company (private bankers of Galveston) and director and general counsel for the Security National Fire Insurance Company of Galveston, in all of which he was active at the time of his death. In addition to being one of the leading lawyers of South Texas, Judge Nugent was one of the leaders in the politics of the Lone Star State, and always took a keen interest in the politics of his city, state and nation. In 1908 he was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention at Denver and was the Texas member of the rules committee, and with Senator Grady of New York, wrote the rules and orders of business of that convention. In November, 1912, Judge Nugent was elected State senator and served as a member of this body for four years, and during this period he fathered many measures for the good of the Texas populace, and his activity while a member of the Texas senate is an important page in Texas history. Among the many offices of honor and trust which Mr. Nugent has been the recipient, and in which he served with dignity, was in 1915, when he was elected president pro tem of the regular session of the thirty-fourth senate, when a vacancy in the lieutenant governor's office occurred,

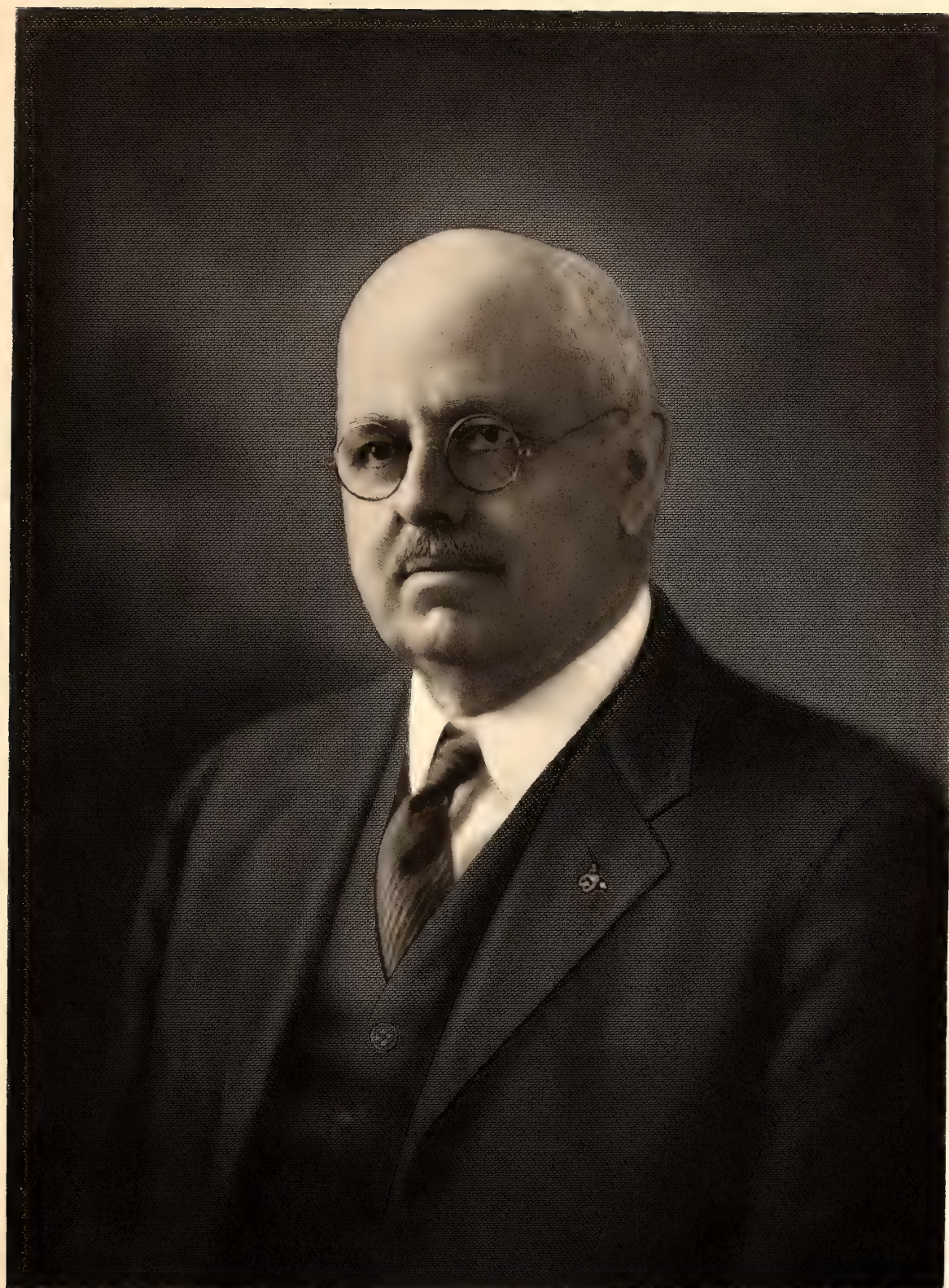
and he filled this place with honor and distinction to himself and his State until the inauguration of Governor W. P. Hobby. Judge Nugent was one of the largest land owners in Texas, besides owning many thousands of acres of land in Sonora, Mexico.

A native Texan, Mr. Nugent was born on a farm near Montgomery on September 19th, 1865. His father, Judge J. L. Nugent, born July 20th, 1827, was one of the brilliant lawyers of his time. The oldest brother of Judge J. L. Nugent, at the age of fifteen years, fought with General Sam Houston at the Battle of San Jacinto, where he was a member of Lamar's and Sidney Sherman's Cavalry. The great-grandfather of C. W. Nugent, Colonel John Nugent, came to Texas from Mississippi in 1818, but later returned to his native State, and came again to the Lone Star State with Moses Austin, when this distinguished man of early Texas history was on his way to San Antonio to confer with Baron de Bastrop for the first contract of Settlement. He returned again to Mississippi, and again came back to Texas with Hayden Edwards and settled west of the Angelina River, in the eastern portion of what is now Houston County, where the old town of Augusta was built. Judge J. L. Nugent was the first man elected to the office of county judge of Hardin County in 1860, and held this office until 1863, when he resigned in order to enter the Civil War. He entered the Confederate army as a private and was at the Battle of Mansfield, commanding the Nugent White Horse Battery, and was commissioned a lieutenant on the field of battle for bravery, and served throughout the remainder of the Civil War under General Dick Taylor. His mother was a grandniece of General Zachary Taylor, one of the bravest commanders of the Mexican War of 1847. No name, perhaps, in the annals of Texas history figures more prominently than that of Nugent, and continues down the line of statesmen, lawyers and men of prominence in all lines.

Judge Nugent was married to Miss Nettie S. Carson in 1889, a native of Montgomery, Texas. They had five children—C. W., Jr., of Worcester, Mass.; Olive, now wife of Dr. Jack Bevil of Hull, Texas; Eunice, wife of R. H. Winfre of Galveston; Ruth, wife of J. L. Paul of Galveston, and J. W. Nugent of Galveston. The family residence is at 1804 Avenue H, and is one of the most palatial in the Island City. Judge Nugent was a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Harmony Lodge No. 6, and the Chapter of this order at Conroe, Texas. He was a Knight Templar of the Commandery at Huntsville, Texas, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston, and was always prominently identified with the Masonic order. He was a member and past president of the Lions Club. Judge Nugent was a staunch and consistent member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, and served as a member of the Board of Stewards and Finance Committee. He was a teacher of the largest Bible Class of any of the churches of the city, and took an active part in all church work.

With the death of Judge Nugent on December 19th, 1925, Texas suffered the loss of one of its most beloved citizens and attorneys. Known over the entire State, he was respected and loved wherever he was known, and his place will remain long unfilled.





*Chas. W. Meyers*









**R. FRANK HUBERT NEUHAUS**—For many years Dr. Frank Hubert Neuhaus, whose success and prestige in the medical profession was in proportion to his years of practice, was looked upon as one of the leaders in the local fraternity. Dr. Neuhaus came to Houston after a very successful practice in other cities of the state, and soon made himself one of the substantial citizens of his community. He took a deep interest in all civic affairs, particularly those that had to do with the betterment of the community, questions of public health especially appealing to him. He also gave much time to the raising of medical standards, and was in every way worthy the obligations and honors of his profession.

Dr. Frank Hubert Neuhaus was born in Germany, the twenty-second of April, 1869. His father was a government forrester in that country. As a boy, Dr. Neuhaus attended the schools of his native country, and lived there until he was sixteen years of age. He then came to the United States, joining his uncle in East Texas, where a number of the family already lived and were prominent in various affairs. After a short time in East Texas, Dr. Neuhaus went to New York City, entering Bellevue Medical College, where he took his medical degree. He then further fortified himself with post graduate work in New York City and in Europe, taking in all, five different post graduate courses. Returning to the United States and Texas, he began his practice in Hackberry, remaining there a short time. He then went to Schulenberg, Texas, and practiced there for a time prior to coming to Houston in 1903. The first years Dr. Neuhaus practiced in Houston he did a general practice, later limiting his work to Internal Medicine and Diagnosis, in which he was exceptionally successful. Dr. Neuhaus always practiced alone, but just prior to his death, when a number of prominent physicians were considering the formation of a clinic for the group practice of medicine and surgery Dr. Neuhaus planned going with them, but his death occurred before the organization was completed.

Dr. Neuhaus was married to Miss Adele Boettcher, a native of Weimar, and a member of one of the most prominent families of Texas. In her family there were twelve children, all of whom with one exception, are residents of the Lone Star State. The mother and father are deceased. Mrs. Neuhaus is a sister of F. A. Boettcher, a member of the firm Desel-Boettcher Company, and one of the leading business men of Houston and Texas. Dr. and Mrs. Neuhaus had an ideal married life. Mrs. Neuhaus had the qualities of sympathy and understanding so necessary in a physician's wife, and she took a deep interest in his career. They had three children, Madeline, wife of Francis M. Semans of Houston, and who has one child, Franna M.; Marguerite, wife of Leonard F. Hilty of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and who has two children, Leonard F. Junior, and Annis Kay, and Vernon Frank Neuhaus, an oil operator of Dallas.

Dr. Neuhaus' death occurred at his home in Houston, the first of May, 1919. His death was a deep loss to the medical profession, in which he had for so many years held a position of leadership. Dr. Neuhaus was a man of many distinctions, in his profession, and took an active part in all medical affairs, being especially interested in any movement for the advancement of the profession and the estab-

lishment of a real medical center at Houston. He was a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the American Medical Association and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Neuhaus was also a member of the Sons of Hermann, taking a deep interest in the activities of that order. His many benevolences, all entirely without ostentation, made him beloved by the less fortunate of Houston. He was a generous contributor to various funds, from time to time, and any movement touching on the future of the city had his interest. He had hundreds of friends, both in Houston and in other parts of the state, men, women and children from every walk in life, who at his death mourned the loss of a true and sincere friend.



**R. CARL WHITE FULBRIGHT** has been prominently identified with medical activities at Port Arthur for the past several years and his name carries a prestige in the medical world that is a distinct advantage to the community with which it is associated. Dr. Fulbright is a physician whose talent and training has resulted in a large and lucrative practice, and while he has no specialty in his profession he has been exceptionally successful. He practices general medicine, with all that term implies, and has complete library and laboratory facilities. Dr. Fulbright has his office in the Terminal Realty Building.

Dr. Fulbright was born at Minden, Louisiana, the third of October, 1895. His father, D. R. Fulbright, a native of Paris, Texas, has been a resident of Louisiana for many years, and was formerly in the saw mill and lumber business, but now operates a grocery store. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Lena Ann Almand, is a native of Louisiana, and a member of a well known family of that state. Dr. Fulbright attended the public schools of Yellow Pine, Louisiana, as a boy, later entering Louisiana Polytechnic College at Ruston, Louisiana, where he took a course in mechanical engineering, which he dropped to take up the study of medicine and for that purpose entered the Baylor University at Waco, where he studied preparatory to entering Baylor Medical College at Dallas, where he received his degree of Doctor of Medicine in 1920. He then spent one year at Baylor Hospital, at the end of which time he went with the Detroit Receiving Hospital and the City Hospital at Detroit, Michigan, spending one year here preparatory to taking up active practice. He then came to Port Arthur, where his father, D. R. Fulbright, was visiting, and after studying the situation decided this city offered an exceptional professional opportunity, and remained here. He was connected with the Texas Company for one year as surgeon and has since then engaged in the general practice of medicine and surgery since coming to this city.

Dr. Fulbright is a member of the Civitan Club of Port Arthur and the Jefferson County Medical Society, and takes a deep interest in all that concerns the welfare and advancement of Port Arthur. Fraternally he is a Mason, Trinity Valley Lodge No. 1048, A. F. and A. M., Dallas, Texas. Dr. Fulbright has the altruistic attitude of his profession, regarding his duty to humanity, and to work in the field of preventive medicine and the advancement of public health standards, and is known and valued as an enthusiastic and progressive representative of the medical profession at Port Arthur.





**CHARLES WILLIAM GILL.** In recounting the history of Galveston, the name of Charles William Gill figures prominently as that of a citizen who through an unselfish interest in the growth of the city, was instrumental in securing many advantages, both commercial and civic. Mr. Gill was for around four decades identified with commercial affairs at Galveston, and holding business interests of wide and varied scope, much that he did in a business way had a direct bearing on the prosperity of the city. He was familiar with and had a working knowledge of a number of different industries, and was a stockholder in many of those enterprises which make up industrial Galveston. Mr. Gill was also a factor in the real estate and investment business, and with his knowledge of business generally, and his familiarity with land and land values in this section, as well as an unusual ability to foresee the trend of development, he was able to make investments which were profitable to himself, and also suggest like investments for his clients. A business man of vision, as is indicated by his career, Mr. Gill was withal a man of practical attainments, with a sound and well defined business policy, and there was ever attached to his name an integrity which made a statement from him as to land values, future values, or on business problems generally, of special value. His partnership of Gill and League built what is known as the Gill Building at the corner of Twenty-first and Market.

Charles William Gill was born at Wheeling, West Virginia, the twenty-sixth of January, 1858, the son of John Wallace Gill, of English ancestry, and a native of Virginia, who died in 1872, and Rhoda A. Smith Gill, who died in 1908. The elder Mr. Gill established the Crescent Iron Works at Wheeling, West Virginia, the largest industry of its kind in the country at that time. Later he moved to Ohio, where he engaged in the silk manufacturing business, and was the first to make a United States flag from silk. Charles William Gill obtained his early education in the public schools, and after graduating from the high school, at Springfield, Illinois, entered Northwestern University, where he spent two years. He first engaged in business at Springfield, Illinois, where he was in the drug business for eight years. He came to Galveston in 1882, not, however, remaining here permanently until 1886. He entered the real estate business here at that time, and was also in the investment business for a like time, handling his own property here, and investing in many of the important enterprises at Galveston.

Mr. Gill was twice married, his first wife having been Miss Esther Wells League, of Galveston, whom he married in 1881, and whose death occurred in 1907. He was married for the second time to Miss Tommie V. Hodges at Galveston, the thirty-first of December, 1908. Mrs. Gill, a native of Gonzales County, Texas, is the daughter of Thomas W. Hodges, a prominent business man of Belmont, Texas. The latter is a native of Fayette County, Texas, and his father was also a native Texan. Mrs. Gill was an ideal wife and mother, making a home known in Galveston for its charm and hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Gill had one child, Charles William Gill, Jr., born the thirteenth of December, 1910, and Mrs. Gill has also been a real mother to the five children of Mr.

Gill by his first marriage. These children are John W., David M., Mary D., Esther R. and Anna C. Gill. The family attend the Trinity Protestant Episcopal Church, in which faith Mr. Gill was reared and of which he was a vestryman, and reside at 1818 Avenue J.

Mr. Gill was one of the best known Masons in Texas, and was active in all Masonic work. He was honorary inspector general of the Supreme Council, past commander in chief of Texas Consistory, No. 1, sublime prince of the Royal Secret, past master of Pike Tucker Council, No. 1, Knights of Kadosh, and was identified with San Felipe Lodge of Perfection No. 1 and L. M. Oppenheimer Rose Croix Chapter 2, in all of which bodies he was a life member. He was a York Rite Mason, Tucker Lodge No. 297, Free and Accepted Masons, San Felipe de Austin, Chapter 1, Knights Templar, of which he was past eminent commander, and was instrumental in organizing El Mina Temple Shrine. He was made a thirty-third degree Mason in 1903. Mr. Gill died at his home in Galveston the thirty-first of January, 1924. His name has many memorials at Galveston, and the memory of his life an inspiration to others to emulate his example.



**TRAVIS LOGAN SMITH,** whose life for more than half a century has been associated with the destinies of West Columbia and Brazoria County, is one of those real pioneers who, while growing up with the community and prospering as it has prospered, has taken an important part in developing and cultivating the lands of the county, has done his share of public duties, and has, since 1872, been the leading merchant of this section. In that year, one year after coming to Columbia, then known as Bell's Landing, Mr. Smith opened, on the banks of the Brazos River, a general mercantile business, which has been continuously in operation for half a century. This store, now in West Columbia, is unusually complete, and in addition to the general merchandise business Mr. Smith is a cotton buyer and a man of general business affairs, taking an interest in most of the activities that have been of importance to the development of this section.

Shortly after his arrival in Brazoria County in 1871 Mr. Smith began to buy lands, which he stocked with herds of cattle, and in the seventies and eighties he drove many herds to the markets at Kansas City, and also drove some to California. His land holdings now run to more than ten thousand acres, including tracts of timber, grazing and farming land, and he has several thousand head of cattle. Mr. Smith also began his activities as a cotton buyer in the early days, and has since continued to be one of the largest cotton buyers of his community. Before the coming of the railroad he owned and operated four or five boats on the river and hauled produce, cotton and cattle to Galveston, bringing back merchandise. Mr. Smith has also found time to serve his community in a public office and was county commissioner for a number of years. He also acted as postmaster at one time and has at all times taken an active interest in every progressive and forward movement.

Travis Logan Smith was born in Mathews County, Virginia, the thirtieth of November, 1852, son of Thomas and Nancy Smith, the father a farmer and land owner of that county. Mr. Smith spent his





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boyhood on the farm there, attending the rural school, and assisting his father in cultivating the farm. In 1871 he came to Texas, locating in Brazoria County, and since that time has been a factor in various activities as previously sketched.

Mr. Smith was married at Columbia, Texas, in 1873, to Miss Nellie Masterson, daughter of Thomas G. Masterson, a lawyer of the early days, and Christiana Masterson. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have reared a large family of nine children—Mrs. Christie Crews, T. L. Smith, Jr., T. M. Smith, Miss Ethel Smith, Mrs. Gladys Parker, William Smith, Randolph Smith, Mrs. Roene Womack, and Miss Jenette Smith. The family has continuously made Columbia their home, and are known throughout this section as one of the sterling pioneer families of Brazoria County. Mr. Smith is a business man of conservative policies, with a sound knowledge of business operation and management. He has been an indefatigable worker, personally taking charge of his many activities and investments, and few men have accomplished more than he. While he gives liberally where he deems the cause worthy, in this, as in his business affairs, he is conservative, and indiscriminate benevolences do not appeal to him. In summing up his life it may well be said that he has accounted well for himself, and that Brazoria can boast of no more sterling citizen.

**W**ILLIAM LEE PENNY for a period of more than ten years was actively identified with the public interests of Texas, and since 1917 was numbered among the enterprising citizens of Houston. Mr. Penny was active vice president and general manager of the Kenyon Dredging Company, which operated on big dredging contracts in Houston and South Texas. One of the large operations was on the dredging of Brays Bayou, a very large and difficult job, requiring employment of a considerable number of men and a large amount of expensive machinery. This work came under the personal management of Mr. Penny and at the finish of the job received the highest compliments from the County Commissioners, who passed on the character of the work.

William Lee Penny was born at Mobile, Alabama, October 6, 1886. His parents were Sam and Sophia Ludlow Penny, both natives of Alabama. He received his education in the public schools of Mobile and University of Alabama. While at the university he was a prominent athlete and engaged in all of the major sports. He played center on the basket ball team and became widely known throughout the South for his ability as an athlete. After leaving college he played center on the Y. M. C. A. basket ball team at Mobile. This team attained more than a local reputation.

One of Mr. Penny's first business associations was with the Bailey-Reeder Contracting Company, noted road contractors. He came to Texas in 1914 in the interest of this company and had charge of a great deal of construction work. He went to Dallas in 1917 and built the disposal plant and after finishing this job, he came to Houston to accept a position with the Kenyon Dredging Company.

Mr. Penny was married December 1, 1915, at Bay City, Texas, to Miss Mollie Belle Matthews, daughter of Jesse and Sallie Lawson Matthews. Her parents were both natives of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Penny were the parents of two children—William

Matthews and Sallie Belle Penny. Mr. Penny was a member of the Building Exchange and the Trinity Episcopal Church. The premature death of Mr. Penny, December 18, 1925, still in the prime of life, was due to enlargement of the heart which resulted from his vigorous training while a member of the basket ball teams in his younger days. His death was a distinct loss to the building activities of Houston, in which he had a noteworthy part.

**J**OHAN E. WEINER has for a number of years been a factor in the development of Houston, and has been identified with enterprises of wide scope and important bearing on the prosperity of the city. Mr. Weiner is the Trustee for the Bell Estate, and has taken an active part in developing the Second Ward, where the holdings of this estate are located. Mr. Weiner looks after all property, real estate and investments for this estate, and builds and sells many houses. As a builder he personally attends to all the details of construction, supervising his own building crews, and has since becoming the trustee for the estate, in 1920, been instrumental in placing in homes in the Second Ward, near the car barns, many families. These homes are sold on time payments and Mr. Weiner has created a desire for home ownership in the car barn district that will be of lasting benefit to the city. The estate also has a great deal of rental property in this district, and Mr. Weiner has charge of this, collecting the rents, looking after the upkeep, and other matters incidental to rental properties. With the exception of one block of business property in Galveston, the entire Bell estate holdings are in the Second Ward, at Houston.

Mr. Weiner is the nephew of Mrs. Josie E. Bell, who with her husband came to Houston, from Galveston, in 1885. Mr. Bell's death occurred in 1895, and his widow died at Houston in 1917. Mr. Weiner was reared by his aunt from boyhood, and was trained to take charge of the building end of the estate, and in 1920 took over the entire management. He has proven very efficient, materially increasing the value of the property by his management, as well as correcting an involved condition left by his predecessor.

John E. Weiner was born in New York, the thirty-first of January, 1889, son of Charles W. Weiner, who was a resident of that State until his death, and Mary Weiner, who also spent her entire life in New York. Mr. Weiner came to Houston as a boy of twelve, continuing his education, begun in private schools, in this city. He was a student at various times at St. John's College, at Montreal, Canada, St. Vitus College, at Kankakee, Illinois, St. Thomas College and Houston Academy.

Mr. Weiner was married at Houston, the twelfth of November, 1912, to Miss Mary Hogan, a native of Kentucky, and whose parents died in that State during her infancy. She was reared by her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Depp, of Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Weiner make their home at 820 Branard Avenue, and have two children, Lumajoe and Josephine. Mr. Weiner takes a real interest in the development of his city, especially the Second Ward, and sees a future of growth and progress for this city. Mr. Weiner is known as a business man of ability, interested in his work, and thoroughly understanding it, and his contributions to civic improvement are well recognized.



**LEE GRANDISON WILEY**—The name of Lee Grandison Wiley, one of the younger business men of Galveston to achieve signal success, stands today in the business world here as that of a progressive, worthwhile and thoroughly public-spirited man, and withal a man who in his contact with the business world brought a wholesome philosophy of life that inspired confidence and encouraged others to emulate his high example of Christian citizenship. Mr. Wiley exerted an influence that builds character and creates happiness, and this influence reached not only those with whom he came in contact, but indirectly affected many others. He was one of those men who lend his strength to material development, and while his interest was largely in the shipping business, he was also vitally concerned with the welfare of his fellowmen and was generous in his contributions to benevolent and philanthropic work. One of his chief interests in the commercial world was the development of Galveston into a coffee center, and he accomplished much toward this end, and whether as business man, citizen, or civic worker, his work left its imprint in his city.

Lee Grandison Wiley was born at Huntsville, Texas, the twelfth of September, 1885, the son of John Keenan Wiley and Fannie O. (Joseph) Wiley. The family removed to Galveston during his early boyhood and he obtained his education in the public schools here, graduating from high school. He first went in the office of a large cotton company, where his energy and enthusiasm soon won him the reputation of being a man with a definite future in the field of commerce. After several years during which time he was identified with general business activities, Mr. Wiley entered the freight forwarding business for himself, later going with the Galveston Cotton Concentration Company, in which he was financially interested, and of which he was manager at the time of his death. His work with this company, and his work for the development of Galveston as a coffee center, gave indication of an unusually brilliant future.

Mr. Wiley was married at Galveston, the tenth of February, 1910, to Miss Marguerite Mitchell, a native of Galveston, and the daughter of Thomas R. and Henrietta (Cain) Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell, a long time resident of Galveston, was with the Galveston Wharf Company for many years. Mrs. Wiley is a woman of many accomplishments, and is one of the most talented singers of Galveston, possessing a voice of unusual richness. As a young lady, and as a young matron she has been a leader in social circles, and in the cultural life at Galveston. Mr. and Mrs. Wiley had two children: Florence, and Lee W. Wiley, who reside with their mother at 1811 Thirty-second Street.

Lee Grandison Wiley died in Galveston the nineteenth of June, 1923, after an illness of six months, during which time he had shown a patience in suffering and weakness which gave strong testimony to his Christian faith and fortitude. It is not often that one finds a life of such short duration so thoroughly worthwhile, and in his passing, Galveston suffered a severe loss. While Mr. Wiley was a leader in commercial circles, it was as a Christian gentleman that his influence was greatest. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church for eleven years and for a good part of that time served on

the diaconate, where his work as secretary to the board was both conscientious and efficient. Mr. Wiley was a Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite bodies and El Mina Temple Shrine. He was laid to rest in the cemetery at Huntsville, and on the following Sunday memorial services were held at Galveston, in the First Presbyterian Church.



**FRANK ALBERT PETERS.** In recording the advancement of the prosperous South Texas oil center of Humble the name of F. A. Peters occupies a place of prominence and honor as a man who was ever ready and willing to offer his best for the good of his city. Mr. Peters probably did more to bring modern conveniences to Humble than any other man. In 1906 he established the Humble Light and Power Company, which now furnishes light to more than three hundred homes and business houses. In 1912 he added the ice plant, and in 1923 the bottling department was built and put into active operation, but which was later discontinued. Since the death of Mr. Peters his son, with his associates, have greatly improved and increased the capacity of the plant. To these industries Mr. Peters devoted the principal part of his time, although he was also interested in farming and owned a splendid farm near Humble, where each year he demonstrated that more money could be earned on each acre than is produced in other parts of the state. This he did by intensive farming and the use of modern farm methods. As an evidence of his success along this line, in 1923 he netted \$535.00 on one acre of cabbage, and other farm products in proportion.

Mr. Peters was born at Abilene, Kansas, on May 7th, 1874. His father, F. F. Peters, a native of Pennsylvania, but later of Kansas, was well known in the business circles of these states. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native state. For fifteen years he was a resident of Houston, where for a number of years he was city inspector of the Light and Power Company, and from 1897 to 1906 he was electric inspector for the city of Houston, at which time he removed to Humble and took up the work in which he was active at the time of his death.

Mr. Peters was twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Mamie Davis (deceased). Of this union four children were born, three surviving, as follows: Mrs. Ruth Hebert of Palestine, Texas; J. R., treasurer and general manager of the Humble Power and Ice Company, and Mrs. Nellie Kilpatrick of Monroe, Louisiana. Mr. Peters was married the second time at Conroe, Texas, to Miss Blanche Boyett, a native of Bryan, Texas. For many years Mr. Peters was a leader in all civic movements at Humble, giving of his time and means to all projects having to do with the progress and advancement of his town and county. He was president of the Humble Chamber of Commerce, director of the Retail Merchants Association, president of the Pure Bred Live Stock Association, and a member of the Refrigerating Engineers Association and the Southern Automobile Association.

Upon the death of Mr. Peters on November 16th, 1924, Humble and adjacent territory lost one of its most highly esteemed citizens, and a leader in all civic, commercial and social movements. It is given to few communities to possess a man of such high ideals and his loss was felt by the entire citizenship.





*Lee G. Wiley*









**JOHAN RASMUSSEN**, veteran automobile man of Texas, and for three decades identified with the business life at Galveston, has exerted a favorable influence over the automobile business here and has been a factor in the development of one of the largest Ford agencies in Texas. Mr. Rasmussen is part owner of the firm of John Christensen and Company, which company has the local agency for Fords, Lincolns and Fordsons, and also has a large and well established bicycle and sporting goods business. This firm dates back to 1897 when it was established by John C. Christensen and Mr. Rasmussen, in a very small way as a bicycle repair shop. The business gradually expanded, and in 1904, the company took the Oldsmobile agency, establishing the first automobile agency in Galveston. A year later they became Ford dealers for Galveston and Brazoria counties, and several years later took the agency for the Marmon car here, later taking over the Mitchell, and still later the Cadillac, Buick, and several others. Since 1912 the company has handled Fords exclusively, with the exception of the Lincoln car since the Ford company has taken over that plant, and the Fordson tractor. The company has been especially successful in placing the Fordson on farms in this territory, and in addition to handling the Fordson, they have stocked a good line of plows and tools made especially for this sturdy tractor. John Christensen and Company occupy a modern building, designed especially for them, at 601 to 611 Twenty-third Street, and also have a large warehouse in addition to the sales rooms and service and parts department housed there. The property owned by the company represents an investment of three hundred thousand dollars, and a force of thirty employees is maintained.

A. Johan Rasmussen was born at Horsens, Denmark, the fourth of November, 1870, of Danish parents, and spent his youth there, obtaining his education in the schools of Denmark, where he studied both English and German. He came to the United States in 1890, landing in New York City, where he remained three years, coming to Galveston in February, 1893, to get away from the extreme winters of the North. While here he saw that in this new country a big future awaited the young man with the industry and ambition to work, and decided to remain here. He went to work at common labor, in the meanwhile saving every possible penny so that when the opportunity came he could start in business for himself. In 1897, he, with John C. Christensen, started the bicycle shop which formed the nucleus of the present business, and he has been active in this business since that time.

Mr. Rasmussen was married at Galveston, the twenty-second of December, 1900, to Miss Minnie Olander, a native of Sweden. Mr. and Mrs. Rasmussen reside at 2024 M 1/2 Street, and have six children: Dorothy, a graduate of Southern Methodist University at Dallas; Walter, a cadet at West Texas Military Academy; Helen, John Henry, Harry and Katherine. Mr. Rasmussen is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce and fraternally is a Mason, Scottish Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Rasmussen is secretary of the Crystal Palace, and is a stockholder in various industries at Galveston, taking an active

part in the business world, and much that he has done in a business way has had a vital influence over the prosperity of Galveston. Mr. Rasmussen, like his partner, Mr. Christensen, is a fine example of the self-made man, and is in every way a public-spirited, worth-while citizen of Galveston, and is known to his associates as a man of highest integrity and sound executive ability, ready at all times to contribute to any cause that has for its purpose the welfare of Galveston or its advancement as a business center.



**W. D. WOODWARD** of Galveston became associated with the firm of Gordon, Sewall and Company, wholesale grocers of Houston, in 1918, beginning at the bottom with that firm, and in 1922 was made manager of the branch house of this firm in this city. Prior to the establishment of the branch house here under the management of Mr. Woodward, Gordon Sewall and Company had a small house operating here as the Galveston Mercantile Company, but in 1922 decided to establish the branch house here under the firm name, and Mr. Woodward opened same, which is located at 102 Twenty-fourth Street. The trade territory of Gordon, Sewall and Company extends for twenty-five miles in a circle on the mainland, the city of Galveston, and a growing export business to Mexico and the West Indies. In addition to the wholesale groceries handled by this firm, which includes the famous Rice Hotel brands, they handle ship chandlers supplies and are sole agents for Patterson and Sargeant Marine Paints. Sixteen experienced people, which includes salesmen, are employed by this firm at Galveston, and their annual business averages \$800,000.00. The officers of the Gordon Sewall Company are Cleveland Sewall, president; W. D. Cooper, secretary and treasurer, and Campbell Sewall, vice president and general manager.

A native Texan, Mr. Woodward was born at Houston on November 19th, 1892. His father, W. H. Woodward, came to Houston as a young man and was engaged in the railroad business practically all his life. His education was obtained in the public schools of Houston. After leaving school, Mr. Woodward engaged in the railroad business, and was for a period of eleven years in this line of endeavor, and had been promoted to the position of chief clerk in the International and Great Northern Railroad, when he became acquainted with the firm of Gordon, Sewall and Company and left the railroad in order to enter the employ of this company.

Mr. Woodward was married at Houston on August 15th, 1915, to Miss Idell Alice Henderson, a native of Galveston and a member of a well known family, who later removed to Houston, and she was reared in the latter city. They have one child, Leah Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Woodward reside at the Broadmoor Apartments. Mr. Woodward is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Gray Lodge No. 329 of Houston, and has attained to the 14th degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order, having taken these degrees in Houston. He is also a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, the American Wholesale Grocers Association and the Young Men's Progressive League and the Optimist Club. Mr. Woodward is regarded as one of the most progressive men among the younger business men of Galveston, and is popular in the business and social circles of this city.



**STEPHEN FRANCIS SGITCOVICH.** Galveston has been the home of many public-spirited men, men who have given generously of their time and means that this city might grow and prosper, and of these few have done more than Stephen Francis Sgitcovich, whose name for many years was significantly associated with every forward and progressive movement. During a busy lifetime Mr. Sgitcovich impressed himself upon the life at Galveston as one of those remarkable personalities, combining breadth of vision, and qualities of leadership, with a practical business sense that enabled him to accomplish much, both in a commercial and a civic way. Mr. Sgitcovich was a veteran steamship man, a keen student of economic and trade conditions throughout the world, and had a special fund of information and constructive ideas on maritime affairs. He used this knowledge to advantage in building up a steamship agency and shipping business known all over the world, and was a factor in the development of Galveston into a city of maritime importance. Mr. Sgitcovich early recognized that the need for a national policy encouraging the development of American shipping, and urged the business men of Galveston to take recognition of this vital fact. In this connection he gave close study to the problems foreign trade presented, problems to a large degree of distance and ocean transportation, and through the establishment of his well organized and conducted shipping business, was able to a large extent to help in the solution of these problems.

Stephen Francis Sgitcovich was born at Galveston, Texas, the fourteenth of January, 1879, the son of Michael Sgitcovich, a native of Austria, who came to Galveston as a young man and lived here until his death. As a boy "Steve" Sgitcovich, as he was known to his many friends at Galveston, attended the public schools here, later entering St. Mary's College at Galveston, where he completed his studies. He then went in the office of the Daniel Ripley Steamship Company, and in the twelve years he spent there became familiar with the requirements of shipping and through application and a capacity to study and learn above the average, made rapid advancement in the shipping business. In 1907, leaving the Daniel Ripley Steamship Company, Mr. Sgitcovich established the firm of S. Sgitcovich & Company, steamship agents and brokers, of which he was directing head until his death, and which under his management became known all over the world, and was a factor of prime importance in the development of Galveston as a shipping center. The firm was one of the largest shippers of the Gulf Coast and Galveston.

Mr. Sgitcovich was married at Galveston on the second of November, 1902, to Miss Winifred Teller, a native of Iowa, and the daughter of H. R. Teller of Canada, and a contractor in Iowa for many years, and Catherine (Delaney) Teller. Mr. and Mrs. Sgitcovich had two children: Stephen F., a graduate of the Galveston schools and Culver Military School, and Lucile, a graduate at St. Mary's College at Dallas, and Finch, finishing school in New York. Since Mr. Sgitcovich's death, his widow has remarried, and is now Mrs. Thomas R. Hancock. Mr. Hancock is president of S. Sgitcovich & Company, and has been for many years with the firm and Mrs. Hancock is vice president of the

company. The family reside at 2809 Broadway.

Stephen Francis Sgitcovich died at Galveston in March, 1920. A man of sterling qualities, as a citizen and as a business man, he had for many years given a constructive interest to the development of Galveston, and his name is held in high esteem as that of one of the real builders of this city.

**JAMES PERRIE ALVEY.** For more than four decades the name of James Perrie Alvey was of special significance in financial circles at Galveston, and he was throughout this period one of the men of this section bearing heavy burdens of responsibility, and his name carried a prominence in the banking world that was an asset to the city with which it was connected. Aside from his activities in the banking field Mr. Alvey was one of the most public spirited citizens of Galveston, taking an active part in civic affairs, and supporting all movements directed toward the future growth of Galveston. Mr. Alvey was a keen student of economic conditions throughout the world, and had a special fund of information and constructive ideas on finance, knowledge he used to advantage in building up one of the strongest banking houses at Galveston. His life was one of intense activity, and he impressed himself on the city of Galveston as one of the most remarkable bankers this city has produced, exerting an influence over the trend of commercial growth and civic prosperity.

James Perrie Alvey was born in Maryland, in 1841, and after completing his work in the schools near his home he entered the Catholic College at Georgetown, where he finished. Mr. Alvey made his entrance into the business world in the drug business, he, with Dr. T. C. Thompson, established a large wholesale drug house at Galveston, shortly after his arrival in the early seventies. After the big fire of 1876, when this interest was destroyed, Mr. Alvey went to New Orleans and established a wholesale drug business which he operated some six or seven years. In 1883 he returned to Galveston, entering the field of banking, and was active in this and other businesses until his death. Mr. Alvey was for many years president of the South Texas State Bank, and was also connected with a trust company. He was a stockholder in various business enterprises, and was one of the largest property owners of Galveston, during the course of his busy career accumulating much money and property. While primarily a business man, Mr. Alvey was at all times active in civic work, and supported generously all civic movements of his day, giving both of his wealth and his time that Galveston might grow and develop along progressive and modern lines.

Mr. Alvey was married at Galveston, in 1885, to Miss Jennie McCullough, the daughter of the Rev. John McCullough, a pioneer Presbyterian minister who came to Galveston in the early days and organized the first Presbyterian church to be located here. He also organized the first Presbyterian church to be established at San Antonio, and was active in religious work throughout the State until his death, which occurred in 1871. Mrs. Alvey's mother, prior to her marriage to Rev. McCullough, was Miss Margaret Riddell. Mrs. Alvey was an ideal wife and mother, and created a home life which was delightful, and she has also been closely identified with the cultural life of Galveston, and is a woman combining the social graces with those of





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the home maker. Mr. and Mrs. Alvey had an attractive home at 1228 Avenue I, where Mrs. Alvey continues to reside and were the parents of four children: Richard, J. P., Jr., and John Carroll Alvey, and a daughter, Mrs. Jenny Wilson.

Mr. Alvey was vice president of the Galveston Wharf Company, and was treasurer of the Rosenberg Library, and was for many years active in public school work, taking a deep interest in educational advancement. His death, which occurred the twenty-first of December, 1916, resulted in a deep loss, not only to the banking and business world, but to the city at large and his hundreds of friends in Galveston and throughout the State.



**HENRY C. MOORE** was for nearly a score of years prominently associated with the oil development of South Texas and the Gulf Coast oil fields. He was one of the most widely known oil men in South Texas and engaged in all of the departments of the oil industry. He was popular in the oil fraternity and had a wide circle of friends throughout the South Texas fields.

Mr. Moore first began his career in the oil industry with the Texas Company at Sour Lake, in the production department. He worked up to the position as head driller and remained with the Texas Company for eight years. He then withdrew from the Texas Company and organized the Lake Oil Company of which he became vice president and field manager, remaining with this company for two years. He also established the Sour Lake Machine and Supply Company which dealt in oil machinery which, besides the main office at Sour Lake, have branches at Liberty and Rockdale. In 1916 Mr. Moore sold out his interest in the Lake Oil Company and moved to Houston and bought the controlling interest in the Southern Petroleum Company. He continued with this company for five years, during which time he was active in the development of South Texas fields. In 1921 he sold out his interest in the Southern Petroleum Company and the following year organized the Moore Motor Company, which business he conducted for over a year. In 1923, due to ill health, Mr. Moore sold out his interest in the Moore Motor Company and retired from active business but still retained an interest in the Sour Lake Machine and Supply Company.

Mr. Moore was a native of Louisiana; born in Vermillion parish, September 6, 1876. His parents were James R. and Harriet Ashworth Moore. His father and mother were both native Texans. After receiving a common school education Mr. Moore began his business career working on dredge boats in Louisiana, continuing this occupation until he came to Texas and engaged in the oil business.

Mr. Moore was first married at Beaumont, February 27th, 1905, to Miss Fannie Mae Mooney of Sour Lake. From this union there are three children: Charles C., Marguerite and Jennie Mae. Mr. Moore was again married on September 6th, 1917, at Temple, Texas, to Miss Mayme Morgan, daughter of Henry and Tempa Eaton Morgan. Mrs. Moore was a native of Texas, where her mother was also born, while her father was a native of Georgia.

Mr. Moore took a very active interest in the civic and social life of Texas. He held a life membership in the Elks Lodge at Beaumont and was

a prominent Odd Fellow. He was thoroughly familiar with all of the different departments of the oil industry, in which he had spent a greater part of his business life and was an extremely popular man in the oil fraternity.

He was a self-made man, who had by constancy of purpose and strict devotion to his business, attained his success through tireless industry. His death on December 25, 1925, was a distinct loss to the oil fraternity of Texas.



**ULIUS GROSSMANN.** For more than twenty years Julius Grossmann was known in Humble and Harris County as a leader in commercial circles, and a man whom all loved and honored. As the owner of "The Store Ahead" he set the standard for the entire community, and the store, a complete department store, carrying a full line of dry goods, notions, shoes for men and women and ready-to-wear for men and women, would have been a credit to a town many times the size of Humble. Mr. Grossmann's business career was wide and varied. As a boy he started his business experience with the William Foley Dry Goods Store of Houston, at the end of six months he became associated with the Thomas R. Franklin Department Store, where he remained for nine years. He then became connected with J. T. Mason, remaining with this firm for a period of eight years. He spent seven years in the employ of Tilbrook and Clay Department Store, after which he went with Brown Brothers Company for two years. For three years he traveled East Texas as traveling salesman for a shoe house. He went to Sour Lake during the boom days and became associated with an oil company which was operating there. He was associated with the Producers Company at Humble as timekeeper at the time he engaged in his venture as owner of "The Store Ahead."

A native Texan, Mr. Grossmann was born at Houston on January 12th, 1865, at 2013 Commerce Street. The old house in which Mr. Grossmann was born still stands, and in those days this was regarded as the finest residence district of Houston. His father, August Grossmann, came to the United States from Europe in 1852 and for a few years remained in the East, when he came to Houston, and was one of the best known painting and decorating contractors of his time. He remained in Houston until his death in 1885. Mr. Grossmann's mother, Mrs. Charlotte (Vollers) Grossmann, was a native of Germany and came to the United States and to Galveston in 1855. His education was obtained in private institutions of Houston, Texas.

Mr. Grossmann was married at Houston, Texas, on January 23rd, 1895, to Miss Margaret Van Benthuisen, a native of Houston, and a member of a pioneer family of this city. Her father, G. E. Van Benthuisen, was born in Albany, N. Y., and came to Galveston about 1848 and in 1869 to Houston, where he resided until his death. Mrs. Grossmann still conducts the store which she helped build up from the very beginning. Mr. Grossmann was a member of the Woodmen of the World, in which organization he was active. He was buried in the Forest Hill Cemetery, Houston. Upon the passing of Mr. Grossmann on December 7th, 1924, Humble suffered the loss of one of its best loved and honored citizens, and one of its most progressive and public spirited merchants.



**H**ARRY TAYLOR KENDALL has spent all of his business life in the lumber industry, knows lumber as few men know it, and is one of the leading executives among lumber men of this generation. Mr. Kendall is general sales agent and a member of the board of directors of the Kirby Lumber Company, one of the leading lumber companies of the world. He came to Houston in 1909 with the W. R. Pickering Lumber Company of Kansas City as sales agent, and continued in this position until 1911, when he became associated with the Kirby Lumber Company as assistant sales agent, being promoted to general sales agent in 1913. He has charge of the sales of this company, both foreign and domestic, and fifty people are employed in his department. Branch sales offices are maintained at the following points: New York, Chicago, Cleveland, St. Louis, Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Dallas, New Orleans, Fort Worth, San Antonio, Havana, Cuba, with sales representatives in various other cities. The Kirby Lumber Company manufactures 300,000,000 feet of yellow pine lumber and Southern hardwoods annually, and it is Mr. Kendall's job to market this product; this in a measure indicates the magnitude of his duties.

Harry Taylor Kendall was born in Clay Center, Kansas, May 26th, 1882. His father, David A. Kendall, is a native of Wisconsin and was engaged in the saw mill business. His mother was Miss Eliza M. Taylor, and is also a native of Wisconsin. The family moved to Lansing, Iowa, and in 1890 to La Crosse, Wisconsin, where the subject of this sketch lived until 1900. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of La Crosse and Kansas City, graduating from the latter in 1902. During the year of his graduation, he entered the lumber business in St. Louis with the Banner Lumber Company and remained with this company until 1907. From 1907 to 1911 he was employed by the W. R. Pickering Lumber Company, first as salesman on the road, and then in 1909 as sales agent for Texas, with headquarters in Houston. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Kendall has been closely identified with the commercial and civic interests of the city. He is president of the Globe Box Company, manufacturers of boxes of all kinds with plant located in Houston, and is interested in various other commercial enterprises.

Mr. Kendall was married in Temple, November 30th, 1910, to Miss Helen Lucille Pendleton (deceased), a native of Temple and a daughter of Hon. George C. Pendleton, former Lieutenant Governor of Texas, and prominent in legal circles throughout the State. They had four children, Harry T. Kendall, Jr., George P., Robert A. and Susanne E. (deceased). The great sorrow of his life came to Mr. Kendall on September 3rd, 1924, when Mrs. Kendall and his little daughter Susanne were killed in an automobile accident.

In fraternal organizations Mr. Kendall is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and of the Scottish Rite bodies of that order to the eighteenth degree, and is a charter member of Temple Blue Lodge. He also holds membership in the Houston Club, the Houston Country Club, of which he is now serving a second term as president; Lumbermen's Club, River Oaks Country Club, Lumbermen's Club of New Orleans, Rotary Club, the Texas Retail Lumber Dealers Asso-

ciation, of which he is a director, and the Methodist Church. In April, 1925, he was honored by an appointment by the Department of Commerce to its advisory committee to assist the lumber section of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce in working out expert problems. Mr. Kendall is considered one of the outstanding lumber men in Houston, and is one of the most popular men in the city. He is active in civic affairs, and is loved and esteemed by all with whom he comes in contact, whether it be in a social or business way. He is a friend to everybody he meets, and is called "Harry" by all his friends and associates. His contemporaries say of him: "Wherever lumber is sold in the world, Harry Kendall is known." He has great faith in his adopted city, and believes the time is close at hand when it will become the leading city of the Southwest, and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for the South Texas metropolis and Texas in general.

Note: Since the foregoing was written Mr. Kendall accepted the position of general sales agent of the Central Coal and Coke Company of Kansas City, where he removed February 1st, 1926.

**J**OHN W. GRAHAM, for a quarter of a century identified with various phases of hat merchandising, has for the past thirteen years been associated with wholesale mercantile activities at Houston. Mr. Graham came to this city in 1910, and shortly after his arrival established the Graham Hat Company, Incorporated, of which he has since been president and general manager. He has under his direction the distribution of Stetson hats, Sure-Fit caps and Tufnut gloves in Texas, representing this well known line since the establishment of his business. Mr. Graham handles wholesale trade exclusively, and has five salesmen on the road, covering this state and Louisiana. The Graham Hat Company, Incorporated, is located at 601 Franklin Avenue, where a modern building, affording sixteen thousand feet of floor space, is occupied. Fourteen employees are employed here, in addition to the salesmen on the road. The Graham Hat Company is well and favorably known to hatters throughout the state, and does a large annual volume of business. Mr. Graham, as previously stated, is president and general manager of the company, and C. H. Pilney is vice president and secretary.

Mr. Graham was born at Nashville, Tennessee, in 1883, son of John W. Graham, a native of Maryland, who spent many years in Tennessee. His mother before her marriage Miss Margaret Pitts, is also from Tennessee. Mr. Graham was educated in the public schools of his native city, graduating from the Nashville high school and later attending Southwest Presbyterian College at Nashville. After finishing school, he went to St. Louis, Missouri, and began with the Boogher-Force and Goodbar Hat company, as stock boy, in 1898, working his way up to buyer and stock manager. He left this firm in 1910 and came to Houston, establishing the present business.

Mr. Graham was married in Illinois, in July, 1908, to Miss Noma Hollowell, a native of that state. They make their home in Houston, at 703 Dallas Avenue. Mr. Graham is a member of the Rotary Club and the Houston Credit Men's Association.





Harry T. Kendal









**ALFRED C. TIEMANN**, pioneer produce man of Houston, has engaged in this business here for the past twelve years. Mr. Tiemann is the owner of the A. C. Tiemann poultry business at 805 Commerce Street, retailing live poultry and eggs, and also has a branch of his business at No. 22 and 25 in the City Market, known as the Peerless Market, where he retails dressed poultry and eggs. In addition to his extensive retail business, Mr. Tiemann makes a specialty of selling to hotels, cafes and dining cars, and has built up a large and profitable business in this field. One of the factors entering into the success of Mr. Tiemann's business has been the maintaining of high standards and all produce offered for sale, either in the Commerce Street shop, or in the City Market, must conform to this standard.

Alfred C. Tiemann was born in Fayette County, Texas, the third of June, 1883, son of F. A. Tiemann and Mary (Ahlrich) Tiemann, both of whom are natives of Germany. Mr. Tiemann, Sr., is a cigar manufacturer. Alfred C. Tiemann, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the Texas public schools and began in the produce business as a young man. He has been a resident of Houston since 1904, and during his earlier years in this city was in the employ of W. F. Puls, later establishing his own business.

Mr. Tiemann was married at Houston the twelfth of July, 1919, to Miss Edith Cern. They reside at 1409 Eagle Street, and have one child, Wilma Janice Tiemann. Mr. Tiemann belongs to the Presbyterian Church.



**ELBERT WARE** has for a number of years been a factor in industrial activities at Houston, and for almost a decade has been associated with the electro plating business in this city. Mr. Ware is Manager and 55 per cent owner of the Ware Electro Plating Company, established in 1916, and one of the best equipped electro plating plants in the Southwest. The plant is located at 1812 Congress Avenue, where a modern building, with every provision for the efficient handling of a large volume of work, is occupied. All equipment used is modern and the best obtainable and installed with the view of making the work turned out by this plant superior in every respect. The Ware Electro Plating Company refinishes and plates all classes and kinds of metal and metal products, handling a large volume of business for automobile firms, jewelry houses, and other firms. They also refinish and plate surgical instruments and have a large amount of this business. A force of six operatives, all carefully trained and competent, are employed. Mr. Ware's associate in this business is Mr. J. Earl Whitehead. Mr. Ware also owns a one-third interest in the Houston Japanning Company, and an electro plating plant in Beaumont.

Elbert Ware was born in Gonzales County, Texas, the ninth of October, 1890. His father, J. E. Ware, a native of Georgia, and for a number of years a resident of Texas, now makes his home in Oklahoma. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Venie Hunt, died when the subject of this sketch was an infant, and at the age of four years he was placed in the Buckner's Orphan Home. Here he received an excellent education and at the age of seventeen left there to take a position with the Southwestern Telephone Company. He later went

with the Western Electric Company, during this period coming to Houston for a short time at various times, then returning to the Western Electric Company. These visits impressed him with the possibilities Houston offered for a modern electro-plating plant and he came to this city to make his permanent residence. After a short time with the Houston Car Wheel Company, he bought in 1916 the electro-plating plant which he now operates. Later he was joined in this business by his life-long friend, J. Earl Whitehead, his present partner, and the business has since been operated as a partnership.

Mr. Ware makes his home at 1717 Tuam Avenue and is a Blue Lodge Mason, Holland No. 1, and also Washington Chapter No. 2. He has won the highest esteem of his associates in the business world and is considered one of the most experienced electro-plating men in the city.



**EARL WHITEHEAD**, since coming to Houston several years ago, has built up a successful industrial enterprise, and has become established as one of the leading representatives of the Electro Plating business in the city. Until the latter part of 1923 Mr. Whitehead was Manager and half owner of the Houston Japanning Company, a partnership business owned by himself and Elbert Ware. Since disposing of his interest in this company he is devoting all of his time to the Ware Electro Plating Company, in which he is a partner. The plant is located in a modern well equipped building at 1812 Congress Avenue, where only first class work is done. Patrons include automobile firms, jewelry houses, medical men and others. Six competent operatives are employed here to aid in taking care of growing business.

Mr. Whitehead was born at Oakwood, Texas, the sixteenth of September, 1885, son of Louis Whitehead, whose death occurred in 1889. After his father's death, Mr. Whitehead was sent to Buckner's Orphan Home, near Dallas, where he remained until he was seventeen. His education in this splendid institution was of the highest grade and equipped him to hold a good position in the business world. At the age of seventeen he went to Waco to work for Tom Padgett. Later he returned to Dallas and spent fifteen years with the Southwestern Telephone Company, and the Western Electric Company there, working in the electrical and repair departments, and gaining a wide knowledge of electrical equipment. During the World War he worked with the Houston Car Wheel Company, later returning to Dallas, with the Western Electric Company, where he remained until October, 1920. He then came to Houston to join his lifelong friend, Elbert Ware, in the electro plating business, in which he now owns a 45 per cent interest. In June, 1923, he bought out the Houston Japanning Company, selling a one-half interest in same to his friend, Elbert Ware, but later he sold his interest in this concern and now may be found giving service to his customers at the Ware Electro Plating Plant.

Mr. Whitehead was married at Alvin, Texas, to Mrs. Ruby Gaffney Taylor, a native of Texas, and who had one child, Harold, by a former marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead make their home at 2304 Lee Street. Mr. Whitehead is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Gray No. 329, and has many friends in the business world at Houston, who regard him as one of the most capable business men here.



**G**EORGE R. CHRISTIE is one of Houston's leading business men and his interests here comprise three separate and distinct companies of which he is one of the chief executives. Mr. Christie is general manager of the Lumberman's Reciprocal Association, which writes workmen's compensation insurance for the lumber and woodworking industry; he is attorney-in-fact for the Oilmen's Reciprocal Association, which writes workmen's compensation and public liability insurance for the oil industry. These two organizations operate a reciprocal plan and return to policy holders dividends or profits resulting from their operations, and these organizations have enjoyed an exceptional experience since they were organized and are considered the leaders of this particular field. Mr. Christie is also attorney-in-fact for the American Lumber Underwriters writing fire insurance, principally for saw mills, but includes lumber yards and other woodworking plants. These organizations have branch offices in various states extending from those of the South to California, with offices located at San Francisco and Los Angeles, Calif.; Richmond, Va.; Memphis, Tenn.; Alexandria, La., and Fort Worth and Wichita Falls, in Texas, and at present these organizations are covering pay rolls amounting to \$85,000,000.00 annually. The advisory committees of these organizations are made up of representative men in the respective lines, and are considered the strongest of their kind in the United States.

A native Texan, Mr. Christie was born at Galveston. His father, George A. Christie, (deceased since 1903) was also a native of the Lone Star State and for many years was a well known contractor of tie was a native of Scotland and many years of his the Island City. The father of Mr. George A. Christie was spent in the British Government Service, and came to America and to Galveston in 1858. His mother was Miss Dora Hoxie, a native of Houston, Texas, where she belonged to a pioneer family. His education was obtained in public and private schools of Galveston. After leaving school, Mr. Christie entered the cotton business and later was with the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, and remained with this company until 1902, when he came to Houston and became associated with the Kirby Lumber Company and for sixteen years was general auditor, secretary and treasurer of this large and well known lumber company. On December 1st, 1917, Mr. Christie organized his present business-concerns and his success along the lines he is pursuing has been remarkable. Mr. Christie's offices for his different interests are located on the fourth floor of the Great Southern Life Building.

Mr. Christie was married in Galveston to Miss Mary E. Walker, a daughter of John B. Walker, one of the leading merchants of the Island City. They have one daughter, Nezzell, now the wife of Robert R. Dennis, one of the leaders among the younger business men of Houston, where he is engaged in the insurance business. Mr. and Mrs. Christie reside at 2816 Milam Street. Mr. Christie is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple. He is also a member of the Houston Club, the Houston Country Club, River Oaks Country Club, Beaumont Country Club, Lumbermen's Club and the Rotary Club. Since

coming to Houston more than a decade ago, Mr. Christie has become associated with many of the city's financial and industrial institutions and is a director of the Union National Bank. He is regarded as one of the most progressive men in Houston and in Texas, ever ready to assist his city and state in any way possible. Mr. Christie has done much for the furtherance of education in Texas and gives liberally of his time and means to any matter having to do with the education of the youth of the Lone Star State, where he is known as one of the most progressive and public spirited citizens.

**L**I MARKS, well known in the banking and business circles of the state, became associated with the Gulf State Bank as active vice president and director at the time of the reorganization of this institution, on March 1st, 1921. The Gulf State Bank is a guaranty fund bank with a capital stock of \$100,000.00, with undivided profits of \$9,062.29 and deposits amounting to \$728,181.07. Other officers of the Gulf State Bank are D. S. Cage, president; W. H. Irvin, M. Schwarz and J. R. Kubena, vice presidents, and F. E. Hood, cashier. The directors are composed of the officers named and several of the representative business men of Houston and South Texas. The Gulf State Bank is located at 817 Main Street and invite accounts of individuals, firms and corporations on a basis of mutual co-operation and observance of the proper banking principles.

A native Texan, Mr. Marks was born at Hillsboro, October 15th, 1891. His father, Sam Marks, now a resident of Waco, Texas, was for many years a leading merchant of Central Texas, but is now retired from active business pursuits. His mother was Miss Fannie Greenstone, a native of Waco, where she belonged to a well known pioneer family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Waco, Texas.

Soon after leaving school, and when a very young man, Mr. Marks began his business career with the Exchange National Bank of Waco, where he remained as a clerk for six years. He then went with the State of Texas as a state bank examiner and occupied this important position for a period of five years, and in 1919 came to Houston and became associated with the People's State Bank as cashier, where he remained until 1920, when he entered the bond business for himself, and remained in this line of endeavor until the reorganization of the Gulf State Bank, when he became active vice president and director of this institution. In addition to his banking interests, Mr. Marks has other large and varied interests in Houston, among which is the Gibraltar Savings and Building Association, with an authorized capital of \$5,000,000.00, of which he is vice president. This association deals in and encourages savings accounts, installment certificates and prepaid certificates.

Mr. Marks was married at Waco, Texas, on October 23rd, 1912, to Miss Sadie Friedlander, a native of Waco and a member of a pioneer family of Central Texas. They have two children, Adolph and Maynard. Mr. and Mrs. Marks reside at 1320 West Alabama Avenue. Mr. Marks is a member of the Houston Club, and all the city's civic associations, in which he takes an active interest. Mr. Marks has shown his faith in the future of Houston by the





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*J. R. Cheek*



many investments he has made here, and believes that this city will soon lead the entire Southwest in commercial, financial and educational lines.



**JAMES R. CHEEK**, president and treasurer of the Magnolia Park Land Company, has been actively identified with Houston real estate since coming to this city in 1909, in which year the Magnolia Park Land Company was organized. One thousand acres of land on the east end of the city was developed by this company into what is now Magnolia Park. The city of Magnolia Park is a separately incorporated city with a population of over twelve thousand, and located on Harrisburg Boulevard, running from the Belt and Terminal to Brays Bayou bridge on the east. The Magnolia Land Company has been very active in promoting new additions in different parts of the city. Some of the more important ones are, Engle Addition, School Addition, Central Park Annex and Daly Place, all residential additions. Manchester Addition was also promoted by this company. This addition, adjoining Houston, consists of industrial sites, being located on the ship channel. The Houston Mill and Elevator Company, Texas Portland Cement Company, Magnolia Petroleum Company, Deepwater Refineries and Texas Chemical Company are some of the industries located here. The company handles only their own property. J. R. Cheek is interested in various other enterprises and is president of the Manchester Corporation and president of the Citizens Loan and Land Company. He is a member of the Elks and W. O. W. Lodges, the Turnverein, Houston and Houston Country Clubs.

Mr. Cheek was born in White County, Tennessee, April 7th, 1869, son of Elijah and Sarah (Moss) Cheek. He attended school but thirteen months. At the age of twelve he began work at one dollar and twenty-five cents per week in a newspaper office and learned the printers trade. He came to Texas in 1880 and located in Denison and was employed in a newspaper office there until 1883, with exception of six months spent in school in Fort Scott, Kansas. He paid his way in school by working in the Wilder House Hotel. In 1883 he came to Galveston and worked first for Shaw and Blaylock and then the Evening Print. The name was changed to the Record and then the Tribune in 1894. For one year he was in the butter, eggs and cheese business. In 1895 he entered the real estate business, remaining in this line until the storm in 1900. From then up to the time of organizing his present company he was in the oil business, operating in various coastal fields.

Mr. Cheek was married April 22nd, 1891 in Galveston to Miss Sallie Lee. Two sons were born to this union, James Lee, with his father in business, and Richard Edwards, with the E. N. Mills real estate office. Mr. Cheek is a man of vision and foresight, a man who was able to look over an area of undeveloped woodland, low and marshy, and visualize a city of beautiful homes and thriving business establishments, and along with this gift of vision he had the business knowledge to carry out the practical side and make it a reality. He saw the great possibilities of deep water and the turning basin, and to Mr. Cheek is due no small part in the development of the ship channel. He is a man of pleasing personality, makes and keeps friends and is numbered among the leading citizens of Houston.



**F. L. FREED** has for more than a quarter of a century been a merchandise broker of Houston and during that period has built up a business which amounts to more than a million dollars a year. Mr. Freed started this business in a small way in 1896 representing a neckwear manufacturer. His business has grown steadily until now he represents several of the largest manufacturers of men's furnishings in the United States. He has six men on the road covering Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and part of Alabama. Among the firms represented by Mr. Freed are: H. C. Cohns and Company, Rochester, New York, manufacturers of the Superba Cravats; Rauh and Mack Shirt Company of Cincinnati, makes of popular priced shirts. Notaseme Hosiery Company of Philadelphia, Crown Suspender and Belt Company of New York, Regatta Manufacturing Company of Baltimore, manufacturers of summer underwear; Hall, Wolffe and Park, Inc., manufacturers of linen and cotton handkerchiefs; Superior Knitwear Corporation of Philadelphia, makers of knitted neckwear; Tuxedo Shirt Company, manufacturers of silk shirts exclusively; Steiner and Son, New York, manufacturing Universal Sleeping garments.

Mr. Freed has splendidly equipped offices and sample rooms occupying a floor space of 27x85 feet over the Peoples' State Bank at 908 1-2 Congress Avenue. The elegant and ornate fixtures of artistic design in Mr. Freed's offices and sample rooms were all manufactured in Houston.

A native Texan, Mr. Freed was born at Hempstead, April 20th, 1877. His father Abe Freed died when Mr. Freed was a small boy. His mother was Miss Theresa Kaiser, a native of Vicksburg, Mississippi, but came to Texas fifty-five years ago and now, at the age of seventy-three years is residing in Houston. Mr. Freed's education was obtained in the public schools of Hempstead, Texas.

Mr. Freed came to Houston when fifteen years of age and went to work as a clerk for a local wholesale dry goods firm. After remaining in the employ of this firm for two years he resigned and started his present business, going on the road as a salesman when nineteen years old. From time to time he added to his line until now he has the finest lines of any merchandise broker in the Southwest. Mr. Freed is interested in many of the commercial and industrial institutions of Houston and is a director of the Marine Bank and Trust Co. Mr. Freed has been twice married: his first marriage was in Houston in 1898 to Miss Louise Lipper (deceased since 1907) a member of the prominent Houston family. One son was born of this union, Abbye L. Freed, who is associated with his father in business. His second marriage was to Miss Sybil Dellheim, a member of a well known family of Birmingham, Alabama. They have two children, Jean and Louis. Mr. Freed is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1 of Houston. He is a 32nd degree member of the Scottish Rite body of this organization and a Shriner of Arabia Temple. He holds a life membership in both Holland Lodge and Arabia Temple. Mr. Freed has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Houston and gives liberally of his time and means to all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of this city, where he is regarded as one of the most progressive and public spirited citizens.





**FRED J. HEYNE**, native Houstonian, began his career in the banking business when fourteen years of age as a runner and collector for the T. W. House Bank, and has served in every branch of the banking business since that time, and is now one of the leading executives of one of the strongest financial institutions of Houston. Mr. Heyne is active vice president of the Bankers Mortgage Company, and has always been active in the financial and industrial life of Houston, where he has devoted his entire life to the banking business. His advice is frequently sought in matters of financial purport, as he is regarded as an authority by his friends and business associates.

Mr. Heyne was born in Houston December 31st, 1878. His father, Charles G. Heyne, a native of Germany, came to the United States at the age of nineteen years, and first located in New York, but later came to New Orleans, where he enlisted in the Confederate Army and served throughout the Civil War in the Q. M. C., under General Gibson, who was also one of his close personal friends. On May 9th, 1865, Mr. Charles G. Heyne received a letter from General Gibson in which he praised him highly as a soldier and a real man of highest standard of manhood, and this letter is now in the possession of Mr. Fred J. Heyne, which naturally, he prizes very highly, and is numbered among his most valuable possessions. Mr. Charles G. Heyne died at the age of seventy-six years. His mother, prior to her marriage was Miss Frances Burkhart, a native of Harris County, and is residing in Houston. After the close of the Civil War the senior Mr. Heyne came to Houston, where he met and married Miss Burkhart and he continued to make Houston his home until his death. Mr. Heyne attended the Houston public schools and also studied at night after beginning work at the age of fourteen, for the T. W. House Bank, and the liberal education which he received was largely through self help. Mr. Heyne remained with that institution until it failed, and he then remained for a short time with the receiver. He then went with the National City Bank as cashier, and later liquidated that bank and was one of the organizers of the Texas Trust Company in 1909 and went with this company as secretary and treasurer. The Bankers Trust Company and the Texas Trust Company was consolidated in 1911 and the business continued as the Bankers Trust Company. Mr. Heyne remained as secretary and treasurer of the new named institution until 1917, when he was made vice president. The name of this bank was changed in 1920 to the Bankers Mortgage Company, and he was again made active vice president and has been active in its affairs to date. The Bankers Mortgage Company is one of the largest mortgage companies in Texas. It has a capital and surplus of \$2,600,000. Mr. Heyne is largely interested in many of the city's financial and industrial projects and is a director in the following: Jesse H. Jones and Company, National Bank of Commerce, The Houston Hotel Association, and is vice president and director of the Jones Lumber Company.

Mr. Heyne was married in Houston in 1900 to Miss Hallie Brookshire (deceased) and he has one son of this union, Charles, who is now engaged in business in Houston. Charles Heyne has had un-

usual educational advantages. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Houston, after which he attended the Allen Academy at Bryan, Texas. He then became a student of the Southwestern University at Georgetown, graduating in 1922 with A. B. degree. He won honors, and was a football star on the team of that college, in 1922. Mr. Fred J. Heyne was married the second time in Houston in 1906 to Miss Mayne E. Green, a native Texan and a daughter of Rev. A. L. Green (deceased for many years), a well known Methodist minister of Texas. They have one son, Frederick J. Heyne, Jr., nine years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Heyne reside at 220 Westmoreland Boulevard. Mr. Heyne is a member of the Houston Club, and of the First Methodist Church, which he has served for over twenty years as a steward. He is regarded as one of the leaders in Houston in all moves for the progress and advancement of the city of his nativity, which he believes will soon become the leading city of the Southwest.



**DENTON W. COOLEY**, president of the Marine Bank and Trust Company, has been actively identified with the banking interest of Houston for a score of years. He is one of the principal organizers of the Marine Bank and Trust Company which opened for business February 24th, 1925, in which institution he became president upon its organization. This bank which is one of the latest of Houston's financial institutions organized with a capital stock of three hundred thousand dollars, a surplus of seventy-five thousand fully paid in. Other officers of the bank are T. P. Priddie, Jr., vice president and cashier; Ike L. Freed, vice president; H. H. Gieseke, vice president; Stuart A. Giraud, vice president, and a corps of minor officers and directors consisting of many of the most substantial and progressive business men of Houston.

Before organizing the Marine Bank and Trust Company, Mr. Cooley was for over twenty years with the Union National Bank and was vice president for several years prior to severing his connections with that bank to accept the presidency of the Marine Bank.

Denton W. Cooley was born at Ashland, Nebraska, the fifteenth of March, 1885, son of D. D. Cooley, former banker of that city, later insurance man of Houston, and Helen G. (Winfield) Cooley, who is a native of Maryland. His parents moved to Houston when Denton W. was but seven years of age, consequently receiving his education in the public schools of this city. When sixteen years of age, Mr. Cooley began his banking career as a messenger boy for the old South Texas National Bank, now known as the South Texas Commercial Bank. Four years later he became connected with the Union National Bank with whom, as stated above, he remained for a score of years, having worked up through all the departments to the position of vice president.

Aside from his banking interests, Mr. Cooley is identified with other Houston business enterprises. He is a director of the Houston Lighting and Power Company, treasurer of the Houston Fair and Exposition. During 1921 and 1922, Mr. Cooley was vice president of the Texas Division of the American Bankers Association. He is treasurer of the Sam Houston Memorial Association and of the Harris





*Fred J. Meyer*





*H. M. Duncan*



County Humane Society and is a trustee of the benefit funds of the Houston Fire Department and the Houston Police Department.

Mr. Cooley was married to Miss Val Lock, daughter of W. H. Lock, a pioneer resident of Houston. Mr. Cooley is a member of the Houston Club, Houston Country Club, Lumbermen's Club, B. P. O. Elks, the Episcopal Church and has always taken an active interest in civic, social and political affairs of Houston.



**M. DUNCAN** has in nineteen years of achievement in the business world of Houston developed a coffee importing and roasting business of volume, and is recognized as one of the leaders in his line. The Duncan Coffee Company, Inc., of which he is president and general manager, was organized in 1918. This business, the practical result of Mr. Duncan's ambition to put on the market a perfectly blended, perfectly roasted and perfectly packed coffee, has met with success. The product, Duncan's Admiration Coffee, being now known throughout the South and demanded by lovers of good coffee. The plant, located at the corner of Carr and Conti Streets, is in keeping with the volume of the business and requires twenty thousand feet of floor space and employs forty-six experienced people with fourteen men on the road. The plant is located on the main line of the International and Great Northern Railway, using two hundred and fifty feet of switch trackage. The eight years since the establishment of the business has seen a remarkable development, the daily output now running over fifteen thousand pounds, roasted and packed. The corporation is composed of Mr. Duncan as president, C. W. Duncan, vice president, and L. J. Bland, secretary.

Mr. Duncan came to Houston as a young man, the tenth of August, 1907, and shortly after his arrival in the city went to work for the Cheek-Neal Coffee Company. It was his ambition to learn the business and he went to work in overalls as a laborer, learning the business from the very bottom. His progress was rapid, and his promotions well earned and well deserved a decade later finding him with this same firm as general superintendent of the plant. But the idea of operating his own plant appealed to Mr. Duncan far more than managing the plant of another, and in 1918 he resigned his position to establish his own business, the Duncan Coffee Company, Inc.

Mr. Duncan was born in the State of Kentucky, near the Southern border, the fifth of November, 1888, son of J. G. Duncan, a native of the Blue Grass State, and true to the blue grass traditions, a raiser of fine horses. Mr. Duncan was educated in his native State, attending the public schools, the Kentucky State College and the Bowling Green Business University. After finishing his education he came to Texas to begin his business career.

Mr. Duncan was married at Houston, the fifth of June, 1912, to Miss Linnie Dunn, daughter of Tom Dunn, a pioneer resident of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan have one of the attractive homes of the city, at 2220 Brazos Street, and have four children: Katherine, Amelia and Harriet, and a son, Mills. Mr. Duncan is a member of Holland Masonic Lodge No. 1, Houston Country Club, Houston Club, and Houston Launch Club.



**WARD TIMLIN**, although a comparatively recent addition to the business circles of Houston, Texas, has entered actively into the spirit of the South Texas Metropolis and has made his influence felt in the commercial and financial life of this city. Mr. Timlin is the president of the Equitable Land & Trust Company, which is a general real estate and trust company, specializing in property along and contiguous to the ship channel and other industrial locations. This company has purchased much valuable and desirable property along the ship channel and adjacent to other industrial locations in Houston, among which are Sinco Place and Lindale. This acreage property is situated in the heart of industrial areas. The Equitable Land & Trust Company was organized here on May 1st, 1926, by the two chief executives of this organization, the subject of this sketch and Mr. David Kennedy, who is the vice president and well known in the business and financial circles of South Texas. The company is introducing to the public many new methods in real estate development. Their offices are located at 505 Public National Bank Building.

A native of Missouri, Mr. Timlin was born in St. Louis on May 27th, 1894. His father, D. J. Timlin (deceased) was in his day prominently identified with various activities in different parts of the country, was very successful and amassed a fortune in his business ventures. D. J. Timlin had many claims to distinction, having during his time invented steam heat and was the first man to light trains with gas. He also put the filtering system in the Mississippi River, also designed and built the Chester, Illinois, State Prison, which was the finest penitentiary in the world at that time. His mother, Mrs. Mattie (Hoshall) Timlin, was a member of a prominent Mississippi family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Dublin, Texas, which he left when sixteen years of age and started his career in the business world as a court reporter, continuing in this field of activity until he was twenty-six years of age. At that time he engaged in the real estate business. During his career as a court reporter, Mr. Timlin did reporting in all courts, ranging from police court to the highest courts in various parts of the country, and his experience in this work would fill a large volume and has been of untold value to him.

Mr. Timlin was married at Dublin, Texas, on September 4th, 1916, to Miss Octa Lee Stephen, a native Texan and a daughter of J. V. Stephen, also a native of the Lone Star State, where throughout his life he was active in the business and social life. Her mother, Mrs. Maud (Johnson) Stephen, was a member of a well known family of Oklahoma. They have three children—David Joe, Mary Lee and Edward Earl. Mr. and Mrs. Timlin reside at 938 Pecore Avenue. Mr. Timlin is a member of the A. F. and A. M., and other fraternal, commercial, civic and social organizations here, in all of which he takes an active interest. His church affiliation is with the Baptist denomination. Since locating in Houston Mr. Timlin has made a host of friends who recognize in him a leader of his generation and one of the most progressive business men of this city, and his friends are expecting much of this ambitious citizen of Houston and the company which he heads.





**CARTER STEWART**, Vice-President and Cashier of the Public National Bank, and one of the most active and enterprising young bankers of South Texas, has devoted his entire business life to the Banking business, where he is known throughout the State as an executive and organizer. The Public National Bank has a Capital Stock of \$300,000.00, and their statement made at the close of business on June 30th, 1925, shows that they have a surplus fund of \$30,000, undivided profits of \$10,010.82 and deposits amounting to \$2,305,473.12. Other officers of the Public National Bank are J. Lewis Thompson, President; J. H. Tallichet, and J. W. Carter, Vice Presidents. The directors of this bank, which is located at 402 Main Street, are among the financiers and representative business men of Houston.

Mr. Stewart is also identified with other commercial enterprises and is President of the Public Warehouse and Forwarding Company, and Vice-President of the Public Securities Company, the latter company handling all trust matters of the Public National Bank.

A native Texan, Mr. Stewart was born in Hill County, January 9th, 1892. His father, J. D. Stewart, came to Texas from Mississippi, of which State he was a native, fifty-seven year ago, and is now retired from active business pursuits and is residing in Beaumont. His mother was Miss Stella Guice, a member of a well-known family of Mississippi. His education was obtained in the public schools of Hillsboro, Texas. When quite a young man, Mr. Stewart's parents removed to Houston, and he entered the employ of the South Texas Commercial Bank as a clerk. Later, he became bookkeeper with this bank and remained with this institution for a period of six years, when he went to New Orleans as branch manager of the Commercial Germania Bank and Trust Company, where he remained for three years. He then returned to Houston, and went with the Lumberman's National Bank, where for two years he held the position of Teller, after which he became National Bank Examiner for the 11th Federal Reserve District, serving for two years. He then came to Houston as Assistant Cashier of the Houston National Exchange Bank, where, he remained for two years. Mr. Stewart then went to Coleman, Texas, where he reorganized the First National Bank, and remained there for one year, during which time he put this Bank in good condition, and then again returned to Houston, and was made Vice-President and Cashier of the Public National Bank in August, 1922.

Mr. Stewart was married at Beaumont, Texas, in May 9th, 1915, to Miss Emlyion Odell, a daughter of G. B. Odell, well-known in the business circles of East Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart reside at the Rice Hotel. Mr. Stewart is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Gray Lodge No. 329 of Houston, where he is also a member of the Chapter. Mr. Stewart is also a member of the Houston, Houston Country, River Oaks, Lumbermans and the Glenbrook Country Club. Mr. Stewart has great faith in the future of Houston. Being the logical distributing point for the great South and Central Texas territory, he believes that it will ultimately become the largest commercial and industrial city of the Southwest. The continued development of the matchless resources of the State will, Mr. Stew-

art believes, bring greater development to his city, and he takes pleasure in contemplating the future greatness of the South Texas Metropolis.



**W. KEELAND**, of Houston, Texas, has for many years been identified with the financial activities of the Lone Star State, and is active vice president and general manager of the Guaranty Trust Company of this city. This financial institution, which was organized and chartered obtained in January, 1924, has a capital stock of \$100,000.00 and surplus of \$10,000.00. This company is privileged to transact a general trust company and banking business. The officers of the company, in addition to Mr. Keeland, are: J. A. Elkins, president; E. P. Greenwood, vice president; Wharton Weems, vice president, and B. W. Ward, secretary and treasurer. The board of directors consists of the following leading business and professional men of South Texas: Mr. J. A. Elkins, Mr. William A. Vinson, Mr. Wharton Weems, Mr. C. M. Hightower, Mr. L. S. Adams, Mr. E. P. Greenwood, Mr. H. G. Cern, Mr. H. H. Thomson, Mr. B. W. Ward and Mr. J. W. Keeland. Few men of Texas are in touch with more of the current trend of finance or have banking interests more widely distributed, than has Mr. Keeland. While he has centered many of his activities in Houston and South Texas, his interests reach other sections of the state. In addition to his banking connections in this city, he is president of the New Waverly State Bank at New Waverly, director in the Huntsville State Bank, at Huntsville, Texas; director in the Guaranty State Bank, at Willis, Texas; director in the Pasadena State Bank, at Pasadena, Texas; president of the New Waverly Drug Company, at New Waverly, Texas; president of the Herrin Hardware Company of Crockett, Texas; director in the Traylor Brothers Mercantile Company, at New Waverly, and is identified with many other interests.

A native Texan, Mr. Keeland was born at Huntsville, Walker County, on February 12th, 1883. His father, J. W. Keeland, has for many years been a resident of East Texas, where he is a large farmer, planter and land owner. His education was obtained in the schools of Huntsville, Texas. Mr. Keeland began his career at a very early age in the mercantile business at Huntsville, where he learned this business and later established himself in this line of endeavor at New Waverly and Grapeland, and built up a large business. During this period, he started in the banking business also, and has become one of the leading bankers and financiers of South Texas.

Mr. Keeland was married at New Waverly, Texas, in June, 1911, to Miss Lenna Traylor, a native of New Waverly, Texas, and a daughter of J. R. Traylor (deceased) who was one of the pioneer business men of Walker County. Mrs. Keeland is also a sister of the Traylor Brothers, who are numbered among the leading business men and progressive citizens of their community. They have one son, Luther Keeland. Mr. and Mrs. Keeland own their own home in Alden Place. Mr. Keeland never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for Houston, which he believes by reason of the deep water and railroad facilities is destined to become the greatest commercial and industrial center of the Southwest. The steady development of the last few years he expects to continue indefinitely.





*Arthur H. H. H.*





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**THOMAS P. WIER** for almost a quarter of a century has been one of a group of lumbermen whose interest lies not alone in the lumber business, but in the development of this industry along progressive lines to the highest possible plane of achievement. Mr. Wier is associated with his brother, R. W. Wier, in the operation of the R. W. Wier Lumber Company, the wholesale branch of the business and the Wier Long Leaf Lumber Company, the corporation manufacturing the lumber for the selling branch. Of both these companies Mr. Wier is secretary and treasurer, directing his executive ability toward efficient operation, and giving careful thought to the welfare of the many employees. These two companies represent a capitalization well over a million dollars, and have extensive timber holdings in Sabine, Newton and Jasper Counties, Texas.

Thomas P. Wier was born the eleventh of November, 1882, in Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, son of Thomas Dabney Wier, who located there shortly after the Civil War, and Margaret Campbell Wier, both of whom are of Scottish ancestry. Mr. Wier was educated in the public schools of Louisiana, and after finishing his education began his career as a lumberman, as purchasing agent for the Kirby Lumber Company, later with the formation of the Wier Companies, associating with his brother, R. W. Weir and helping in the organization.

Mr. Wier was married at Houston, the twenty-ninth of June, 1918, to Miss Elinor Jones, daughter of Ira P. Jones, well known Houston lawyer. Mr. and Mrs. Wier are active in social and civic activities. They have two children, T. P. Junior, and Mary Margaret. Mr. Wier is president of the Kiwanis Club, a member of the Lumberman's Club, Houston Club, Houston Country Club and the River Oaks Country Club. Fraternally he is an Elk and a Mason, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite and member of Arabia Temple Shrine. Mr. Wier takes an active interest in the advancement of the lumber industry, and his thoughts for the welfare of the employees of the Wier interests combine the most modern and approved ideas. He takes an active part in all public affairs, giving his time freely for the promotion of civic development.



**JOHN F. STAUB**, A. I. A., with office in the Second National Bank Building, has won a reputation as an architect of original and logical arrangement, ordered with the fundamental principles of permanency.

Mr. Staub is the architect of the River Oaks Country Club House, and the associate architect of some of the finest homes in Houston. Among these are the residences of K. E. Womack, Esq.; W. S. Farish, Esq.; H. V. Neuhaus, Esq.; and D. D. Peden, Esq. These homes are among the finest in the South.

In 1921 Mr. Staub came to Houston as the associate architect of H. T. Lindeberg of New York City. Although retaining this association, the greater portion of his time is now occupied by an independent practice.

Mr. Staub was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1892. Upon the completion of the four year Academic course at the University of Tennessee, he entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

at Boston, remaining for two years and recovering the degree of B. S. in architecture. He was awarded a scholarship and returned for a year of post-graduate study, receiving the degree of Master of Science in Architecture.

After leaving college, he became associated with H. T. Lindeberg in New York City, and has been with him since that time except for the period spent in the Navy. Mr. Staub served in the Navy Flying Corps from July, 1917, until January, 1919, and was awarded the "Navy Cross" for distinguished service.

Mr. Staub was married in 1920 to Miss Madeleine Delabarre of Conway, Massachusetts. They have a son, John Delabarre, and a daughter, Nancy Delabarre.

He is a member of the Houston Country Club and the River Oaks Country Club. His college fraternity is "Sigma Alpha Epsilon."

Mr. Staub is most enthusiastic regarding Houston's development, both commercial and artistic.



**ACK C. DIONNE**, for more than a decade a prime factor in Houston publishing circles, has done much effective work for the development of the lumber industry as editor and publisher of one of the leading trade papers devoted to that activity, "The Gulf Coast Lumberman." Mr. Dionne is president of the Gulf Coast Lumberman, publishing it since the first issue in 1913. This periodical is issued twice a month, on the first and fifteenth, from a modernly equipped press and is one of the finest papers dedicated to the lumber industry. The circulation each issue is five thousand copies, the distribution being largely in the Middle West and Southwest. As editor of this magazine Mr. Dionne has done some splendid work toward moulding sentiment favorable to the best interests of the lumber industry, backing every progressive movement and encouraging progress. Mr. Dionne also owns and publishes the California Lumber Merchant, one of the best of the lumber trade journals on the Pacific Coast, this also being a semi-monthly issued on the first and fifteenth of each month at Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Dionne was born at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the thirtieth of November, 1881, son of F. E. Dionne, now of Houston, who has been a lumberman all his life and is widely known in lumber circles. Mr. Dionne was educated in the public schools of his native state, and after leaving school began work in the lumber camps of Wisconsin. Later he was a newspaper reporter in Wisconsin and Michigan, then a lumber reporter and contributor to the various lumber journals. After this came a period when he edited the Southern Industrial and Lumber Review of Houston, his first editorial experience, followed by the publication of his own paper, which he also edits.

Mr. Dionne was married at Orange, Texas, in 1907 to Miss Maude Renfro, daughter of a native of the Lone Star State and a resident of Orange. They have three children, Dorothy, Katherine and Betty Ann. The family live at 119 West Alabama Avenue. Mr. Dionne is a member of the Hoo-Hoo's, a fraternal organization of lumbermen, the Houston Country Club, the Houston Club and is secretary of the Lumbermen's Association of Texas and a member of various civic organizations.





**WILL F. MILLER** since coming to Houston, January 1, 1920, has become well known in banking and business circles of South Texas. Mr. Miller is active president of the Bankers Mortgage Company. Since 1908 he has given his time and talents to the banking profession, and by attention to his duties has risen to an enviable position for a man of his years. The Bankers Mortgage Company has a capital stock of \$2,000,000.00 and a surplus fund of \$600,000.00. Other officers of the Bankers Mortgage Company are: Jesse H. Jones, president and chairman of the board; N. E. Meador, J. M. Rockwall and F. J. Heyne, vice presidents and W. W. Moore, secretary and treasurer. The directors of the Bankers Mortgage Company are the representative business men of Houston.

A native Texan, Mr. Miller was born in Colorado County, Texas, July 13th, 1884. His father, F. G. Miller, was also a native of Colorado County, where he lived all his life and was engaged in farming and stock raising. He died at the age of fifty-nine years. Mr. F. G. Miller's father, Fritz Miller, came to Texas as a young man, from Germany. His mother was prior to her marriage, Miss Helen Bartels, a native of Germany, and is now residing at Columbus, Texas. His education was obtained in the country schools of Colorado County, where his opportunities for securing an education were limited. Later, he attended a business college at Tyler, but after six months there, was called home in order to assist his father, and the liberal education which he obtained in later years, was entirely through self help. Mr. Miller started his business career in 1908, with the First State Bank of Weimar, Colorado County, Texas, as a bookkeeper and worked in all the departments of this bank, and laid the foundation for his future success in the financial world. At the time Mr. Miller entered the Weimar Bank, Mr. Ross S. Sterling was president. In 1911, Mr. Miller was made cashier of the First State Bank of Weimar and in 1914 was elected president to succeed Mr. Sterling, and remained as the executive head of this institution until he came to Houston in 1920 to accept his present position. In addition to his interests in the Bankers Mortgage Company, Mr. Miller holds directorates in the National Bank of Commerce, Houston, the First State Bank of Weimar, Texas, and the First State Bank of Columbus, Texas, and is president of the State Guaranty Bank of Goose Creek, president of the Guaranty State Bank of Ganado.

Mr. Miller resides at the Rice Hotel in Houston, and is a member of the Houston Club. Since coming to Houston he has been a constant worker for the advancement of his city.



**R. H. F. ESTILL**, president of Sam Houston State Teachers' College, at Huntsville, Texas, is known and valued as one of the leading representatives of the pedagogic profession in Texas. Dr. Estill has been president of this college since 1908 and has built up the college under conditions and demands of modern educational policy and has done much to increase the standing of the institution as an educational center. Dr. Estill is a man of high intellectual attainments, and as an executive has shown a splendid discrimination, his educational ideals being the ripened result of a

long period of years spent in educational work. He makes each student a special problem, and is the true friend of every student on the campus. Sam Houston State Teachers' College, located at Huntsville, was established for the definite purpose of preparing competent teachers for the public schools of the state, the legislative act creating the college being signed by Governor O. M. Roberts in 1879, in April, the school opening the following October. Since that time the institution has stood for three essentials in the teachers' preparation: a high grade of scholarship, the study of education as a science, and practice in teaching under expert supervision. The college offers four years of standard college work, emphasizing those special subjects which will best prepare the student for the pedagogic profession. In addition, for the benefit of those teachers and other students with limited educational preparation, who plan to teach in rural schools, one year of sub-college work is offered.

The plant of the Sam Houston Teachers' College includes the Main Building, the Industrial Arts Building, the Library Building, the Stephen F. Austin Building, also known as the Social Center Building; the Women's Gymnasium, the Men's Gymnasium, the Science and Administration Building, and the Training School Building, and in addition to this the president's residence, the greenhouse, cafeteria, model dairy barn, central heating plant, amphitheatre and a well equipped college farm with various farm buildings. Every provision is made for the students' comfort, as well as their scholastic advancement and athletics are encouraged. High moral standards prevail and the students are at all times under the benign influence of the faculty, men and women of high religious and moral character. The faculty and corps of instructors include some fifty-seven men and women, selected with discrimination, and a high standard of scholarship is maintained in each department.

Dr. H. F. Estill was born at Lexington, Virginia, the twelfth of August, 1861, son of Charles P. Estill and Katherine (Fishburne) Estill, both natives of Virginia, and both deceased. Charles P. Estill, a captain on General Hood's staff, during the Civil War, was an educator in Virginia. Later, in 1871, he came to Texas and was superintendent of public schools at Brenham, Texas, for a time. Later he became a professor at Texas A. and M. College, then known as Sam Houston Normal, remaining there until his death. Dr. H. F. Estill attended the public schools of Mexia and Brenham during his early years, later entering Austin College, at Sherman, Texas, still later entering Sam Houston State Normal College, where he was a classmate of Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker and Dean T. M. Taylor. In 1885 he became a member of the faculty and in 1908 was made president of Sam Houston State Normal College, and has since held this office.

Dr. Estill was married at Marshall, Texas, the third of August, 1892, to Miss Loulie Sexton, a native of Texas, and the daughter of Frank B. Sexton, a member of the Confederate Congress and one of the South's most prominent statesmen. Dr. and Mrs. Estill have five children—Frank Sexton, A. B., B. B. A., University of Texas, and now a resident of Beaumont; Katherine, now Mrs. A. K. Asbury, A. B., Columbia University and University of Texas, and now residing at Beaumont; Miss Mary Estill,





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*Wm. M. Mason*



a graduate of Sam Houston State Normal College, and A. B. of Columbia University, now a teacher at Marshall, Texas; Harry Estill, a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and now living at Dallas, Texas, and Miss Ruth Estill, A. B., Columbia University, and now teaching in the high school at Marshall, Texas. Dr. and Mrs. Estill make their home at the president's residence on the campus, at Sam Houston State Teachers' College. Dr. Estill is a Mason, Blue Lodge at Huntsville, Knight Templar, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He is listed in Who's Who in America, and is recognized as one of the foremost educators in the country.



**WILLIAM WILLARD MOORE**, well known in the banking, railroad and business circles of the State, was for several years secretary of the Bankers Trust Company, and when this company was reorganized and the name changed to the Bankers Mortgage Company in 1920, he was again made secretary, with the office of treasurer added. The Bankers Mortgage Company has a capital stock of \$2,000,000.00, surplus fund of \$600,000.00, and undivided profits of \$205,172.90. Other officers of the Bankers Mortgage Company are: Jesse H. Jones, president and chairman of board; N. E. Meador, J. M. Rockwell, Will F. Miller and F. J. Heyne, vice presidents. The offices of the Bankers Mortgage Company are located on the second floor of the Bankers Mortgage Building, Houston, Texas.

A native Texan, Mr. Moore was born in Jackson County, January 22nd, 1885. His father, William M. Moore, was brought to Texas from Murray County, Tennessee, by his parents, who first settled in Cherokee County, and later removed to Jackson County, where he grew to manhood, and for many years was engaged in farming, but for the past twenty-four years has been county and district clerk, and is still a county officer. His mother was Miss Triphine Elizabeth Laughter, a native Texan and a member of a pioneer family of the Lone Star State (now deceased). His education was obtained in the public schools of Jackson County and later attended a business college. When quite a young man Mr. Moore came to Houston and entered the office of Lewis and Austin, attorneys, as a stenographer, where he remained a short while, when he became associated with the Houston Belt and Terminal Railroad. He remained with this railroad for a period of two years, when he went with the Saint Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad and was stationed at Kingsville, Texas, and later went into the Republic of Mexico, where he remained from 1909 to 1914, with the Tehuantepec National Railway Company. In 1914 Mr. Moore returned to Houston and became associated with the Texas Company, but remained with this company but three months, when he went with the Bankers Trust Company, and remained with this company until the reorganization. Mr. Moore is interested in many of Houston's large enterprises, and in addition to his banking interests is an executive in the following: secretary-treasurer and general manager Jones Company; secretary of Jesse H. Jones & Company; secretary-treasurer and director of the Houston Terminal Land Company, and various other of the city's financial and industrial concerns.

Mr. Moore was married at Laredo, Texas, in 1912, to Miss Mabel Cecilia Smith, a native of New York State. They have three children: Jewel Elizabeth, Dorothy Regina and William Willard Moorë, Jr. Mr. Moore has a host of friends, both in the social and business circles of the city, who regard him as one of the city's most enterprising citizens.



**J. CASPERSEN** left a profitable professional business, for which he was educated, and in which he was highly proficient, in order to become assistant general manager of the Crystal Ice and Fuel Company, Houston, where he has been successful in augmenting the business of this company. The Crystal Ice and Fuel Company, Inc., located at the McKee Street Bridge, was started thirty-three years ago, and all stock is owned by the family, who also own and operate the Texas Ice and Fuel Company, Houston, a plant with a capacity of sixty-five tons per day. The Crystal Ice and Fuel Company, Inc., has a daily capacity of one hundred tons, and sells to both the wholesale and retail trade, most of which is in the city. This plant manufactures ice only, is operated with crude oil fuel, and uses only the absorption system and all their ice is made with distilled water. The Crystal Ice and Fuel Company, Inc., operate three large trucks, and seven horse-drawn wagons, and employs thirty people in their plant. Other officers of the Crystal Ice and Fuel Company are: C. A. Zilker, president; A. J. Zilker, vice president, and N. L. Caspersen, secretary and treasurer.

A native Texan, Mr. Caspersen was born in Houston in 1891. His father, N. L. Caspersen, has been engaged in the ice business in Houston for the past thirty-three years and is well known in the business circles of the city. His mother was Miss Annie Zilker, native of Indiana. Mr. Caspersen's preliminary education was obtained in the public and high schools and private schools of Houston, after which he attended the Texas Dental College for three years. He then went to Harvard University for one year, graduating from that institution in 1913 with the degree of D. D. S. In the same year of his graduation Mr. Caspersen began the practice of dentistry, which he continued until he enlisted in the World War in September, 1917. He was sent to Camp Travis, San Antonio, as a first lieutenant, and was later transferred to Camp Greenleaf, Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he remained until he was discharged in December, 1918. On his return to Houston, he became associated with the Crystal Ice and Fuel Company, Inc., as assistant manager. Mr. Caspersen is also treasurer of the Texas Ice and Fuel Company.

Mr. Caspersen was married in 1920 to Miss Clara Carter, a daughter of C. L. Carter, a well known attorney of Houston, and a member of the law firm of Baker, Botts, Parker & Garwood. Mr. and Mrs. Caspersen reside at 902 Hadley Avenue. In fraternal and social organizations Mr. Caspersen holds membership in the B. P. O. E., the Houston Club, and the Lumberman's Club. Dr. Caspersen has made a name among business associates for his straightforward business methods and keenness of judgment, and with character, perseverance and foresight the dominant factors in his daily life, the future is bright for this young man, who is still in the morning of life.





**E**CLIFTON WILSON, whose home and business are located at Houston, has in the last five years directed his energies toward the organization and operation of a printing and stationery business that ranks well toward the top of the list of such industries in this city. The Wilson Stationery and Printing Company, Incorporated, was established and incorporated in 1918, the outgrowth of a business started in 1917, and then known as Cummings and Sons. The business continued under this name until 1920, at which time Mr. Wilson effected a change in name. Mr. Wilson has been President and General Manager of the Wilson Stationery and Printing Company since acquiring the business in 1918, and under his capable direction the plant has done a constantly increasing business. The plant occupies a modern building, at 508-10 Fannin Street, using all three floors, and having fifteen thousand feet of floor space. They handle a general stationery and printing business. Mr. Wilson has sixty employees in the plant, with five city salesmen, and one man on the road, covering South Texas. A. A. Tomlinson is Secretary and Treasurer of the Corporation.

Mr. Wilson was born at Houston the thirteenth of July, 1891, son of T. W. Wilson, and Leila Blake Wilson, both of whom are also natives of Houston. The Blake and Wilson families came to Houston in the early days, and are numbered among the oldest in this city. The elder Mr. Wilson is Vice-President of the Wilson Supply Company of Houston, a firm handling extensive oil supply business. E. Clifton Wilson was educated in the public schools of Houston, and after finishing his education entered upon his active business career with the Kirby Lumber Company, being but sixteen when he took the position with this firm. After four years, during which he made rapid progress, he took a position with the Thompson-Tucker Lumber Company, remaining here two years. He then went with the W. H. Coyle and Company, Printers, as Secretary and Treasurer, holding this position for the ensuing five years, and resigning it to buy the present business. Mr. Wilson is also a Director of the Wilson Supply Company and the Houston Stamp and Stencil Company.

Mr. Wilson was married at Houston the ninth of September, 1915, to Miss Miriam Moore, a native of Mississippi, and reared at Palestine, Texas. They make their home at 901 West Alabama Avenue, and have one child, Edward Clifton, Junior. Mr. Wilson is a Blue Lodge Mason, Gray Lodge No. 329, Thirty-Second Degree Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine, the Glenbrook and River Oaks Country Clubs.



**J**OSEPH S. SMITH has, for the past twenty years, been associated with the Aetna Life and Affiliated Companies. He is district manager for the Aetna Life Insurance Company, of Hartford, Conn., for the Southeastern district of Texas, with offices at 301-2 Gulf Building, Houston, Texas. Mr. Smith first entered the insurance profession in Tucson, Arizona, having made his home in Arizona for many years. Having been born and raised in Texas he was glad to have the opportunity of returning to Texas in 1907 as assistant manager of the South Texas District for the Aetna, holding that position until 1921, when he was promoted to manager, with headquarters in Houston. Before coming to Houston, Mr. Smith

was located in Victoria, Texas, and lived there for several years, during which time he took active part in the welfare of that City. While residing in Victoria, he organized the Rotary Club at Victoria, and also the Rotary Clubs at Cuero and Beeville. He was an active member and officer of the Chamber of Commerce, and was one of the promoters of the Victoria County Fair. During the World's War Mr. Smith was associated with the Red Cross as vice-president, and also chairman of the finance committee, and member of the Exemption Board of Victoria County. Mr. Smith was born in Austin, Texas, January 6th, 1879. His father, James Baird Smith, native of Scotland (deceased since 1905) was a well-known contractor and builder of the Capital City. His mother was born in London, England. Mr. Smith's parents came direct to Texas, and located in Austin, in 1868. The old family home, being built from the stone of the old Capitol building, is at present being occupied by Mr. Smith's mothers and sisters.

Mr. Smith's education was obtained in the public schools of Austin. He began his business career at the age of fifteen years, and traveled through different parts of Mexico, United States and Canada, before he attained his majority. His business career started in the brokerage and stock business. After the death of his brother in Arizona Mr. Smith entered the Insurance profession, and has made a very careful study of this business for many years, and, since opening the offices of the Aetna Life in Houston, has enjoyed a very lucrative business. His territory consists of thirty counties, and he has at present fifteen men connected with the general agency.

Mr. Smith was married at Victoria, Texas, January 15th, 1913, to Miss Venie Jones (formerly of Houston, Texas) a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones. Mr. Jones being for many years division superintendent of the Victoria Division of the Southern Pacific Railroad. The Smith home at 2602 Whitney Street, is very happy with three children, Joseph, Jr., Margaret Elizabeth and Mary Kingswell. Mr. Smith is a member of the A. F. & A. M., with membership in Victoria Lodge No. 320, also Chapter and Commandery at Victoria, and Arabia Temple, Houston. He is a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, City and County Club, Houston Club, and declares that Houston, Texas, will be the first city in the Southwest to have a million population.



**J**AMES E. DALEY, general manager of the Bender Hotel, Houston, is one of the most successful hotel men in Texas, where he is widely known and popular with the traveling public. Mr. Daley is also president of the Bender Hotel Operating Company, which owns the Bender Hotel. This hostelry, located at Walker Avenue and Main Street, is among the finest hotels in Houston. The building, a ten-story, modern, fire-proof structure, was completed in 1910 and leased by the Bender Hotel Operating Company in 1915. The Bender Hotel has three hundred outside rooms, all comfortably and elegantly furnished. In the manner of ministering to the needs of the inner man, the Bender Hotel is most luxuriously equipped with dining room with a seating capacity of three hundred people, and large grill and lunch room. The





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attractive, well-ventilated ball room has a capacity of accommodating three hundred and fifty people. The Bender Hotel building is one hundred and twenty-five feet by one hundred and twenty-five feet, and employs one hundred and seventy-five people. The Bender is not regarded as an expensive hotel, as comfortable rooms may be had from \$1.50 and upward. The Bender Hotel Operating Company are interested in the Cotton Hotel of Houston, a hotel of one hundred and seventy-five rooms, and the Crosby House of Beaumont, an attractive hotel with one hundred and eighty-five rooms. Other officers of the Bender Hotel Operating Company are E. H. Coombs, vice president, and L. A. Grevemberg, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Daley was born in Missouri in 1870 and his early education was obtained in that State.

Mr. Daley began hotel work when seventeen years of age, and since that time has worked in practically every capacity from bell boy to manager. He came to Texas in 1897 and went with the old Hot Wells Hotel at San Antonio, where he remained for a few years and then came to Houston with the old Rice Hotel. He was first steward and buyer for the Rice and later assistant manager. He remained with the Rice Hotel until the building was razed in order to build the new Rice. Mr. Daley was with the Cotton Hotel of Houston from 1912 to 1915, at the time he leased the Bender Hotel; however, retaining his interest in the Cotton. Mr. Daley was married in San Antonio in 1909 to Miss Lillian Sanderson, a native Texan and a member of a well known Marshall family. They have four children—Harry, Marcus, James E. Jr. and Hugh. Mr. Daley and his family reside at the Bender Hotel. He is a member of the Houston Country Club, Kiwanis Club and the Texas Hotel Association, in which organization he is a director. Mr. Daley is interested in all agencies working for the greater development and civic improvement of Houston and gives liberally of his time and assistance to help his city in every way.



**LOYD IKARD**, although a comparatively recent addition to the banking fraternity of Houston, is well known in financial circles of the State, having prior to coming to Houston been connected with several of the State's leading institutions. Mr. Ikard is one of the organizers and Vice-President and Cashier of the Federal Trust Company. The company has offices in the Sam Houston Hotel building and has a capital and surplus of \$250,000.00. Although opened for business in May, 1925, it has deposits, including trust funds, of nearly \$500,000.00. The officers, other than Mr. Ikard, are Chester A. Bryan, President, and Murray B. Jones, Vice-President. The Directors are made up of a group of leading men of this section of the State.

A native Texan, Mr. Ikard was born in Henrietta in 1886. His father, M. Ikard, came to Texas with his parents when four years of age, and was raised in this State, where he was well known as one of Texas' leading cattle men. Mr. Ikard and his brothers have the distinction of having introduced Hereford cattle into Texas. His mother was, prior to her marriage, Miss Nellie Wait, a native of Alabama. His parents now reside at Ardmore, Oklahoma. Mr. Ikard's education was obtained in the public and high schools of Ardmore, Indian Territory (now the State of Oklahoma), where he graduated from high

school in 1904. After finishing high school, Mr. Ikard attended the Hargrove College at Ardmore.

Mr. Ikard began his business career in the banking business at Ardmore, Oklahoma, when eighteen years of age, where he was employed by the Ardmore Loan and Trust Company. From 1905 to 1918 he was with the Fort Worth and Dallas Commercial Banks. In 1918 Mr. Ikard went with the Federal Reserve Bank at Dallas as Assistant Manager of the War Loan Department, and was later made Assistant Cashier of this bank, and in January, 1921, was transferred to the branch of the Federal Reserve Bank at Houston, as Cashier, and becoming Manager in August, 1921. In May, 1923, he was appointed manager of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston, which he served until taking his present position.

Mr. Ikard was married at Fort Worth in 1912 to Miss Beulah A. High, a native of the Lone Star State, and a daughter of J. S. High (deceased), a well known, pioneer citizen of Texas. Mr. Ikard is a 32nd Degree Mason and a member of the Dallas Consistory No. 2, and a Shriner of Hella Temple, Dallas. In social organizations he holds membership in the Houston Club and the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Ikard is thoroughly trained in his profession, and has already become a leader among the younger bankers of this district.



**COURT NORTON**, for more than a decade a factor in the tailoring industry at Houston, has during this time established a commendable reputation as a merchant tailor, building up a business of recognized distinction. The Barringer-Norton Company, Incorporated, was established by Mr. Norton in 1909 and incorporated in 1912. The firm operates an exclusive men's tailoring shop, their work representing the highest achievement of the tailors' art. They occupy two handsomely appointed floors at 410 Main Street, each floor thirty by one hundred feet, and have thirty trained and experienced men in the shop. The Barringer-Norton Company caters to the highest class of trade, their clientele being drawn from among the best of Houston's citizenry. All the work on garments tailored by this firm is done in their own shop, and in charge of workmen expert in their own line. Mr. Norton is president of the Barringer-Norton Company, Incorporated, and is also treasurer and manager. Bragg Callaway is vice president and Bruce Patterson, secretary.

Mr. Norton was born at Calvert, Texas, the eighteenth of August, 1885, son of C. M. Norton, a native of Tennessee, who came to Texas in the early seventies, and Ada Court Norton, a native of Kentucky. Mr. Norton was educated in the public schools of his native city and gained his first experience in the merchant tailoring business there. He was for a number of years on the road, for a well known Chicago firm, covering Texas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory. In 1909 he came to Houston, establishing his present business.

Mr. Norton was married at Houston, in 1910, to Miss Mabel Emery. They have two children, Natalie and Court, Jr. The family make their home at 1320 Missouri Avenue. Mr. Norton is a member of the Houston Club, the Lumberman's Club, the Houston Country Club, the Rotary Club, and the B. P. O. E. He is also a Mason, a member of Holland Lodge No. 1, Galveston Consistory No. 1, and Arabia Temple Shrine.



**R**AYMOND C. STONE, one of the younger business men of Houston and Galveston, has been a factor for a number of years in the shipping world, and is recognized as an authority on shipping problems. Mr. Stone is President of the Stone Forwarding Company, one of the leading shipping companies of the Texas ports, acting as ocean freight brokers and specializing in handling all details for exporters and importers. This company was organized by Mr. Stone the first of September, 1919, since which time it has met with a phenomenal growth. The principal business of the Stone Forwarding Company is in handling grain and cotton shipments, acting as shipping agents for various grain and cotton exporting firms as well as for firms handling other commodities, and making shipments to various European ports. They secure ocean freight for cotton shippers to complete a cargo to any desired destination, and also keep behind shipments from origination to destination. One of their greatest services to shippers is in the time saved, resulting in a consequent reduction of interest, this saving running from two to ten days on shipments. The Stone Forwarding Company also acts as grain shippers' agents, and carry records of individual stocks carried in elevators by shippers. When a steamer calls at the Ports of Houston and Galveston they are enabled to promptly supervise the loading of various grades of grain in storage, thus avoiding delays. The company has its own men at the docks and railroad yards, employing a force of around eighteen men, another factor in facilitating shipments without delay. Offices of the firm are maintained in Galveston, Dallas and Houston.

Raymond C. Stone is a native of Chicago, where he was born the twenty-fourth of February, 1891. After completing his elementary and high school education, Mr. Stone spent one year in the University of Oklahoma, after which he entered upon his practical business career. He has engaged in the ocean freight brokerage business throughout his career, and was with the J. H. W. Steel Company for ten years, during that time having charge of many different offices for that company, and learning the business from the ground up. Mr. Stone first came to Galveston for that company, and was later sent to San Francisco, where he was in charge of the office of the J. H. W. Steel Company at that point when called to service by the war department early in the World War. Mr. Stone served as captain in Army Transport service from the twenty-second of October, 1917, until the eleventh of December, 1918, and was general superintendent of Army Transport service, in charge of all water transportation for the expeditionary forces to and from England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. He was cited by General John J. Pershing for exceptionally meritorious and conspicuous service at London, England, and commended by General W. W. Attebury. After returning to the United States from England at the close of the war, Mr. Stone spent a short time as manager of the J. H. W. Steel Company at New York, after which he came to Galveston to establish his present business, and on November 1st, 1925, he opened his present offices in Houston.

Mr. Stone was married in Mineral Wells, Texas, the twenty-third of December, 1914, to Miss Lila

O'Neal, a member of a Texas family. He is a member of Tucker Lodge No. 297, A. F. and A. M., and a past director of the Rotary Club of Galveston, the Galveston Country Club, the Aziola Club, a member of the Artillery Club of Galveston, and the Houston Club, and Traffic Club of Houston. At the time of his removal to Houston he was President of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, and of the Ocean Freight Brokers' Association of Galveston. He is one of the organizers of the National Fire Insurance Company of Galveston.

**H**L. MILLER, who has recently established his home and business headquarters at Houston, is a factor in manufacturing activities. Mr. Miller is Manufacturing Manager of the Houston factory branch of the National Biscuit Company, established in this city in 1900. At that time a small building was occupied, but rapid growth soon necessitated a larger factory and in 1910 the business was moved into the new five-story factory, built by the company, and covering a half block at Chenevert and Magnolia Streets. Mr. Miller took charge of the factory in 1921, and since that time the business has made rapid progress, now employing almost three hundred operatives in the manufacturing departments. The National Biscuit Company is one of the largest manufacturers of crackers, cakes, wafers and package goods of this class in the State, putting on the market a line of goods that has won national recognition.

Mr. Miller has been identified with this company since leaving school, first at Columbia, South Carolina, as a clerk. It was not long, however, before the company sent him to various branches, and for two months he was at Macon, Georgia, then at Rome, Georgia, for a year, followed by a year at Meridian, Mississippi, and a year at Atlanta. He was then sent to the general office in New York City, remaining there three months, after which he was made traveling auditor, with headquarters at Albany, N. Y. In 1919 he was sent to Houston as Office Manager and in September, 1921, was made Manufacturing Manager, the position he now holds.

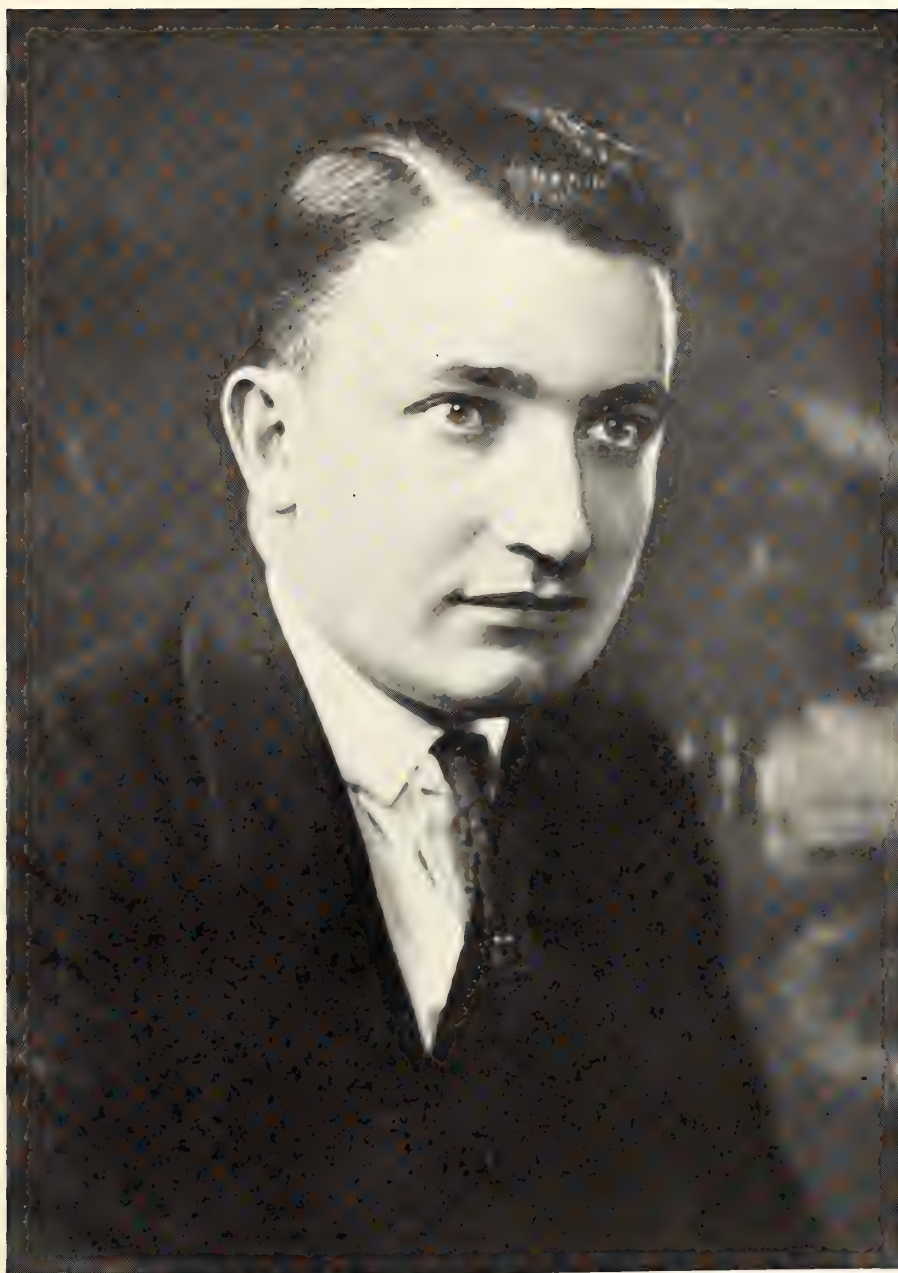
Mr. Miller was born in South Carolina, the fifth of November, 1893, son of L. T. Miller, a native of that State, and now living at Hartsville, South Carolina, and Susie Wilson Miller, also a South Carolinian. He was educated in the public schools of his native State, going with the National Biscuit Company after finishing his education.

Mr. Miller was married at Rome, Georgia, the twenty-first of March, 1914, to Miss Gladys Camp, a native of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Miller make their home in Houston, at 1620 Hawthorne Street, and have one son, H. L. Miller, Junior.

**H**ERBERT S. L'HOMMEDIEU, who has recently come to Houston, is well known in shipping circles as one of the expert traffic men of the state, and has attained an enviable position in his chosen field. Mr. L'Hommedieu is manager of the traffic department of Collin and Conover, freight forwarders, with offices in the Cotton Exchange Building. The firm handles a general steamship freight forwarding business, and acts as forwarding agent for many large companies.

Mr. L'Hommedieu was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, the nineteenth of March, 1880. His father, Louis L'Hommedieu, was a railroad man his entire life,





*R. C. Stone*





Chas. Eikel.



and the L'Hommedieu family, from the first days of the railroad, have been railroad men, and have been represented in all branches of the railroad business, from the president's office to the more humble capacities. Mr. L'Hommedieu was educated in the public schools of Cincinnati, and after finishing there entered Gambrel College, where he attended some years. Just before the close of the Spanish-American War he joined the army, spending two years with the forces at Cuba and other places. After leaving the army he went to New York City and went into the stock and bond house of Henry L. Dartz, remaining there a short time, when he went with the New York Central Railroad, with which he was identified for four years. He then came to Beaumont with the Southern Pacific Railroad, in the transportation department, and after ten years in that office was employed by the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, in the transportation department. Four years later he moved to Orange, and was with the Chamber of Commerce there for four years, until 1918, when he engaged in the forwarding business for himself, organizing the Texas Shipping and Forwarding Company, in 1921, which he served as president until coming to Houston, in January, 1925.

Mr. L'Hommedieu was married at Houston, the seventh of September, 1910, to Miss Zoe Ganchan, a native of Texas. They reside in Houston, at 4444 Travis Street, and have one child, Constance. Mr. L'Hommedieu is a member of the Rotary, Beaumont and Neches Clubs, at Beaumont. Since coming to Houston he has taken an active interest in the work being done by the various civic organizations, and occupies a place of leadership among the younger business men of Houston.

**C**HARLES EIKEL, President of the Southern Stevedoring and Contracting Company of Houston, came to this city several years ago to enter this business, and is well known in shipping circles as one of the most versatile men in this field. The Southern Stevedoring and Contracting Company was established in 1922, by Mr. Eikel, since which time he has been active in its management, building up the business along progressive lines and through giving super service to his many patrons in Houston and Galveston. Mr. Eikel's company loads and unloads ships by contract, employing a large crew of efficient workmen, and all special equipment to facilitate this work. He has contracts with Wilkens and Biehl, steamship agents, The Texas Transport and Terminal Company and others, handling over fifty per cent of the tonnage in the Houston Harbor. Offices are maintained in the Cotton Exchange Building. O. R. Seagraves is secretary and treasurer of the company, and like Mr. Eikel, has had a wide experience in the stevedoring and contracting business.

Charles Eikel was born at New Braunfels, Texas, on the twelfth day of January, 1880, son of Albert Eikel and Augusta (Faust) Eikel, both native Texans, and well known residents of New Braunfels. Mr. Eikel obtained his education in the schools of Texas and after leaving school was with the Southern Pacific Steamship Company for many years in Mexico and Galveston. He came to Houston in 1922, and has since been president of the Southern Stevedoring and Contracting Company.

Mr. Eikel was married at Laredo, Texas, the seventh of June, 1905, to Miss Marie Drake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Drake. Mr. and Mrs. Eikel reside at 3919 Mount Vernon Avenue, and have one child, Mary Augusta. Mr. Eikel is a member of the Houston Club, the River Oaks Country Club, the Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Houston Cotton Exchange, the Episcopal Church and is a Scottish Rite Mason.



**MARKLEY CROSSWELL** has for a decade been manager of the Houston Business of Alex Sprunt & Son, Inc., Cotton Dealers, and during this period he has played an important part in bringing his firm to a position of prominence in the cotton industry of the Southwest. Mr. Crosswell is also President of the Ship Channel Compress Company, Inc., the cotton firm of Alex Sprunt and Son, Inc., with headquarters at Wilmington, North Carolina, are large exporters of cotton and do a large domestic business. They shipped from Houston in 1923 more than 150,000 bales of cotton to England, Germany, Italy, France, Spain, Belgium and to Scandinavian countries. Alex Sprunt and Son, Inc., own the Ship Channel Compress Company, Inc., which has a storage capacity of 75,000 bales, and have two high density Webb presses with 800 feet of wharfage, they are able to load cotton direct to steamers. There are approximately 250 people under the supervision of the Houston branch and their business has increased steadily since the opening of their office in this city.

Mr. Crosswell was born in Greenville, South Carolina, June 1, 1886, but went with his parents to North Carolina when three years of age. His father, W. J. Crosswell, was for a period covering forty-four years superintendent of the Atlantic Division of the Southern Express Company, with headquarters at Wilmington. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Wilmington, North Carolina, and later he attended Davidson College. He began his business career in the banking business, but remained in this line of endeavor for only one year, when he entered the employ of Alex Sprunt and Son, Inc. He later went to Germany for one year, and from there came to Houston August, 1911, as Assistant Manager of Alex Sprunt and Son, Inc., and in 1913 was made Manager of the Houston office, where he has since remained.

Mr. Crosswell was married at Temple, Texas, April 23, 1913, to Miss Anna Downs, a daughter of F. F. Downs, President of the First National Bank of Temple, Texas, and member of an old and prominent Texas family. They have four children, all of whom were born in Texas, Sarah Anne, H. M., Jr., Fla Downs and James Earle. Mr. and Mrs. Crosswell reside at 3910 Yoakum Boulevard. In fraternal and social organizations Mr. Crosswell is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the University Club, Houston Country Club and the Houston Club. Mr. Crosswell is a staunch and consistent member of the First Presbyterian Church, and has been a Deacon since 1921. He has since coming to Houston been active in the Houston Cotton Exchange, of which organization he is President. He is also prominently associated with all civic clubs of the city, and gives his time and means to all projects having as their object the improvement and advancement of Houston.



**D**AVID RICE, senior member of the firm of Rice and Reynaud, cotton weighers, is a native Houstonian, where he has been engaged in the cotton weighing business for more than forty years. The duty of a public cotton weigher, who are all appointed by the Governor of the State, is to get as near a correct and fair weight as possible, and he acts as a balancing medium between the buyer and seller of cotton. Cotton weights are subject to great variation on account of the qualities of cotton for absorbing moisture when exposed, and the amount of as a public weigher in 1882, and, after a time left this business, but for only a short while, when he returned and has since been continuously engaged exposure it has had in the weather. Mr. Rice began in this line of endeavor. He is a member of a pioneer family, and one of the city's most enterprising and progressive citizens. The office of Rice and Reynaud is located at 412 Cotton Exchange Building.

Mr. Rice was born January 18th, 1863. His father, F. A. Rice (deceased since 1901) was one of the early settlers of Texas, coming to this State from Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1850. He was a pioneer merchant and planter of the Brazos River Valley. Later, he was, for many years, treasurer of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, and, still later, was engaged in the banking business in Houston, and was one of the original Trustees of the Rice Institute. His mother was Miss Charlotte M. Baldwin, a daughter of Horace Baldwin, who was Mayor of Houston during the days of the Republic, and was a brother-in-law of A. C. Allen, one of the founders of Houston. Her paternal ancestors were the founders of Baldwinsville, New York. Mr. Rice's family is of old Revolutionary stock, sprung from the sturdy Scotch-Irish and English pioneers of Colonial days in America. Mr. Rice's brothers, H. B., J. S., B. B. and W. M., are prominent business men of Houston. His education was obtained in the private schools of Houston. Mr. Rice owns interests in various financial and business institutions of Houston, but his personal interest has always been in the cotton weighing business. He is one of the organizers of the Southern Drug Company, is now a director in this company, and is interested in the insurance business through his son, Brown Rice, of the firm of Rice and Belk Insurance Company.

Mr. Rice was married in Houston to Miss Mattie L. Botts, a member of a pioneer Houston family, and a daughter of Col. W. B. Botts (deceased) who was a member of the well-known law firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood. They have seven children—five boys and two girls. Brown B. Rice, of the firm of Rice and Belk Insurance Company, is a son, and Mrs. W. S. Farish is a daughter. Mr. Rice has seen Houston grow from a village of 1500 population to the busy, thriving city of today, and expects to see Houston become the greatest city in the South. Mr. Rice, although more than sixty years of age, is hale and hearty, which he attributes to having lived an out-door life, and is much interested in the success achieved by his sons and daughters, who are among the leaders in the social and business life of the younger generation of Houston. In the midst of his private work, Mr. Rice finds opportunity to give his time and assistance to many improvements of a public nature.

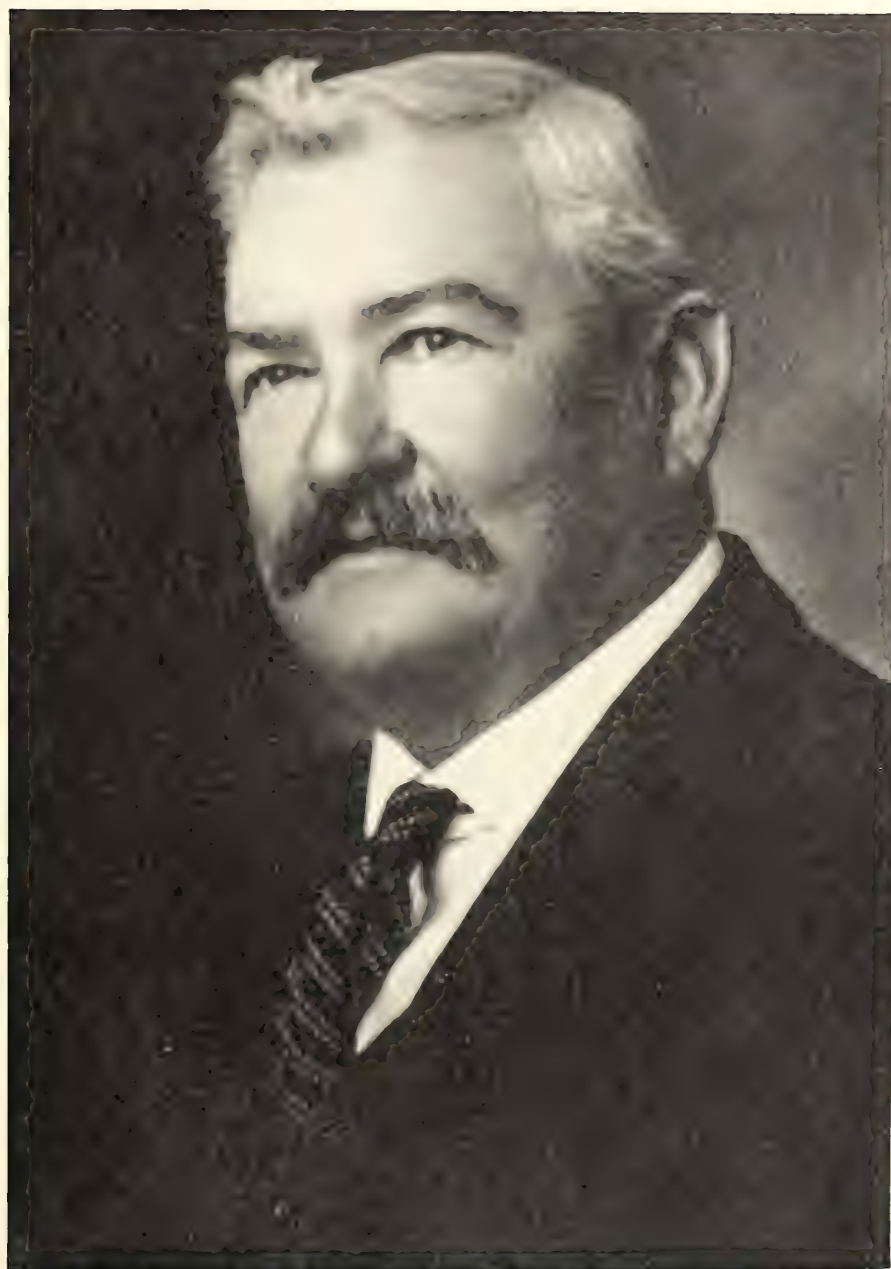
**R**S. JARETT, whose home and business headquarters are at Houston, is a factor in the commercial life and is well known as a wholesale merchant. The Pincus-Jarett Dry Goods Company, Incorporated, of which Mr. Jarett is vice president, treasurer and manager, was established in 1907. At that time the business was located in a small building on Congress Avenue and began operations in a small way. The business met with a rapid success, trade conditions demanding expansion, and in 1910, three years after its organization, the Pincus-Jarett Dry Goods Company moved to their present location, a fine four-story building, fifty by one hundred feet, located at 213 Milam Street. The Pincus-Jarett Company does a wholesale business exclusively, selling dry goods and notions, and keeps seven men on the road. They carry the well known lines of goods and operate the business on the most progressive lines, building and developing trade through their reputation for reliability and square dealing with their customers. The Pincus-Jarett Dry Goods Company has a force of from thirty-five to forty employees in the store at Houston. The officers of the company are: Louis Jarett, of New York City, president; R. S. Jarett, the subject of this sketch, vice president, treasurer, and M. D. Cohn, secretary.

Mr. Jarett was born in New York City, in 1886, and began his business career as a boy in that city. In 1902 he came to Houston and when his uncle, Louis Jarett, organized the Pincus-Jarett Dry Goods Company, in 1907, he came with the firm, and has since been with the business.

**D**JOHN W. DEHNERT, manager of the Houston office and associate of the firm of C. D. Hill & Company, one of the leading firms of architects in Texas, is firmly established at Houston as an architect of wide experience and success in his profession. Mr. Dehnert came to Houston in 1921 and has since made his influence felt in the work done by this firm here. The C. D. Hill Company are general architects and architectural engineers, handling work all over the state, with around two million dollars worth of construction under way at Houston, and plans being drawn for much additional work. They have their offices in the Kress Building and maintain a force of assistant architects and draftsmen. The firm is building the First Baptist Church, an edifice which, when completed, will represent a million dollar investment. The C. D. Hill Company maintain offices in Dallas and handle much work in that section, designing and superintending the construction of many large buildings there. The officers of the Company are C. D. Hill, D. F. Coburn, H. D. Smith and J. W. Dehnert.

Mr. Dehnert was born in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1890, son of Frederick William and Emelie (Bursie) Dehnert, the father a well known merchant and baker there. Mr. Dehnert was educated in the public schools of St. Louis and after graduating from high school entered Washington University at St. Louis, for the four year course in architecture, graduating in 1913 with the degree of Bachelor of Science. He immediately began architectural work in St. Louis, continuing in that city until 1917, when he entered the army, enlisting in August. He was sent to the officers training camp at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, where he spent three months, then





David Rice





*W B Sterling*



going overseas, spending three months at the French Artillery School at Saumur, France, after which he was assigned to the 121st Field Artillery of the Thirty-second Division, and was on the front in active service until November 11th, 1918. He was then with the Army of Occupation in Germany until March, 1919, after which he attended the School of Architecture, near Paris, France, for three months, returning to St. Louis in July of 1919. After a month at home he came to Dallas, remaining there two years with C. D. Hill & Company before coming to Houston.

Mr. Dehnert was married at Uniontown, Alabama, in 1922 to Miss Mattilee Underwood, daughter of a landowner and planter of that state.

Mr. Dehnert is a member of the Houston Engineers Club and the Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. He is a Theta-Xi and fraternally is a Scottish Rite Mason and member of Arabia Temple Shrine.



**LIVER BRYAN STERLING**, for twenty years one of the most influential citizens of Dayton, where his constructive interest in the development of the town resulted in an era of building and progress on a scale large enough to rank him as one of the builders of the Dayton of today, has recently come to Houston to reside. In April, 1925, he established the Sterbaco Battery Electrical Service at 1719 Main Street, and is sole owner of the new business. The concern carries a complete line of U. S. L. Automobile batteries and radio batteries, as well as electrical equipment, oil, gas, Ajax tires and tire accessories, and in fact, a general line of automobile accessories of all kinds. The plant is housed in an especially constructed building for this kind of enterprise, and is modern in every detail. Courteous and efficient service is the watchword, and competent employees are on hand to take care of practically every automobile need of the public.

Mr. Sterling went to Dayton, Texas, in 1904, going there from Galveston, and at that time began the construction of residences and business property, continued during the many years he spent in the city, until he had accumulated rental property here to the extent of over one hundred thousand dollars. He is also the owner of the Dayton Theater, a modern show house, with a seating capacity of six hundred people, and is one of the Directors of the Dayton Mercantile Company, of which his brother, J. B. Sterling, is President and Manager. Mr. Sterling was also for many years one of the leading rice growers of this section, annually planting a large acreage to this crop, and also building canals to irrigate the rice lands of this section. He was one of the builders of the Moores-Bluff Canal, one of the largest irrigation projects here, and was otherwise active in the rice industry. Mr. Sterling assisted in every way in the development of Dayton, encouraging the establishment of enterprises of importance, and is regarded, and justly, as the real builder of this city.

Oliver Bryan Sterling was born in Liberty County, Texas, the thirteenth of August, 1866, one of the twelve children of Captain Benjamin Franklin Sterling and Mary Jane Bryan Sterling. Captain Sterling was born in Mississippi, in 1831, coming to Texas, where he located in Liberty County, as a young man. At the outbreak of the Civil War he

recruited a company in Liberty County, the first to be organized here, and of which Captain King Bryan, an uncle of his wife's, was Captain. Captain Sterling did not go with this company, remaining to recruit a second company, of which he was Captain, and which served in Walls, Texas. At the close of the war Captain Sterling left Liberty County, coming to Chambers County, where he became one of the leaders of that section. He was an intimate friend of Sam Houston and other men of his day who have played an important part in Texas history. Captain Sterling remained in Chambers County until several years prior to his death, removing to Houston, where his death occurred in 1917. Mrs. Sterling, a native of Texas, and a member of one of the most prominent families of the State, was of Scotch-Irish descent, her American ancestors being among the early settlers of Virginia. A member of the family, Luke Bryan, served with distinction in the Battle of San Jacinto. The twelve children of Captain and Mrs. Sterling include Oliver Bryan, the subject of this sketch; R. S., Ex-Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Humble Oil Company, and interested in many other important activities; F. P., Vice-President of the Humble Oil and Refining Company; A. A., President of the American Building and Loan Association; J. B., President of the Dayton Mercantile Company; Miss Florence, Ex-Secretary of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and one of the most prominent women of Texas; J. L., prominent business man of Galveston; Mrs. Cora Barrow, Mrs. S. E. Barrow and Mrs. G. L. H. Koehler. The deceased children are: B. G. and S. H. Sterling.

Oliver Bryan Sterling was educated in the country schools of Chambers County, working on his father's farm between the short school terms of that day. He remained on the farm until he attained his majority, a little later taking up carpenter work, rice irrigation work, and engineering work, during these years handling all classes of work in these fields, and for a time taking charge of a canal as engineer and superintendent. In 1900 he went to Galveston, where he engaged in the contracting business, remaining there for four years prior to going to Dayton, where he began a career of building, which resulted in the development of a town which will live throughout the years to come.

Mr. Sterling was married at Dayton, Texas, the twenty-fourth of January, 1912, to Miss Lula Crites, a native of Huntington, Indiana, and the daughter of Jesse F. Crites, also of that State. Mrs. Sterling was educated for the teaching profession and taught school in Michigan and Indiana. She is a cultured lady, possessing a keen business judgment, and has materially aided her husband in his career. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling have five children, Gwendolyn, Oliver Bryan, Jr., Lee F., Mary Lu and Elizabeth Ross Sterling. Mr. Sterling, with his family, reside at 107 Hathaway since coming to Houston to make his home and is a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge of Dayton. Essentially a business and family man, he has found in his business and in his family life his two chief interests, and social life, as typified by lodges and clubs, has made little appeal to him. In the coming of O. B. Sterling and family to Houston to live the city profits by this addition to its citizenship and whatever Mr. Sterling undertakes in a business way will reflect credit to himself because his career has been founded upon fair and honest dealings.





**JOHN M. BOYLE**, veteran laundry owner of Houston, has been for two decades one of the vital forces for progress in this industry, devoting his energies not alone to the development of his business, but to the raising of laundry operation standards. Mr. Boyle came to Houston in 1889 and after a business experience of ten years, founded the Eureka Laundry and Dry Cleaning Works, in 1902, and has since operated this business. Mr. Boyle began in a small way at 911 Capitol Avenue, the first year employing ten operatives. But his methods of operation, his desire to give to the Houston housewives an efficient, high grade service, accomplished much and the business prospered from the start. In 1919 it had grown to such proportions that the Eureka Laundry and Dry Cleaning Works was incorporated and today finds this enterprise one of the biggest and finest commercial laundries in the Southwest. Located at 610 Travis Street, the Eureka Laundry and Dry Cleaning Works, with Mr. Boyle as its president and manager, occupies one of the most modernly equipped plants in the Lone Star State, with thirty-five thousand square feet of floor space and employing one hundred and fifty-six operatives. Mr. Boyle has at all times, since the first day of operation, kept apace with modern and progressive methods of operation, installing new equipment when he saw where he could raise his standards by so doing, introducing new methods in the wash room when he saw a chance to improve over the old methods and give a better class of work. He has been a leader in every movement for the improvement of the laundry industry. His plant stands a monument to John M. Boyle, known throughout the laundry industry as one of the most progressive men in the industry today. Mr. Boyle does all classes of laundry and dry cleaning and makes a specialty of service. Twenty delivery trucks are operated to further facilitate efficient operation and every effort made to give Houston a laundry service second to none. Mr. Boyle, as previously mentioned, is president and general manager of the Eureka Laundry and Dry Cleaning Works, Inc., J. G. Palmer, vice president and C. A. Palmer, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Boyle was born at Caddo Parish, Louisiana, in 1872, son of J. M. Boyle, a native of Ireland who came to Louisiana as a young man. Mr. Boyle was educated in the Caddo parish schools, and in 1892 came to Houston. Until 1896 he was with an ice company here, in that year beginning his laundry experience in one of the Houston laundries. Six years later he launched his own business, which he has since operated.

Mr. Boyle was married at Houston, in 1903, to Miss Rosa Iselt, a native of Waller County, Texas. They have one child, Virginia Rose. Mr. and Mrs. Boyle make their home at 1012 Rosedale Street. Mr. Boyle is a popular member of most of the social and civic organizations at Houston, a Mason, member of Gray Lodge, 32nd Degree, Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is active in the work of the Texas Laundryowners Association, where he is affectionately hailed as "Red Boyle" and of which he is the popular president. He is also identified with the Laundryowners National Association and takes an active interest in the work, along progressive lines, that this association plans and carries out.



**WALTER H. MYERS** is well-known in the business circles of Houston, where, before entering the real estate and investment business, he was for eleven years engaged in the drug business. Mr. Myers is president of the Ship Channel Development Company, which was incorporated in 1919, and deals principally in residential property, and some business sites in Harrisburg, Pasadena and Gloverdale, with sub-divisions in Harrisburg and along the Ship Channel. This Development Company also finances and builds for clients; they also have a sub-division at Bellaire. The office of the Ship Channel Development Company is located at 503-7 West Building.

Mr. Myers was born in West Virginia, January 23rd, 1884. His father, W. H. Myers, was a machinist in West Virginia. His education was obtained in the West Virginia public schools, after which he attended the University of West Virginia, and graduated from this Institution in 1906 with the degree of M. D., but never practiced his profession. Mr. Myers worked his way through school as a druggist, and when he had graduated, found himself the owner of a drug store, but badly in debt, but by close application to his business he soon had this debt paid, and since that time has been engaged in the drug business in West Virginia, California, Arizona and Texas, totalling twenty years spent in this line of endeavor. He sold his Houston interests in which he had been engaged since 1912, in January, 1923. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Myers has been closely connected with the commercial interests of the city, and is a director in the Harrisburg Drug Company and in the Thomas Land Corporation. He is vice president of the American State Bank at Harrisburg, and is one of the organizers of this institution, and is connected with various other interests in the city and in Harrisburg.

Mr. Myers has been twice married. His first marriage was solemnized in West Virginia, and his wife died a few years later in Texas, where he had removed for the benefit of his health. His second marriage was in Harrisburg, Texas, March 31st, 1918, to Miss Ruby Brown, a daughter of G. T. Brown, whose family were among the original settlers of Cedar Bayou, and the Brown family originally owned part of the land that comprises the famous Goose Creek oil fields. Two children were born to Mr. Myers and his first wife—Virginia and Woodford Myers. The Myers residence is located in Harrisburg. Mr. Myers is an M. D., also a member of the State Druggists Association and the Registered Druggists of Texas. Mr. Myers is also a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Union Lodge No. 4, of Morgantown, West Virginia; this Lodge has the name of George Washington on its charter. He is a member of the Chapter and Consistory at that place, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite at Wheeling, West Virginia, and a member of the Arabia Temple Shrine, of Houston. Mr. Myers has always considered that it was purely an accident that he became a citizen of Texas and Houston, but is convinced that accidents are not always disagreeable. He had started to South America, and missed his boat at Galveston, and during the wait of sixty days for another boat, he had made frequent trips to Houston, and when the next boat came, he had decided to remain in the Metropolis of the Lone Star State.





*J. M. Doyle*





Frank J. Cotton,





**FRANK LOUIS HOLTON**, young business man, came to Houston on September 14, 1922, and has been identified since that time with the branch store of Victory Wilson, Inc., in the capacity of local manager. The Houston store is located at 419½ Main Street over the J. J. Sweeney Jewelry Store and occupies a floor space of fifty-two by seventy-five feet. Seven people are employed in the local store, which handles a line of high grade clothing for men and young men, specializing in suits and overcoats. James K. Wilson of Dallas is President of the Company.

The Victory Wilson Stores were organized at Dallas some years ago on a policy of occupying second floor, low-rent quarters and passing the saving in overhead expense on to its customers in the form of reduced prices for high grade merchandise. The first Dallas store was a success from the start and now the company has a chain of stores located in most of the principal cities of Texas, all of them having upstairs locations and featuring the company's slogan of "a short flight to economy." The men employed in the Houston store are all expert clothing people and the volume of business has shown a steady and consistent increase under the management of Mr. Holton.

A native of Mississippi, Mr. Holton was born at Meridian on August 11, 1890, a son of Frank P. and Lucile Clara (Morrison) Holton. In 1894 the family removed to Cleburne, Texas, and remained there until 1919, when they removed to Dallas.

Mr. Holton was educated in the public schools at Cleburne and graduated at the Cleburne High School, later attending Metropolitan Business College at Dallas for nine months. After completing his high school course, he joined the navy in 1907 and after a training period on the West Coast made a trip around the world, visiting practically every country on the face of the globe during his four years cruise. He received his discharge on his twenty-first birthday in 1911 and returned to Cleburne, remaining there four months and then going to Dallas, where he entered a business college. After that he purchased a tailor shop in the old Metropolitan Hotel at Dallas, operating it for a year and then went with the Robertson, Nash and Robert Clothing Company. Seven months later he decided to take a trip over the United States and upon returning to Dallas in 1914, went with Sears, Roebuck and Company, in their sales department, remaining with this firm until 1917, when he resigned as Assistant Manager of the Sales Department to again enlist in the United States Navy, at the time of the entrance of the United States into the World War, although he was placed in the deferred classification, Mr. Holton felt it was his duty to offer his services to the navy, in which field he was experienced. So he re-entered the navy in July, 1917, and was sent to the East Coast as a yeoman and assigned to duty on a transport, making four trips across the Atlantic. He was then transferred to Newport, Virginia, as personnel officer in charge of 1,200 men until March 10, 1919, when he was transferred to New Orleans and discharged.

Returning to Dallas he again entered the employ of Sears, Roebuck and Company for a short time and then with A. Harris and Company, and later for two years with the Trivers Clothing Company. In September, 1921, he went with Victory Wilson as

Clothing Salesman and in August, 1922, was transferred to Houston to superintend the remodeling of their local store and upon its completion was placed in charge of this branch.

Mr. Holton was married at Dallas on January 12, 1913, to Miss Bertha Louise Nehermeyer, a daughter of John Nehermeyer, prominent resident of Dallas for many years.

Mr. Holton is a Thirty-Second degree Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite bodies, Hella Temple Shrine, Chapter, Council and Blue Lodge of Dallas. He is a member of the Salesmanship Club and the Chamber of Commerce of Houston and takes an active interest in the civic affairs of the city.



**A. PALMER**, one of the progressive young business men of Houston, has for a number of years taken an active part in the commercial laundry industry in this city. Mr. Palmer is secretary, treasurer and assistant manager of the Eureka Laundry and Dye Works, one of the largest, as well as one of the oldest, laundries in the city. The Eureka Laundry occupies a large, modern, well lighted plant at 610 Travis Street, where they have installed all the most modern and efficient equipment and handle their work under the most approved conditions. They give especial attention to the welfare of the operatives, all of whom work under ideal conditions, and consequently are enabled to do much better work. The Eureka Laundry Company was established many years ago by J. M. Boyle, veteran laundry owner of the Lone Star State, and has since been operated by him. Mr. Boyle is president and manager of the company, G. J. Palmer, father of C. A. Palmer, is vice president and C. A. Palmer, secretary and treasurer.

After finishing his education, in 1915, Mr. Palmer was a cotton checker for one season, then went with the Houston Electric Company, working in all departments, in the shops, as street car motorman and on up, with the intention of making this his career. But after a year and a half he went with the Houston Post, in the advertising department, and was there until the beginning of the recent war. After trying to enlist in every branch of the service, he was finally accepted for duty in the Infantry, doing recruiting, and was in Houston until 1918 when he was discharged. He then went with the Eureka Laundry and Dye Works, in February, 1919, and in the following April bought an interest in the business and was made secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Palmer was born at Houston, the nineteenth of October, 1895, son of G. J. Palmer, pioneer newspaper man of this city, who came to Houston as a young man, from Illinois. He is vice president of the Houston Post and special commissioner of the Texas Newspaper Publishers Association, vice president of the Eureka Laundry and has other large interests in Houston. His mother, prior to her marriage, was Miss Katherine Ray. Mr. Palmer was educated in the public schools of Houston, and later Sewanee Military Academy, and one year at the University of the South at summer term, after which he entered upon his business career.

Mr. Palmer was married at Houston, the seventh of July, 1917, to Miss Louise Hamilton, daughter of George H. Hamilton, a prominent business man of this city. They have one son, Charles A., Junior.



**J**AMES W. TRIMBLE is well known to the business fraternity of Houston, where twenty-two years ago he organized the Ineeda Laundry and Cleaning Company, Inc., and has been President of this company since that time. The plant of this company, located at Rusk and Smith Avenue, was established and incorporated in 1903 and is one of the largest laundries and cleaning establishments in South Texas. The Ineeda Laundry and Cleaning Company, Inc., has a fine, fire-proof, two-story building, which was erected in 1912, and is equipped with all modern machinery, and is thoroughly sanitary in every respect. The laundry and cleaning plant have thirty trucks in their delivery department, and at present this department is taxed to capacity. The Ineeda Laundry and Cleaning Company, Inc., take great pride in the work done at their plant, and every detail is looked after by competent help. Over two hundred people are employed at the plant, which has thirty thousand square feet of floor space. Other officers of the company are A. J. Fittger, Vice-President and Manager, and B. G. Sydnor, Secretary and Treasurer, which position he has held since 1907. Mr. Fittger has been Vice-President and Manager since 1917.

Mr. Trimble was born in Winchester, Tennessee, May 26, 1869. His father, Aaron Trimble, was a native of Tennessee, but the latter part of his life was spent in Missouri, where he died. Mr. Trimble's education was obtained in the public schools of Tennessee. His opportunities for securing an education were limited, and the liberal education which he obtained in later years has been through self help.

When Mr. Trimble first came to Houston it was for the purpose of securing work, and he was employed by a laundry on a salary. He saved his money and learned the laundry business at the same time, and soon was able to engage in the laundry business, in a small way, for himself. His establishment has grown, under able management, until it is now among the largest plants of its kind in the State. Mr. Trimble has one daughter, Wendla, now the wife of W. H. Black. His home is at La Porte, on the bay. Mr. Trimble is a member of the Elks, the Houston Club, the Houston Turnverein, Holland Lodge No. 1, A. F. and A. M., and of the York and Scottish Rite bodies of that order, and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple.

Having risen from the ranks, Mr. Trimble has the deepest interest in the man who aspires to better his condition, and is at all times ready and willing to render helpful service to his fellowman. He is an advocate of efficiency, promptness and punctuality, and these characteristics coupled with great industry accounts for the success achieved by this good man.

**L**EE ROGERSON, plumbing and heating contractor, has during the vast growth of Houston been a factor in supplying an enormous demand for plumbing and heating material, which has been required in the buildings of this city. Mr. Rogerson is sole owner of the plumbing and heating business bearing his name, located at 908 Truxillo Avenue, which represents and investment of more than \$35,000.00. Among the buildings in which Mr. Rogerson installed the plumbing and heating work are the Great Southern Life Building, the Masonic Temple, Standard Sanitary Building, many of the largest apartment

houses, the homes of John T. Crotty and W. W. Moore, two of the finest residences in the city, and hundreds of other homes and buildings. Mr. Rogerson has for more than a decade had his home and business together, in the finest residence section of the city. He employs eighteen people and has a large business.

Mr. Rogerson was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1884. His father, John Lee Rogerson, was a well known building contractor of Pittsburgh. His mother was Miss Louise Ulrich, a native of Pennsylvania. Mr. Rogerson's early education was obtained in the public schools of Pittsburgh. Later, he was a student for three years at the Carnegie Technical School, and received a diploma from this institution in Sanitary Engineering. Mr. Rogerson has the distinction of being one of three students in a class numbering forty-eight, who passed the required examination. After leaving college, Mr. Rogerson was for a period of six years superintendent of the George H. Soffel Company, Plumbing Contractors of Pittsburgh. The George H. Soffel Company, at the time that Mr. Rogerson was superintendent of their establishment, was the second largest company of its kind in the United States. He resigned his position with this firm and came to Texas and to Houston in 1912 and engaged in his present business.

Mr. Rogerson was married in Houston in 1915 to Miss Gussie Frederick, a daughter of Herman Frederick, well known building contractor of Houston. In fraternal and social organizations Mr. Rogerson is a member of the York Rite body of the A. F. and A. M., and a Shriner of Arabia Temple, and a member of the Houston Launch Club. Mr. Rogerson expects Houston to continue to advance to the first city in the Southwest, and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines.

**B**A. GRIESENBECK, for more than two decades associated with the business life at Houston, is one of the most progressive insurance men in the city, and represents some of the oldest and strongest insurance companies operating in this country. Mr. Griesenbeck is senior member of the firm of B. A. Griesenbeck and Company, and has been in the insurance business in Houston since 1905. The present firm was organized in 1920, and acts as the local agency for the New York Underwriters, the Massachusetts Fire and Marine, the Milwaukee Mechanics, the Travelers, and also writes life insurance in the Southwestern Life Insurance Company. Mr. Griesenbeck is known in insurance circles as a real producer and has written a record amount of business. Mr. Griesenbeck is associated with R. E. Fones, who has had fourteen years experience in the insurance field. The firm has offices in the Bankers Mortgage Building.

Mr. Griesenbeck was born at Bastrop, Texas, the nineteenth of September, 1885. His father, R. J. Griesenbeck, a native of the Lone Star State, was in the wholesale grocery and insurance business at Bastrop, and was District Clerk for the past two decades. He has recently retired from business life, but still makes his home in Bastrop. His mother, also a native Texan, was before her marriage Miss Mollie Orts. Mr. Griesenbeck attended the schools of Bastrop, and after finishing his education was a stenographer for one year. He then entered the insurance business, with Cravens and Cage, and has





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*H. S. Crawford*



since continued in this line. He was formerly Special Agent and Adjuster out of Houston for the Queen Insurance Company, handling the territory in South Texas for about six years. In 1921 he organized his present company, with which he has since been actively associated.

Mr. Griesenbeck was married in Brenham, in 1907, to Miss Alma Miller, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Griesenbeck now make their home in Houston at 10 Latham Street. They attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Griesenbeck takes a deep interest in civic activities at Houston, and is active in all lines of public development. He has a constructive viewpoint, and a keen insight into economic questions, and brings to the insurance business an attitude that makes for a progressive, well organized business, that is a distinct asset to the commercial life of the city.



**HARRY S. CRAWFORD** when becoming President and General Manager of the Texas Advertising Company brought to this company the knowledge that had been developed through thirty years of experience and which has had an important part in the success of this company. The Texas Advertising Company located at Main Boulevard and Wentworth Avenue, are the builders of the finest and most artistic signs in the entire South, and are known as outdoor advertisers. They are builders of the beautiful de luxe bulletins that are seen on the Houston avenues and highways and are real works of art. Their beautiful new studio, 65x125 feet, in size, is truly a house of glass built for their artists in making theatre curtains and art signs. The Texas Advertising Company employ fifteen skilled artists in their work and have branches at Galveston, Beaumont, and Port Arthur, Texas, and build signs for firms in all portions of Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Other officers of the Texas Advertising Company are P. L. Michael, Vice-President, H. C. Hurd, Secretary, and W. A. McKenna, Art Director and Treasurer. Mr. McKenna is one of the leading artists of this country in this line. All of his business life has been spent in this field. For years he was identified with leading advertising and lithographing firms in New York City. He came to Houston in 1919, joining the Texas Advertising Company's personnel at this time. No little credit is due him for the success of his company. He makes the art signs in miniature so that the advertiser can visualize the value of the finished work.

Mr. Crawford was born at Lexington, Kentucky, in 1877. His father, J. S. Crawford, died when he was a small boy. Mr. Crawford's education was obtained in the public schools of Kentucky and Ohio, but much of his real learning has been attained through self help.

Mr. Crawford, when a mere youth, formed a liking for the sign business and when sixteen years of age, began his business career in a sign shop in Chicago, where he remained for two years, 1893 and 1894. He then went to New York City and was employed in a sign shop there for one year, after which he went to Boston, engaged in the sign business and remained there five years. He went on the road for a large sign and advertising company of the East and traveled in practically every state in the Union. Texas was in his itinerary and when he reached Houston he considered this a fertile field for this business and

in May, 1915, organized and incorporated the present company in a small way, and it has grown by leaps and bounds since its organization. Mr. Crawford is a director in the Houston Poster Advertising Company and is interested in various industries in Houston. Mr. Crawford is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Chicago, and is a member of the Scottish Rite body of this order to the 32nd degree and is a Shriner of the Chicago Medina Temple. Mr. Crawford is optimistic as to the future of Houston, which he believes will soon take her place as the leading city of the Southwest.



**P. KALB**, for upwards of three decades associated with the prosperity and advancement of Houston, has been actively identified with enterprises of wide scope, taking a leading part in shaping commercial affairs. Mr. Kalb is now retired, and is not actively represented in any of the companies he formerly directed, but still retains many important investments in oil properties, both developed and undeveloped, and has numerous real estate holdings, handling many deals along this line. He is also a director of the Houston National Bank, one of the strongest financial institutions in the city. Mr. Kalb was for many years financially interested in and managed a department of the Houston Ice and Brewing Association as well as serving as chairman of the board. He has done much for Houston in the way of civic development and has always been one of the first to come forward and invest in any new enterprise locating here.

Mr. Kalb came to Houston in 1892, as superintendent of the Houston Ice and Brewing Company, remaining active in this organization for eighteen years, retiring in 1912. His entire career has been marked by a staunchness of character and an integrity that has come to be associated with his name and has been in a large measure a factor in all his success as a business man.

Mr. Kalb is a native of Germany, in which country he was born in 1865, son of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Kalb. He was educated in the schools of his native country and came to America in 1882. For one year he was with the Pabst Brewing Company in Milwaukee, then going to La Crosse, Wisconsin, where for two years he was in this industry. He then attended the Brewers Academy, in New York City, for one season, coming to San Antonio as plant superintendent, and remaining there for three and a half years before moving to Houston.

Mr. Kalb was married at Houston, in 1893, to Miss Josephine Hauser, daughter of Christian Hauser, an old settler of San Antonio, and a Civil War veteran. Mr. and Mrs. Kalb have three children, Ervin F. Kalb, Elva M. Kalb and Bernard J. Kalb. They have one of the fine homes of the city, at 1415 Rosalie Avenue. Mr. Kalb is a member of the Turnverein Club, an organization that dates back to 1854, and in which he has been an officer since 1893 and at this time is president. Ervin F. Kalb, the eldest son, enlisted in the World War in 1917, serving overseas as lieutenant in the Trench Mortar Division, for six months, his entire service being fifteen months. He is now in the cotton business in New Orleans. Miss Elva M. Kalb is a talented singer and popular in musical and social circles in South Texas. Bernard J. Kalb graduated from high school in 1925, and will enter college.



**C**ARD G. ELLIOTT, since coming to Houston in 1917, has represented a number of the leading railway supply manufacturers of the country in this section. Mr. Elliott is President of the G. F. Cotter Supply Company, which was organized in 1913, and which specializes in the selling of railway and industrial materials and supplies. The company is exclusive Southwestern representative of the American Steel Foundries, the Duff Manufacturing Company, the Elliot Frog and Switch Works, Ramapo-Ajax Corporation, the Henry Giessel Company, The Heywood-Wakefield Company, Manning, Maxwell and Moore, Inc., The Nathan Manufacturing Company, the Perolin Company of America, the Pollak Steel Company, The Premier Staybolt Company, the Railroad Supply Company, the Rome Iron Mills, Inc., the Simplified Steam Chest Company, the Standard Railway Equipment Company and the Union Metal Products Company.

The Houston office of the G. F. Cotter Supply Company is in the Union National Bank Building. Simon M. Dolan is Vice-President.

Card G. Elliott was born in Stark County, Ohio, the third of September, 1877, and was educated in the schools of Ohio and Kansas. At the age of fifteen he entered the railroad business, continuing therein for twenty-three years, during which he was connected with the operating and executive departments of various railroads of the West and Southwest. His last railroad service was in the capacity of Assistant to Chief Operating Officer, Missouri Kansas and Texas Lines, which position he resigned in 1917 to accept his present position as President of the G. F. Cotter Supply Company.

Mr. Elliott was married in 1906 to Miss Mary Olive Malone. They reside in Houston, at 912 Colquitt Avenue, and have two children, Mary Alice and Card G. Elliott, Jr. Mr. Elliott is a member of the Presbyterian Church, the Houston Country Club, the Houston Club, the Lumberman's Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Traffic Club, the Salesmanship Club and is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Dallas, Thirty-Second degree, Scottish Rite, and belongs to Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston.

**D**ALE C. ROGERS, for the past five years a factor in the development of the advertising business at Houston, has during that time been variously identified with phases of this important commercial activity, and for the past two years of the time has been operating one of the biggest advertising agencies here. The Rogers-Gano Advertising Agency, Incorporated, of which Mr. Rogers is president and general manager, was established in December, 1920, by Mr. Rogers and R. C. Gano, vice president and in charge of the Chicago office, in association with Mr. C. S. Johnson, secretary and treasurer. They give their attention to all phases of newspaper and magazine advertising and direct mail advertising, representing newspapers and publishing companies from all over the United States. The Rogers-Gano Advertising Agency has handled many important contracts, and gives careful attention to the business of the large industrial advertisers. This company has established a reputation for turning out copy and handling contracts that get results. The Rogers-Gano Company maintains their office in the Humble Building, and have five trained men in the office,

working under the direction of Mr. Rogers.

Dale C. Rogers was born in the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas, near Springfield, the fifteenth of October, 1894, son of C. M. Rogers, a native of Arkansas, now living in Houston, and Mary Lee Rogers, also a native of that state. Mr. Rogers attended the public schools of Springfield, Missouri, and later Drury College. He then went to the University of Missouri, specializing in journalism and advertising. From this institution Mr. Rogers began on the Springfield Republic, one of the leading newspapers of that city, as advertising man. After a year he came to Houston, and was with the Houston Chronicle for a short time in the advertising department. He then went with the Hughes Tool Company, as advertising manager, and then to Kansas City, Missouri, where he had charge of the advertising of the United Iron Works. After a short time he returned to Houston, with the Reed-Roller Bit Company, as advertising director and sales manager. He resigned this position in 1920 to establish his own agency.

Mr. Rogers was married, first at Springfield, Missouri, in 1916, to Miss Lucile Lovan, now deceased, and by whom he had two children, Dale R. Junior, and Babiee. He was married for the second time the twentieth of April, 1920, to Miss Jennie V. Lovan, sister of his first wife. They have one child, Gine. The family make their home at 1601 Minnesota Street. Mr. Rogers is past president of the Houston Advertising Club, a member of the Salesmanship Club and the University Club, and president of the 10th District Associated Advertising Club of the World.

**C**HARLES R. WESTMORELAND of Houston, is well known in the insurance circles of this city and of South Texas, where for the past twelve years he has devoted his entire attention to this business in Houston, and prior to entering this line of endeavor here he was for two years engaged in the insurance business at Eagle Lake. Mr. Westmoreland is the owner of the insurance business conducted under the name of W. H. Kirkland and Company, with office located at First National Bank Building, and is among the largest concerns of its kind in Houston. This business was organized in 1903 and Mr. Westmoreland purchased the interests of the several partners, and has since conducted the business alone. W. H. Kirkland and Company are General Agents of the Ocean Accident and Guaranty Corporation and is local agent for the Hartford, Commercial Union, Continental, The Alliance of Philadelphia, and Aetna Underwriters. Fifteen people are employed in the Houston office and about twenty local agents for the Ocean Accident and Guaranty Company are located in the adjacent counties. This company also handles a large volume of cotton insurance, which alone makes a very large and important business.

A native Texan, Mr. Westmoreland was born at Tyler June 30, 1889. His father, W. Y. Westmoreland, also a native of the Lone Star State, was for many years engaged in the general merchandising business at Eagle Lake, and was well known in the business and financial circles of South Texas. His mother was Miss Beulah Newsome, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Eagle Lake, Texas, after which he attended the Texas A. and M. College, and





*Card G. Elliott*





*E. Shepherd*



entered the insurance business soon after leaving school.

Mr. Westmoreland was married at Eagle Lake, Texas, in 1912, to Miss Cleo Baughman. They have one son, Charles R. Westmoreland, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Westmoreland reside at 419 Colquitt Avenue. Mr. Westmoreland is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order, and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston. He is also a member of the River Oaks Country Club. His church affiliation is with the Methodist faith and he is an active member of the Men's Bible Class of that church. Mr. Westmoreland is interested in all matters having to do with the civic improvement, progress and advancement of Houston.



**EDWIN DALE SHEPHERD**, General Agent for the Union Central Life Insurance Company, came to Houston in 1904 and established his present business in May of that year, and since that time has devoted his attentions exclusively to the life insurance business. As an evidence of his success and the growth of Mr. Shepherd's business, his increase in business is now upward of \$2,500,000.00 each year. Mr. Shepherd opened this agency himself and has built it up to its present large proportions from a very small beginning. The business from the Houston office of the Union Central Life Insurance extends to forty counties about Houston, and Mr. Shepherd covers this territory with a staff of thirty trained men. He has District Agents in various counties and sends Special Agents out of the Houston office when occasion demands, and has upward of \$15,000,000.00 insurance in force in the Houston district. He employs, besides the clerical force and different agents, a secretary, cashier and assistant cashier at the Houston office and has several part-time men in the country districts to look after the vast amount of business. Mr. Shepherd maintains well appointed offices at 701 State National Bank Building, Houston.

Mr. Shepherd was born at Hamilton, Illinois, July 25, 1876. His father, William Harrison Shepherd, was for many years engaged in farming in Illinois. His mother was Miss Ruth Bassett, a native of Indianapolis, and a member of a well known family of that city. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Illinois, after which he attended a business college for a period of one year. After leaving college Mr. Shepherd began his business career in the grocery business and remained in this line of endeavor for a short time and then entered the insurance field. His first work in insurance was as Field Agent for the Prudential for a period of eleven months, which time was spent in Keokuk, Iowa. He remained with the Prudential and was advanced to many positions of importance with this company, and for the last six years spent with this company he was Assistant Superintendent in Iowa. In March, 1923, Mr. Shepherd had passed the quarter of a century mark in the insurance business, and is one of the outstanding men in this line in Texas.

Mr. Shepherd was married at Keoduk, Iowa, December 24, 1901, to Miss Mamie Nagel, a native of Cincinnati, and a daughter of Frank Nagel, well known foundry manufacturer, but now deceased. They have four children, Edwin Dale Shepherd, Jr.,

Mary Alice, Alvin Russell and Henry Harrison. Mr. Shepherd is a member of the Rotary Club, the Glenbrook Country Club, and the Houston Chamber of Commerce. He is a consistent member of the Christian Church. Mr. Shepherd is enthusiastic as to the future of Houston and believes that this city is destined to soon become the greatest city in the South.



**ALFRED J. SHUDDE**, of Houston, Texas, has devoted his entire life to the hat business, and has by close application mastered every detail of the business up to the executive end of it. Mr. Shudde, with his three brothers, B. W., J. A. and H. G. Shudde, own and operate Shudde's Southern Hat Company, exclusive dealers in hats and are the largest retail hatters in Texas. This business was established by the Shudde Brothers, in a small way in 1907 at 808 Preston Avenue, and at that time were retail hat dealers and cleaners. The Shudde's Southern Hat Company have a factory in this city, where they manufacture fine felt and Panama hats. They also do a large business in remodeling hats, and only the most skilled men are employed in this work. This is the largest plant of its kind in the State, and is operated in connection with their two retail stores. Thirty-five people are employed at this factory. They have two stores, one of which is located at Travis and Preston Streets, where six people are employed and where a large stock is carried at all times. In 1924, their magnificent store located at 616 Main Street was opened, and is one of the show places of Houston, with more than two hundred dozen hats on display. Their splendid fixtures were manufactured in Houston, and are a great advantage in the display of the merchandise of this store, together with all modern lighting equipment. Five people are employed at the magnificent Main Street store of the Shudde's Southern Hat Company, which is an innovation in the hat business of Houston, and is due to the enterprise of the Shudde Brothers, who are all active in the business.

A native Texan, Mr. Shudde was born in Fayette County, on August 14, 1888. His father, H. T. Shudde, is now retired from active business pursuits, and is living quietly in his home in this city. His education was obtained in the schools of Fayette County, and later entered the Houston public schools, and began as a boy in the hat business with his brothers.

Mr. Shudde was married at Houston on January 19, 1918, to Miss Lillie Kluever, a native Texan, and a member of a pioneer family of the Southern portion of the State. They have one son, Weldon Glenn. Mr. and Mrs. Shudde reside at 4422 Woodside Avenue. Mr. Shudde is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Temple Blue Lodge of Houston, and is a member of many of the civic organizations of the city in which he takes an active interest. Mr. Shudde is an enthusiastic booster for Houston and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for his city, which he believes will soon become the metropolis of the Southwest. The Shudde establishment is an example of what can be accomplished through specializing in one line of business, coupled with modern ideas and thrift. Mr. Shudde is regarded as one of the most enterprising business men of this city, and is always working for the progress and advancement of his institution and of Houston.





**C**HARLES S. DROUET has for almost fifteen years been associated with the Marine industry of Houston and in the meteoric growth of this business, occasioned by the vast increase in water shipping, he has been a factor in supplying boats and towing which has been required in his line. Mr. Drouet is President of the D. W. Ryan Tow Boat Company, Inc., with office located in the Larendon Building, and has spent all of his life in the Marine business. This company was founded by Dan W. Ryan, who died in 1922, and is engaged in a general ocean and harbor towing and sand and shell business. They are well equipped for the handling of this business, owning six boats—Orion, Neches, Helen Henderson, Dan Ryan, Edmond Browne and the Ellis. They also have two large oil barges, one dredge boat and six shell and sand barges, and employ about fifty men. The Board of Directors of the D. W. Ryan Tow Boat Company, Inc., are Chas. S. Drouet, Edward Minor, Claude Minor, Elbert Roberts and M. L. Trost.

A native Texan, Mr. Drouet was born in Galveston August 18, 1870. His father, Capt. Sebastian Drouet, was a veteran of the seas, his parents having brought him to Galveston at the age of two years, and spent his life on the high seas. He was a pilot on the Confederate Gun Boat, "Bayou City," during the Civil War at the age of twenty-two years, and was a Galveston bar pilot during the last thirty years of his life. Mr. Drouet's education was obtained in the public and high schools of Galveston. After finishing school Mr. Drouet began his business career in steamship building and repairing as a mechanical engineer for large steamship companies, and later was engaged in this business for himself at Galveston. In 1909 he came to Houston as manager of the Buffalo Bayou Company, which was later purchaser by Dan W. Ryan of Port Arthur, Texas, and he remained as manager of the company under the new ownership. After Mr. Ryan's death in 1922, Mr. Drouet had the Port Arthur firm moved to Houston in August, 1922, and consolidated the two firms.

Mr. Drouet was married at Galveston in 1900 to Miss Mary W. Steinhoff, a native of Galveston, and a daughter of Captain Charles Steinhoff, who was for many years a prominent contractor and builder of the upper Bay country. Mr. and Mrs. Drouet reside at 4630 Walker Avenue. Mr. Drouet was State Pilot Commissioner for five years prior to the city of Houston taking over this department. Mr. Drouet is optimistic as to the future of Houston and believes since the deep water has become a reality, that nothing can prevent this city from becoming the leading city and port of the Southwest.



**H.** PHELPS, owner of the Houston Planing Mill at 3519 McKinney Avenue, has been a resident of Houston for thirty-six years and is regarded as one of the most skilled and best posted men in woodwork of all kinds, in the city. Mr. Phelps started the Houston Planing Mill on a small scale in 1898, and he now has a plant one hundred feet by ninety feet in size, equipped with everything to be found in a modern planing mill. Mr. Phelps does a general milling business, sash and door manufacturing and cabinet work. He also does a large business for the various lumber yards of Houston on special orders and general milling work.

A native Texan, Mr. Phelps was born at La Grange in 1872. His father, E. C. Phelps (deceased), a native of Virginia, came to Texas soon after the close of the Civil War and spent the remainder of his life in the Lone Star State. His mother (now deceased) was Miss Fannie Louise Blanton, a member of a well known Virginia family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of La Grange, Texas, and Mr. Phelps left his native town at the age of sixteen years and learned the trade of a carpenter by working as an apprentice in various parts of Texas, Louisiana and other states, and came to Houston and was employed by the Southern Pacific Railroad Company for a period of ten years in their Houston shops. At the ends of that period, Mr. Phelps suffered a serious accident and was unable to pursue his vocation for a period of one and one-half years, when he opened the Houston Planing Mill and has been active in this work since that time and has met with great success in this business.

Mr. Phelps was married in Houston in 1910 to Miss Lola Hardesty, a native Texan and a daughter of R. T. Hardesty, a pioneer in the lumber business of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps reside at 1402 Vermont Street. Mr. Phelps has always been active in the business and general community life of Houston and gives liberally of his time and means to all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of this city. During his thirty-six years of residence in Houston, Mr. Phelps has noted many changes, and he believes that the future of this city is one of unlimited possibilities for continued growth and advancement, and with thirty feet of water in the channel, the bonds for which have been issued, will give to Houston a great harbor, and it will become the leading city of the Southwest.



**J**AMES B. EARTHMAN has for almost two decades been allied with the funeral directing and embalming profession at Houston. He is the owner of the Earthman-McCarty Company, Funeral Directors and Embalmers, a firm which was established in 1907 as a partnership, by Mr. Earthman and J. L. McCarty. After the death of Mr. McCarty, which occurred in 1921, Mr. Earthman has operated the business alone. The establishment is located at 1011 Milam Street, where they have their chapel, show rooms, and other of the usual departments incident to this profession. The Earthman-McCarty Company has two motor ambulances, motor hearse and other equipment, offering quiet, careful and courteous service to their patrons. They have four assistants, also well trained in the work.

Mr. Earthman was born at Winchester, Fayette County, Texas, the eighteenth of August, 1866, son of I. Y. Earthman, a native of Missouri, who came to Fayette County in 1836, and was a farmer there and in Williamson County all his life, and Sarah Mitchell Earthman, a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. Earthman attended the public schools of Fayette County and at the age of eighteen left home and went on a ranch in Jones County, and later on a ranch in Haskell County. He then returned to Williamson County and went in the transfer and storage business, then in the undertaking business at Taylor, Texas, where he spent fifteen years. He came to Houston in 1905 and went with the Stowers Furniture Company for two years, after which he,



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with Mr. McCarty, established his present business.

Mr. Earthman was married at Taylor, Texas, the twenty-third of November, 1892, to Miss May McCool, a native of Kentucky, who was reared at Taylor, where he mother, Mrs. Ella McCool, was engaged in business. Mr. and Mrs. Earthman have four children, a daughter, Sister M. Perpetua, a Catholic Sister, now at Beaumont, Texas, a daughter, Jamie, at home, a daughter, Addie, at Rice Institute, and a son, J. B., Junior, also a student at Rice Institute. The family live at 1011 Milam Street, and attend the Catholic Church. Mr. Earthman is a Knight of Columbus.



**ANTHONY ARMBRUSTER**, pioneer resident of Houston, and veteran laundry owner of this city, has for upwards of two score years been associated with the prosperity of his community, and has spent three decades actively engaged in the laundry industry. Mr. Armbruster is the proprietor of the American Laundry, which he established in 1894, in a small way, growing with the city and prospering as it prospered, until the American Laundry is now one of the largest here. Mr. Armbruster has a modern plant at 1302 and 1304 Washington Avenue, with sixty by one hundred and eighty feet of floor space. His plant is equipped with modern power machinery and special equipment for handling various services offered his patronage. He operates a complete laundry service, giving the housewife a wide range of choice and also has a complete dry cleaning and dyeing department. In this department, as in the laundry proper, all equipment is of the best and most approved type and assures the customer the best work possible. Mr. Armbruster employs around seventy-five operatives, who work under the best conditions and in whom he takes an active interest. Twelve cars are used to expedite delivery service. Mr. Armbruster has no partnership affiliations, operating the business as sole proprietor.

Mr. Armbruster was born at Lynchburg, Texas, in November, 1874, son of A. and Marietta Lemuel Armbruster. His father died when he was a small boy and he came to Houston, living with an aunt, Mrs. Grenough, and attending the Houston public schools. As a boy he sold papers on the streets of Houston and later became a messenger boy for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Still later he worked in various dry goods establishments and in laundries, oil mills and other industries. He started in business for himself in 1893 in a very small way, but after a short period of operation went broke, going to work in a laundry until he had saved up enough money to make a second start, and again opened his business in a small way. For many years the laundry was known as Armbruster's Laundry, but later, when Mr. Armbruster took over the old American Laundry, combining the two plants, he changed the name to the American Laundry.

Mr. Armbruster was married in Houston the seventeenth of September, 1892, to Miss Florence Cagle, a native of Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Armbruster have a family of nine children, Clifton E., with his father in the laundry business, as assistant plant manager; Chester L.; Gladys, wife of Frank McLoughlin; Florence, wife of C. M. Mather; Ivy; Mildred, Vernon, Howard and Robert. They make their home at 320 Sidney Street, while Mr. Armbruster resides at 1511 Leeland Avenue.



**ROBERT J. PETER**, of LaGrange, Texas, wholesale dealer in turkeys, chickens and eggs, has done much in developing and encouraging the poultry industry in Texas. Mr. Peter for a time maintained headquarters in Houston, but for the past several years has conducted his business from LaGrange, shipping in carload lots. His branch houses in Texas are located at the following points: Cameron, Giddings, New Ulm, and Rockdale, besides many men who buy on commission for him at other points in the state. Twenty-seven people are on their regular pay rolls and fifteen on a commission basis, and during the turkey shipping season of November and December, they work more than two hundred women pickers. Mr. Peter originated the famous "Peter Rabbit Egg" and only eggs of the first quality go into this established and popular brand.

A native Texan, Mr. Peter was born at Winchester, August 23rd, 1888. His father, J. A. Peter, came to the United States and to Texas in the early days with a colony of forty-two Germans from the land of their nativity and settled at Serbin, where for many years he was engaged in the ginning business, and was known for many miles around as the leading ginner of that section. His mother was Miss Theresa Killiam. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Winchester.

Mr. Peter began in a small way in the poultry business at Winchester, Texas, after which he was able to branch out through the advantage of having capital with which to do so. In September, 1916, he began his business at LaGrange, and in 1917 established the branch house at Giddings, later at Cameron and the other branch houses were established in 1922. Mr. Peter was worried about marketing his first order of 400 cases of eggs, and now he sells in many instances, ten carloads at an order.

Mr. Peter was married at Winchester, Texas, on September 1st, 1920, to Miss Posey Elizabeth Gates, a daughter of Charles S. Gates, a well known Fayette County druggist, and member of a pioneer Texas family. They have two children, Robert J. Peter, Jr., and Rosemary. Mr. Peter is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Texas and National Poultry and Egg Association, and the Lutheran Church. Mr. Peter is enthusiastic as to the future of Texas as a poultry state, and while much poultry is produced here now, he believes that within a period of ten years that Texas will supply seventy-five per cent of the entire turkey crop. He considers the climate in Texas to be especially adapted to poultry raising, but that the farmers will have to become educated to it, in order to know the many great advantages offered here. In Fayette County the bankers there report to Mr. Peter that poultry and eggs brought in more money annually than the cotton crop and that this condition had prevailed in that vicinity for several years. In Brazos County, at Bryan, the citizens are trying for one million hens in its territory, and are building big incubators and expect to have only Leghorn variety of eggs to hatch out in the incubators, thereby making this point one of the largest Leghorn chicken districts in the entire country. Mr. Peter has stirred up a great deal of interest among the farmers as to poultry raising and at all times stresses the fact that he is an advocate of raising for market and selling only fowls of a good quality.



**R**AYMOND PEARSON, one of Houston's native sons, and for many years connected with the automobile industry in the city, and well known in the trade, has made a creditable record along all lines and is firmly established as a citizen whose influence is felt in every walk of life. Mr. Pearson is the owner and manager of the Raymond Pearson Dealership for Ford, Fordson and Lincoln Automobiles, and has been instrumental in selling a record number of these popular cars and tractors. Mr. Pearson established the agency the nineteenth of October, 1916, in a small way, occupying small space and with nine employees. Under his management the business has grown by leaps and bounds and is now one of the largest automobile companies in the city. Mr. Pearson has a modern fireproof building, completed in March, 1917, and comprising three floors with a total of twenty-seven thousand square feet of floor space and employing more than fifty salesmen and operatives. He has built up a live wire sales organization and each year sees a real increase over the preceding year. The first floor of the building, on Main Street, at the viaduct, is devoted to the offices, show rooms and service departments. On the second floor a completely equipped repair department renders a service of exceptional quality to the Ford, Fordson and Lincoln owners of this section. The basement is used as an assembly department and is completely equipped and in charge of expert operatives.

Raymond Pearson was born at Houston the fifteenth of March, 1891. His father, J. A. Pearson, formerly of Tennessee, came here in 1875 and was for many years a farmer and cattleman with extensive interests near Houston. He removed to Houston in 1900 and has since retired from active life. His mother, before her marriage, Miss Addie Dolen, of Missouri, has made her home in Houston for many years. Mr. Pearson was educated in the public schools of his native city and after leaving school went with the Southwestern Paper Company, remaining with that firm for one year. He then began in the Union National Bank, in 1908, leaving that institution in 1916 as auditor. In 1916 he established his present business and has since taken a leading part in the development of the automobile business.

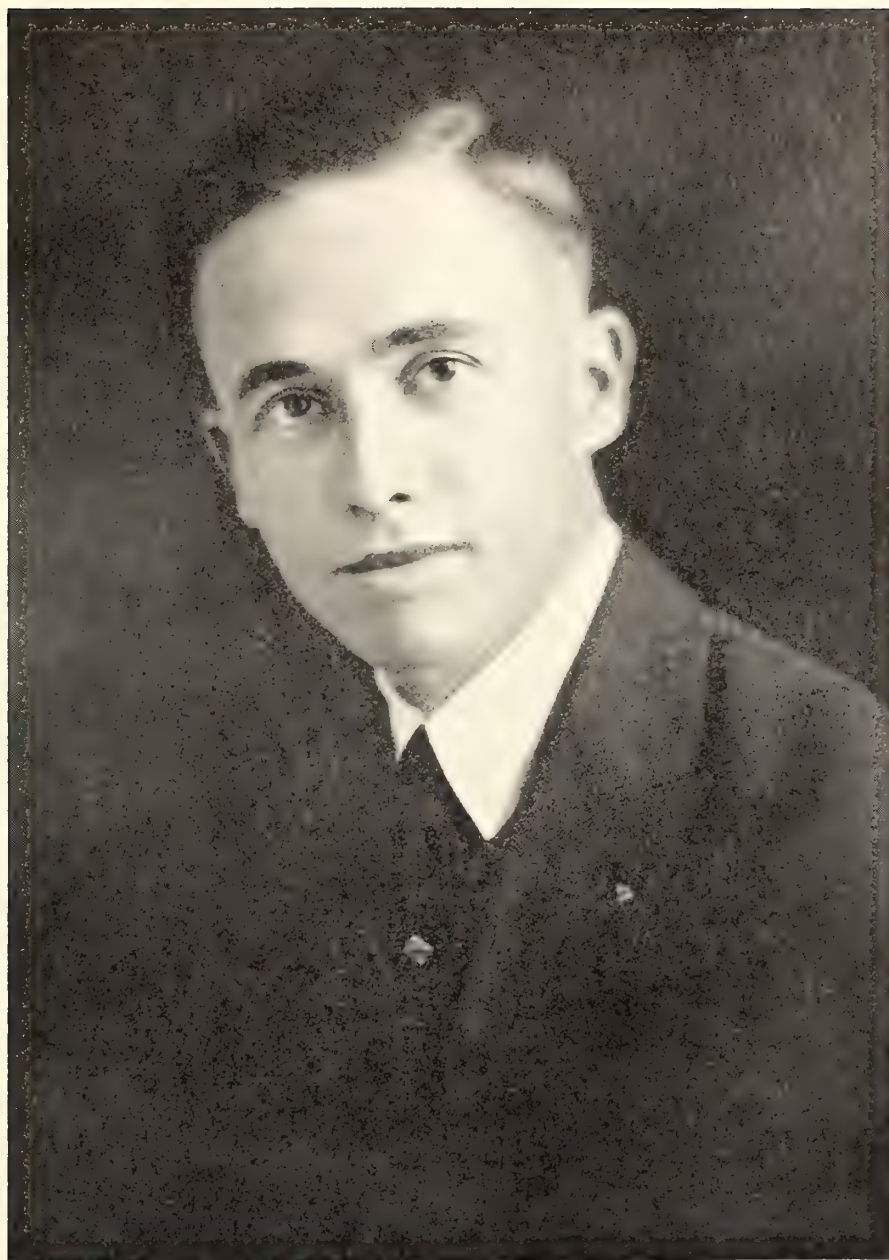
Mr. Pearson was married in Houston the tenth of September, 1913, to Miss Mattie M. Hendrie, a native of this city and daughter of Robert M. Hendrie, of Scotland, and a resident of Houston for the past three decades. Mr. and Mrs. Pearson have three children, Raymond, Junior, Robertson and Rose Mary. They have an attractive home at 1507 West Alabama Avenue. Mr. Pearson is a member of various civic and social clubs, such as the Houston Club, the Houston Country Club, the Polo Club, the Rotary Club, the Lumberman's Clubs, the Elks Club and the Salesmanship Club, of which he is Past President. He is also Chairman of the Alexander Hamilton Institute Study Group, a member of the Advisory Committee on Educational work of the Young Men's Christian Association, and Director of the Chamber of Commerce. Fraternally he is a Mason, Gray Blue Lodge No. 329, Thirty-Second degree Scottish Rite, is a Knight Templar and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. Mr. Pearson as a business man is efficient and a constructive thinker, a master executive, and although a young man, has a mature judgment and ability to handle men and affairs.

**T**L. WALKER has for more than three decades been identified with commercial and industrial activities at Houston, and for the past several years has been a factor in the automotive industry as distributor for several well known makes of automobile parts. Mr. T. L. Walker established this business in 1916 and since that time he had charge of the distribution of Timkens, Hyatt and New Departure Bearings, and D. and B. Timing Gears. These lines represent the standard in bearings and timing gears, and since undertaking their distribution Mr. Walker has built up a large and profitable business in this territory. He carries a full line of stock, and his store, at 1517 Main Street, is well located for this business. Mr. Walker makes a point of real service, and has under him two trained men who make Walker Bearing Service synonymous with superior service. Prior to establishing this business he was engaged in other branches of the automobile business for a time and thoroughly understands the demands of the trade. His business is both wholesale and retail, and is entirely under his personal supervision.

T. L. Walker is a native of the Lone Star State, and was born at Lufkin, Texas, the fifth of June, 1878. His father, R. P. Walker, has been for many years a resident of Lufkin, and still makes his home in that city. His mother, whose death occurred when the subject of this sketch was a small child, was before her marriage Miss Hattie Roberts. Mr. Walker received his education in the public schools of his native city and after leaving school was for a number of years in a grocery store there. He later went with the railroads, in the car and air department, and was a foreman of these departments for five years, and for ten years locomotive engineer, with the Southern Pacific Railroad, with his headquarters at Houston. He then went with J. M. West, remaining with him for a year and a half, after which he established an automobile repair business, which he operated until 1916, at which time his present business was organized and he took charge of the distribution of Timken, Hyatt and New Departure Bearings and D. and B. Timing Gears.

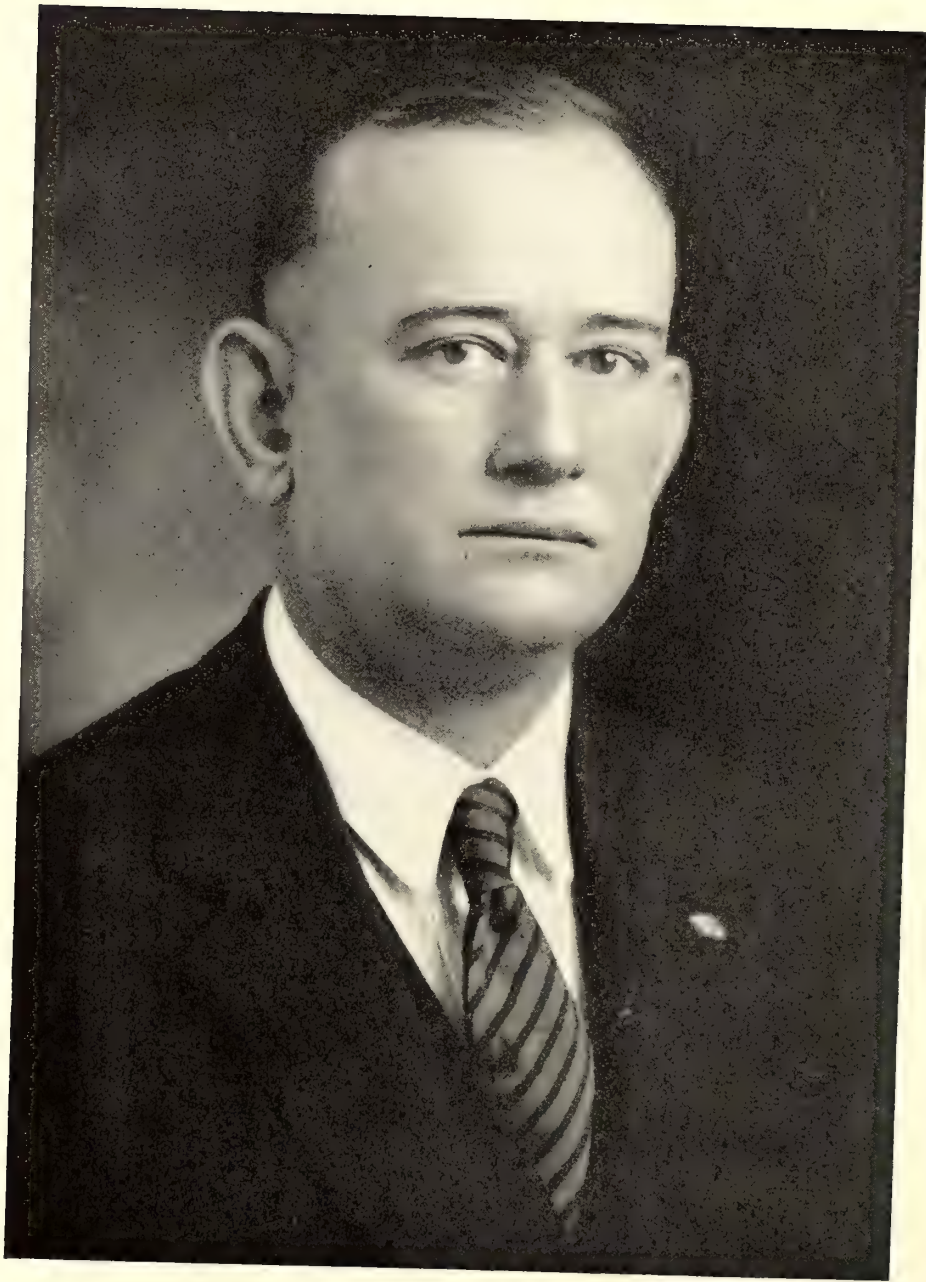
Mr. Walker was married at Houston, in 1900, to Miss Essie Langston, a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Walker make their home at 1203 Rosedale Avenue, and have one child, a daughter, Frances Sue. Mr. Walker is a Blue Lodge Mason, Thirty-Second degree, Scottish Rite, Knight Templar, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, a member of Division 139, Locomotive Engineers, and a consistent member of the Baptist Church. He has hosts of friends in Houston who appreciate his sterling qualities, and regard him as a valued addition to the business world here.

**R**D. JOHNSON, manager of the Western Auto Supply Company branch at Houston, came here early in 1924 to establish this business and take over its management, and has made a splendid record in the automotive merchandising field. The Western Auto Supply Company, one of the largest businesses of its kind in the country, has its headquarters at Kansas City, where the president, Don A. Davis, a native Texan, resides. Four branches are maintained in Texas, one at Dallas, one at Fort Worth, one at San Antonio, and the



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one at Houston. The Houston branch was established on the third of March, 1924, with six employees. Under Mr. Johnson's management the growth of this branch has been very rapid, the business increasing to such an extent that after a year of operation the employment force had mounted to more than thirty. In addition to the large local trade the branch does an extensive mail order business, featuring twenty-four hour service, and serving a trade territory that covers South and Southeast Texas and Southern Louisiana.

R. D. Johnson was born in Travis County, Texas, the twenty-fourth of December, 1897, son of S. T. Johnson, and Mrs. Bettie (Jones) Johnson, natives of Tennessee, who now reside in Dallas. Mr. Johnson was educated in the schools of Texas and served in the United States Army three years during the World War, and prior to his enlistment had been engaged in government work at San Antonio for several years. After leaving the service Mr. Johnson went with the Western Auto Supply Company at Dallas, beginning at the bottom, and working his way to a responsible position with the Dallas branch in a short time. When the Houston branch was opened his record of service resulted in his appointment to the managership of the new branch, and he has since held this position.

Mr. Johnson was married at San Antonio on the ninth of March, 1923, to Miss Rosalie Rader, daughter of J. L. Rader and Mrs. Rosalie (Hall) Rader. Mr. Rader, a native of Missouri, has lived in Texas for many years, making his home in San Antonio. Mrs. Rader is a native Texan. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson reside at 950 Redan Street. Mr. Johnson is a Mason, Dallas Lodge, No. 760, and belongs to the Houston Chamber of Commerce and the Methodist Church.



**P**AT L. DAVIS, although a young man, has had a wide, varied and successful business career and since establishing the Davis Motor Company, in Houston, of which he is the sole owner, he has been unusually successful in this business also. Mr. Davis is dealer for the Ford, Fordson and Lincoln cars and has one of the finest plants in Houston, with a floor space of 10,000 square feet and employs forty people. He began business in Houston in August, 1921, at 905 San Jacinto Street, with twelve employees and remained there until his fine building was finished. This splendid building, located at 1500 Congress Avenue at La Branch Street, was completed in April, 1922, and was constructed by Mr. Davis for this business, and besides being a splendid and ornate building is absolutely fireproof. The Davis Motor Company have in this magnificent building their attractive show rooms, offices, parts department and their shops, where they have experienced a wonderful growth in their business and are among the leading Ford dealers in this portion of Texas, where Mr. Davis has a host of friends. Since the business was first started the volume done each year has increased five hundred per cent. It has been necessary to take care of the expansion by putting up an additional plant on property located immediately across the street from the original building.

A native Texan, Mr. Davis was born at Maysfield, Milam County, in 1888. His father, L. P. Davis (deceased since 1911) was also a native of the Lone Star

State, where he was a prominent Methodist minister known in all portions of the state, where he had preached in the churches of this denomination and was loved by all who knew him. His mother (now deceased) was Miss Fannie Patton, a member of a pioneer Texas family. Mr. Davis attended public schools in practically every portion of the state, where his father was pastor, and later was a student at the Southwestern University of Georgetown and left this institution in 1904 in order to join the army of the United States. He was consigned to Company K, 26th Infantry and was first stationed at Brownsville, Texas, and later went to Manila. Mr. Davis received his discharge from the United States army March 5th, 1907, and re-enlisted on the same day and served until June, 1909, when he was again discharged. He then entered the adjutant general's department as civil clerk and later entered the Manila police department and still later became connected with the internal revenue department and continued in this service until April 8th, 1911, when he left the Island on account of his father's death and returned to Texas and has since that time remained in the States. His first work here was at Alvin, Texas where he was connected with the ice plant, but remained in this business only a short time, when he went with the Citizens State Bank of Alvin and remained with this institution from September, 1911, to August, 1915, when he went to Galveston and was in charge of the May shipments to Europe and continued in this work until May, 1916. He then went with the Dow Motor Company of Houston where he remained from August to December, 1916, when he organized the Texas Motor Company, Inc., Ford dealers with agencies at Columbus, Schulenburg and La Grange, Texas. He remained as the executive head of this firm until August, 1917, when he sold out and organized the La Grange Motor Company, Inc. and on August 25th of the same year, Mr. Davis dissolved the corporation and in August, 1919, took over the ownership of the business and continued the business as manager and owner until July 1st, 1921, when he sold out and came to Houston as Ford dealer here and where he has met with unusual success and his business is still growing.

Mr. Davis was married at Alvin, Texas, June 21st, 1914 to Miss Myrtle King, a native of Alvin and a daughter of R. H. King, who has been a resident of Alvin for more than thirty years and is well known in the business circles of South Texas. They have two children, Elizabeth and Pat L. Davis, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Davis reside at 408 Avondale Street, in the beautiful Montrose Addition. Mr. Davis is a member of the A. F. & A. M., with membership in Fayette Lodge No. 34 and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order, is a member of Galveston Consistory No. 1 and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple, Houston. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club, Civitan Club and the Motor League. Mr. Davis is a member of the faculty of the Houston School of Technology, teaching advanced sales practice. He is an ardent amateur athlete, having a special liking for boxing and wrestling. Mr. Davis has great faith in the future of Houston and has shown this faith in his several investments here and expects Houston to soon take her place as the leading city of the entire Southwest.



**J**OHN MILBY, who is well known in Harrisburg for his numerous business affairs relative to the prosperity of his city, has been for many years one of the vital forces for progress in his community and enjoys the esteem of his fellow citizens. Whether as cattleman, banker, merchant, or individual citizen it is doubtful if any individual name has a larger command of respect and admiration than has his. Mr. Milby has recently organized the Milby Motor Company, at Harrisburg, a firm which is selling a record number of cars in that territory. Mr. Milby has for twelve years been a factor in the cattle raising industry in that section, in association with Walter Williams. He runs about three thousand head of cattle, of the Brahma strain, marketing his calves, which due to present market conditions, will bring as much as two cows. Mr. Milby has recently given much attention to diseases of cattle, especially a new disease that has made its appearance, attacking principally cattle of Brahma blood. No one seems to know just what causes it, or how to combat it, but there has been a theory advanced that it is due to dipping. Mr. Milby's observations are based on his own experience, and he is working in co-operation from veterinarians from all over the country in order to find the cause and eradicate the disease.

Mr. Milby was born at Harrisburg, the twenty-ninth of September, 1880, son of C. H. Milby, who was born in Lavaca County, and Maggie Todd Milby. Mrs. Milby's father, J. G. Todd, was a seafaring man, and during the war with Mexico served in the Texas Navy, as an officer. His navy sword, which has been preserved, is one of the most cherished possessions of his family. Mr. Milby's grandfather, William Milby, came to Texas from his native State of Maryland, before the Civil War, locating in Lavaca County, where he engaged in merchandising.

Mr. Milby was educated in the public schools of Harrisburg, later attending San Marcos Academy and Texas A. and M. College. After finishing his education he returned to his home and for twenty-five years engaged in banking, with the Planters and Mechanics Bank, now the Union National Bank. He then turned his attention to cattle raising, and for twelve years has been active in this industry. The first of January, 1923, he entered the automobile business, as local dealer for the Star and Durant lines, and has taken an active part in introducing this mar in his community.

Mr. Milby was married at Harrisburg, in 1909, to Miss Orlean Allen, daughter of C. D. Allen, and grand-daughter of S. W. Allen. Mr. and Mrs. Milby make their home in Harrisburg, taking an active part in the various social and civic events of their community. They are the parents of two children, Abbie Louise Milby and Charles Dow Milby. Mr. Milby is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Gray, Chapter and Commandery at Houston, Eighteenth Degree, at Houston, Thirty-Second Degree at Galveston, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine, at Houston.

Mr. Milby has been an integral part of the life at Harrisburg for many years. He has seen that city go down to a mere village of forty inhabitants, and come back to the present wonderful growth of today, a growth in which he took no small part in promoting. He served his city as City Commissioner, an office he filled with distinction, and wherein he lent every effort to encourage development. He has

in his business activities directed his affairs in such a manner that his city would be benefited, as well as for his own individual profit, and is known as one of the most public spirited men of his community. Mr. Milby also takes a deep interest in Houston, a city which he expects to see become the largest city of the South, due to the Deep Water Channel, and the many advantages it offers as a medium of progress.



**H**ENRY C. HOOK, for almost two decades a resident of Houston, and one of the best known automobile men of this section of the state, has for a number of years operated one of the leading garages in the city, and has attained a commendable reputation for his activities in this business. Mr. Hook is the owner of the Hook's Garage, one of the finest and best equipped garages in the city, which he established several years ago and located, at 1017 Fannin at Lamar. Mr. Hook keeps his garage open twenty-four hours a day, and has a first-class mechanic on duty at all times to enable his friends and patrons to get the best service possible. He has a storage department, providing for the accommodation of a large number of cars, and has the usual repair, washing and greasing facilities. A modern system of washing and polishing insures the satisfaction of his patrons, and has won much favor among the automobile owners of the city. The repair department has all equipment for making first-class repairs on any make of car, in an efficient and satisfactory manner, and has a wrecking service operated in connection with it. Other departments include a well stocked automobile accessory department, including tires and tubes, and a filling station. Road service is another convenience Mr. Hook provides for his patrons, and a service car is kept ready to answer any call, either in Houston, or on the roads leading out of the city.

Henry C. Hook was born at Montgomery, Alabama, the twentieth of October, 1874, son of David C. Hook, a native of North Carolina, who later went to Alabama, where his death occurred when the subject of this sketch was a child of two years. Mr. Hook's mother, before her marriage Miss Christiana Frazier, later married again, and as Mrs. Claxton makes her home at Montgomery, at the age of seventy-nine. Mr. Hook attended the public schools near his home for a time, later studying alone, and still later, after coming to Texas, attending night school. In 1891 he joined his cousin in Bell County, Texas, and spent two years on his plantation there. He then went with the Santa Fe Railroad, in the water service department, and was stationed at Cleburne for a number of years, during which time he helped build the shops in that city. He then went to Mount Pleasant, where he engaged in the wholesale and retail paint business for three years, and also operated as a painting contractor. Disposing of his interests there he went to Kansas City, Missouri, and was with the Kansas City Ice Company, as refrigerator engineer for two years. This was followed by a return to his birthplace and he spent a number of years in Montgomery, first as manager of two hotels and the power plant owned by D. P. West, and later with the Carolina and Virginia Chemical Works, as master mechanic. He came to Houston in 1905, and for a time was chief engineer for the Home Ice



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*Alex Clark*

Company. This was followed by twelve years with the Henke Ice and Refrigerator Company, as chief engineer. He was then chief engineer with the Rice Hotel for one year, following this with a short period with the Magnolia Petroleum Company, and with the Houston Packing Company. Leaving the last named corporation, Mr. Hook went in business for himself, establishing the H. C. Hook Garage, which he has since operated.

Mr. Hook is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Temple Lodge, Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite, and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. Mr. Hook has many friends in the automotive industry who regard him as an authority in his field, and who consider his success well deserved.



**ALEX CLARK**, President of the Alex Clark Motor Company, Inc., of Houston, has recently come to Houston to make his home and business headquarters. The Alex Clark Motor Company was established the first of July, 1925, and is the distributor in Southeast Texas for the Hudson and Essex cars, selling both wholesale and retail. The territory served by this company includes fifty-eight counties, in which some fifty dealers have been appointed, and the business is growing rapidly with every promise for a prosperous future. The Alex Clark Motor Company is well located, occupying a modern building on San Jacinto Street, at the corner of Walker, and has a force of about forty-five employees. The retail business has grown very rapidly since the company was established and as the result of Mr. Clark's selling campaigns the number of Hudson and Essex owners has increased materially. Officers of the company, other than Mr. Clark, the President, are C. D. Welty, Vice-President, and H. E. Wyatt, Secretary.

Alex Clark was born in London, England, September 15th, 1887, and is the son of the late A. Clark and Mary (Punton) Clark, both of whom were natives of England. He attended the schools of London, and came to the United States as a young man, engaging in the publishing business in Kansas City for some years. Later he went to St. Joseph, Missouri, and entered the automobile business, spending several years in that city. For eight years prior to coming to Houston he sold Hudson and Essex cars. In 1925 Mr. Clark came to Houston to take control of the Hudson-Essex distributorship here and has since been actively engaged in this work.

Mr. Clark was married at Kansas City, Missouri, in 1910, to Miss Mary Mott, daughter of the late J. M. Mott, and Mary (Thomas) Mott. For several years J. M. Mott resided in Orange, Texas, where he was manager of the Lutch-Moore Lumber Company. Mr. and Mrs. Clark reside at 1651 Kipling Street, and have three children, a daughter, Lloyd, and two sons, James and Stanley. Mr. Clark is a Mason, Blue Lodge, St. Joseph, Missouri, and a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the First Presbyterian Church at Houston.



**BENJAMIN H. JOHNSTON** since coming to Houston several years ago has found this city ripe in business advantages, and in addition to making a splendid record in the automobile business takes pride in the accomplishments of his city and has been identified with all movements that have insured its progress and welfare. Mr. Johnston owns and manages the John-

ston Motor Company, Ford, Fordson and Lincoln Dealers, and one of the most progressive automobile agencies in the city. He established the business the first of November, 1918, shortly after his arrival in the city, and has taken an influential part in the activities along automobile row, selling a record number of cars each year and establishing a reputation creditable along all lines. In 1922 the firm moved into the fine new building at 1119 McKinney Avenue, at San Jacinto Street, which they have since occupied. This building has many unusual features, including every precaution for safety, such as a complete sprinkler system, fire-proof construction, etc., and is one of the finest buildings dedicated to the automobile industry in the city. The building has two floors, each one hundred by one hundred feet, and is well arranged with fine offices and show rooms on the ground floor. Mr. Johnston sells in the neighborhood of a hundred cars each month, and has fifty employees. He operates a complete Ford agency, and has one of the best equipped service and parts departments in the city.

Mr. Johnston was born at Fort Scott, Kansas, in 1888, son of M. A. Johnston, a native of that state, and who moved to Dallas in 1904, a few years later removing to Houston, where he now makes his home, and is with his son in business. His mother, before her marriage was Miss Minnie B. Burkholder. Mr. Johnston attended the public schools of Little Rock, Arkansas, and later of Dallas, where he finished. Leaving school he went with the American Exchange National Bank of Dallas, and was with that institution for seven years. He then went with the Ford Motor Company of Dallas, as bookkeeper in 1914, later being made chief clerk, and still later transferred to Fort Worth, as assistant branch manager. In 1917 he went to San Antonio as Ford dealer in that city, remaining there until 1918. In that year he was attracted by the business future Houston offered and disposed of his San Antonio interests and came to this city, buying the Universal Car Company, and reorganizing and changing the name to the present firm name, the Johnston Motor Company, which he has since operated. At the time he took over the business it was located in a small building, with a force of some twenty employees, but under his progressive management the business grew and prospered until it has reached its present state of expansion, and is one of the largest automobile businesses in the city.

Mr. Johnston was married at Dallas, Texas, the first of June, 1911, to Miss Helen Ramey, a native of that city and the daughter of the late T. E. Ramey. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston have one child, Ruth, and make their home at 3403 Audubon Place, where they have one of the most attractive residences in the city. Mr. Johnston is a member of several civic and social clubs, among them the Houston Club, the Houston Country Club and the River Oaks Country Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, Oak Cliff Blue Lodge No. 705, San Antonio Consistory, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine Temple at Houston. Although a resident of Houston but a few years he has impressed his influence on the industrial life of the city, and has made many friends who regard him as a conservative and energetic business man with a real future.



**J**OHAN W. CANADA—For more than a decade J. W. Canada has been prominent in the farm paper publishing field in Texas. He established Southland Farmer at Houston, is the editor and manager, and also the chief owner of the Southland Farmer Publishing Company, which publishes the paper and also owns the best equipped electrotype foundry in South Texas.

From a modest beginning in 1911 Southland Farmer has grown to be one of the strong farm papers, not only of Texas but of the entire South. Its editorial columns are quoted more widely than those of any farm paper in the whole country. Today it is read by one farm family of every five in the state, and is growing rapidly in both circulation and influence in the farm life of the state.

The interest of a farm paper are, or should be as broad as are the interests of the farmers themselves. Naturally, therefore, Mr. Canada, as editor and also as an individual, has always taken a keen interest in whatever concerns the business of the farmer. In both capacities he has rendered an especially distinctive service in the field of farm finance.

On organization of the Federal Land Bank of Houston,—and his work was more important than that of any other one man in having the bank located at Houston,—he busied himself in making known to farmers of South Texas personally the principles of the bank and its plan of operation, and aided in organizing a score or more of national farm loan associations to the end that farmers might have ready access to the resources of the bank in the way of long time credits. Also the columns of Southland Farmer carried to farmers all over the state information they needed, not to be had in any other publication, so that they might avail themselves of the benefits of the bank. He is secretary-treasurer and general executive officer of five associations, covering the counties of Harris, Brazoria and Galveston.

On enactment of the Agricultural Credits Act of 1923, establishing the Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston, for the purpose of extending a longer term of credit on livestock and farm products than commercial banks could give Mr. Canada busied himself to find ways and means for extending its services to the farmers and cattlemen of South Texas especially.

In co-operation with the officials of the Federal Land Bank, charged with administering the new act, and working with the attorneys of the bank, a special law was enacted, making possible the organization of agricultural credit corporations, for the express purpose of handling cattle loans. In both planning and carrying out such a corporation some new principles in banking were adopted, namely, that such a bank should be not only owned in its entirety by its customers, but should be managed by them.

Accordingly the Houston Agricultural Credit Corporation was organized in 1923, with Mr. Canada as manager, and W. S. Woodruff as assistant manager, and with a directorate of some fifteen of the leading cattlemen and business men of South Texas. Initial capital stock was \$10,000, but with the proviso in the law that capital stock should be increased with each loan made to the extent of ten per cent of the loan. Also compensation for management is based on a percentage of the gross earnings of the bank—

no fixed charges—so that any profits it may make on loans accrue as dividends to stockholders, and the stockholders are only those who make use of the bank.

Operations the first year saw the capital increase from \$10,000 to \$60,000, and loans to cattlemen of \$500,000. The source of funds for loaning is the Intermediate Credit Bank of Houston, with which the credit corporation rediscounts the notes of its members, such notes being secured by mortgages on the livestock they have. Thus a constant source of credit, for such time as may be needed, and at the rate of seven per cent per annum interest, is available for the livestock industry to all within the South Texas territory in which the corporation operates. This is the only banking concern of the kind in the United States.

John W. Canada was born December 14th, 1871, at Summerfield, Guilford County, North Carolina, the son of William Canada. He was educated in public schools, preparatory schools and the University of North Carolina, where he was given the degree of A. B. in 1896. He is a member of the Phi Beta Kappa. On graduation he established a preparatory school at the seat of the university and also continued his studies in the graduate school for five years.

In 1900 he went to Colorado, and for some years was engaged in independent newspaper and magazine work, traveling over many western and southern states, studying their agricultural conditions and familiarizing himself generally with agricultural problems. He came to Texas in 1905, publishing weekly newspapers in Southwest Texas, coming to Houston in 1907, where he has been engaged in the publishing business since. He is also vice president and treasurer of the Western Chemical Corporation of Houston, engaged in manufacturing and handling products used by cattlemen and farmers.

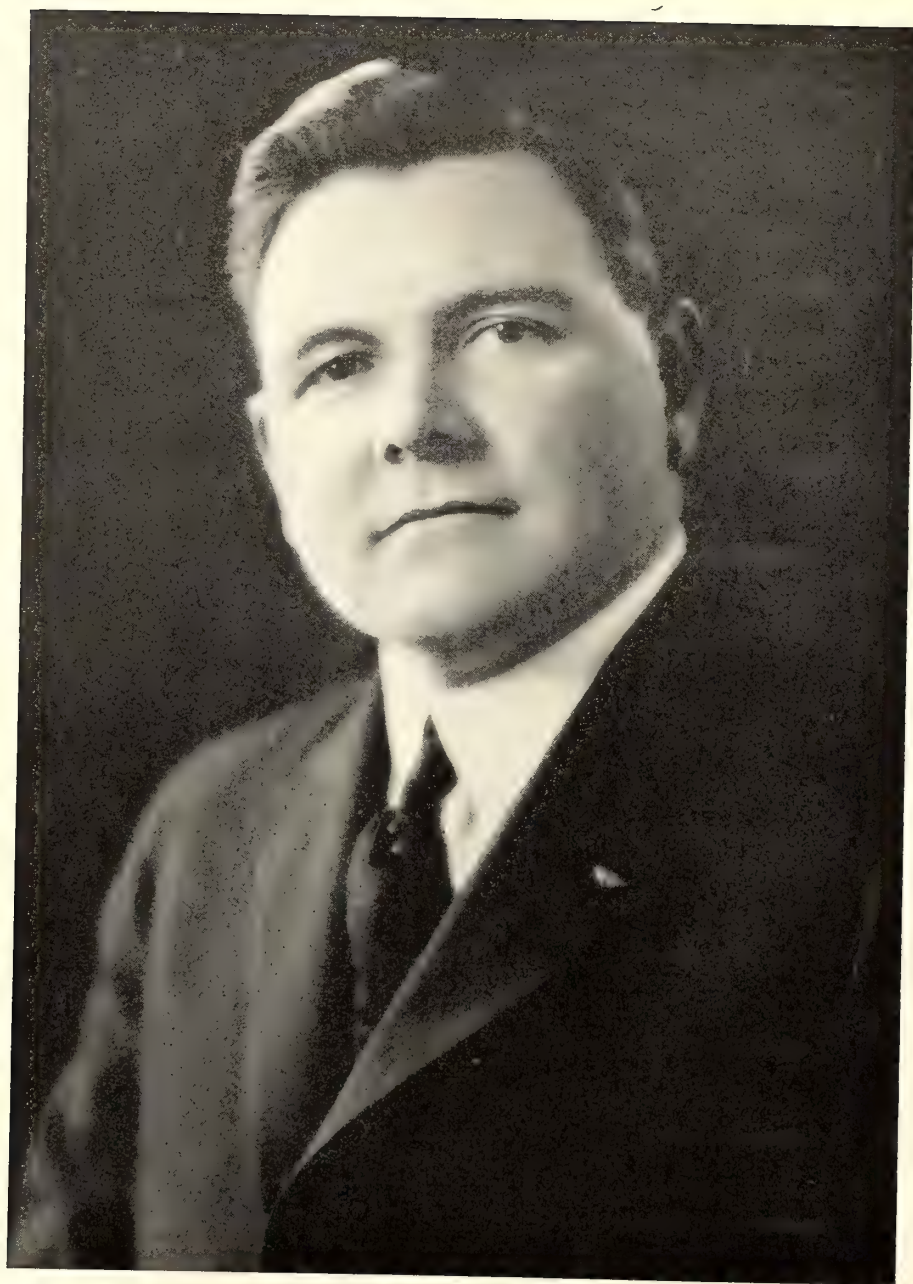
Mr. Canada was married in 1910 to Miss Verona Keener, at Lake Charles, Louisiana. They reside at La Porte, a suburb of Houston on Galveston Bay, some twenty-five miles from Houston, where they have a very attractive home. They have one child, ten years old, Jane Verona Canada.

**A**RTHUR J. FITTGER, for more than a decade identified with commercial activities at Houston, has for the past several years been associated with the laundry industry, attaining a commendable reputation therein. Mr. Fittger is vice president and manager of the Ineeda Laundry and Cleaning Company, Incorporated, one of the largest laundries in the city. The Ineeda Laundry and Cleaning Company operates a complete laundry and cleaning business, giving to their patrons a choice of several modes of handling the family wash, designed to meet the needs of the patrons, and also has a complete dry cleaning plant, equipped to handle all work, including the finest and most delicate garments. The Ineeda company has a large, modern plant at Smith and Rusk Avenues, where they occupy a two story building, each floor one hundred and fifty feet square, and employing two hundred operatives. They have every provision for handling the work in the various departments, using the most modern power equipment, and give special attention to the conditions under which their employees work. The delivery service operates twenty-six cars, combining the laundry and cleaning serv-



*J. W. Canada*





*a. a. Sterling*

ices, and covers the entire city. The officers of the Ineeda Laundry and Cleaning Company are: J. W. Trimble, president; Arthur J. Fittger, vice president and manager; B. G. Sydnor, secretary and treasurer, and E. B. Sydnor, assistant secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Fittger was born at Galveston, Texas, the eleventh of December, 1890, son of Clem and Florence Fittger, his father a native of that city who came to Houston with his family in 1898, and who now resides in this city. Mr. Fittger was educated in the Houston public schools, supplementing his education with a business course, after which he went with the Desel-Boettcher Company, remaining with this firm for ten years in the shipping department and as salesman. He left this firm in 1917 and went with the Ineeda Laundry Company, of which he was later made vice president and general manager. During the recent war he served in the Air Service at Ellington Field.

Mr. Fittger was married at Houston, the fifth of February, 1920, to Miss Hazel Barry, who was born at Marlin and reared at Houston. They make their home at 4623 Polk Avenue. Mr. Fittger is a member of the Turnverein, an Elk, a T. P. A. and a Mason, Temple Blue Lodge, Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine and Arabia Temple Patrol.



**A. STERLING** has, since coming to Houston, been an active figure in the financial circles of this city. As president of the American Building and Loan Association he has had an important part in shaping the destinies of that business. The American Building and Loan Association, with offices at 121-2 Humble Building, was organized in December, 1921, with a capital stock of two and one-half million dollars. While this is one of the younger institutions of its kind in Houston, it is growing rapidly under the personal supervision of Mr. Sterling.

The American Building and Loan Association is a model co-operative institution, composed of members who have thus associated themselves for their mutual benefit and financial advantage. The memberships are of two classes, designated "Savings Members" and "Borrowing Members." The saving members use the Association as a place where they can deposit their savings, receiving the highest rate of interest for same that is consistent with perfect safety. The borrowing members use the Association as a place where they can borrow funds at a normal rate of interest to buy, build, or pay upon their homes. It operates by authority of the Secretary of State of Texas, under articles of incorporation; is chartered, supervised and controlled by the State of Texas, and is directly under the supervision of the State of Texas, Commissioner of Insurance.

The object of the association is to furnish a means by which savers of small amounts will be able to receive as large a return as the more wealthy individual, and at the same time have the highest grade of security, which is everywhere recognized as the first mortgage on improved real estate; also to furnish money to the borrowers at a low rate of interest with easy repayments (\$12.00 per month on each \$1,000.00), so as to enable them to secure homes of their own, pay off mortgages or obtain money for necessary requirements.

It receives money from any source at any time in sums ranging from \$1.00 to \$50,000. To participate in the benefits of the Association, one must become a member.

Dividends on the money received on all shares have been allowed semi-annually at 7 per cent per annum. If the earnings are greater than 7 per cent the excess net earnings in excess of the legal reserve required by our Texas laws, will be credited to the members. Non-residents may become members and do business by mail as easily as residents of this city; remittances being made by personal checks, Post Office Money Order or Bank Draft.

Money is loaned on first mortgages on homes and property in Texas. Payments are made monthly, this reducing the net amount of the debt from the outset. The interest rate is low, 8 and four-tenths per cent, and advantages we offer are unexcelled.

The officers of the Association are: A. A. Sterling, president; L. E. Norton, vice-president; L. R. Bryan, Jr., treasurer; Frank J. Breaker, secretary. The directorate is composed of the following well-known business men of Houston: A. A. Sterling, L. E. Norton, Wharton Weems, Thomas W. Hopkins, L. R. Bryan, Jr., J. M. McGranahan, E. C. Brock, Frank J. Breaker, and A. A. Wright. Mr. C. J. Richards is membership secretary.

Mr. Sterling is the owner of Chelsea Place, consisting of six and one-half acres and containing twelve building sites, each one hundred feet by one hundred and seventy feet in size. This is considered one of the finest exclusive residence places in the city of Houston; having very high building restrictions.

A native Texan, Mr. Sterling was born in Anahuac, Chambers County in 1881. His father, B. F. Sterling, was a well-known business man of Chambers County. His mother was Miss Mary Bryan, a member of a prominent Texas family. The public and high schools of Chambers County supplied the foundation for Mr. Sterling's education, and a course in a Business College, provided him with his early business training. After leaving school, Mr. Sterling started on his varied business career, which began as a farmer.

He continued to farm for five years, when he engaged in the produce business in Galveston, and continued in this business for three years. Later he engaged in the banking business at Batson, Hardin County, where he was for a period of ten years cashier of the bank at that place. He is now a director in the Saratoga State Bank at Saratoga. He came to Houston in 1919, and, in 1921, organized the American Building and Loan Association.

Mr. Sterling was married at Batson, in 1910, to Miss Nellie Allen, a daughter of J. W. Allen, a well-known oil operator of Batson. They have two children, A. A. Sterling, Jr., seven years of age, and Nellie Frances, aged four years. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling reside at 4315 Montrose Boulevard. Mr. Sterling is a member of both York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic order and a Shriner of Arabia Temple. He is also a member of the Conopus Club. Mr. Sterling, in the midst of his private work, finds opportunity to give his time and assistance to many movements of a public nature, and is interested in and takes an active part in all movements for the advancement and growth of Houston.



**B** FRANK STERLING, Senior member of the firm of Sterling and Baker, Investments, Humble Building, is well known in the business circles of Houston, where, prior to engaging in his present business, he was, for several years, active in insurance circles. The firm of Sterling and Baker deal in listed securities and high-class local securities, and make a specialty of selling high-class securities on the monthly payment plan. In this manner, they afford an opportunity to the average investor to secure good, high-class securities, which they probably would not secure in any other way. Associated with Mr. Sterling as a partner in the Investment business is Mr. Harry V. Baker, well known business man of Houston and South Texas. This firm was organized in 1923, and has grown to large proportions since the time of its organization, as these two young men have a large acquaintance and a host of friends, and these have proven a valuable asset to them in the early days of their business venture.

A native Texan, Mr. Sterling was born at Anahuac, Chambers County, November 14th, 1893. His father, S. H. Sterling (deceased since July, 1901) was a member of a pioneer Texas family. His mother was Miss Carrie Huffman, whose family settled in McKinney, Collin County, at an early date and were active in their various lines in the North Texas city, and they were related to the old Largent family, prominent in North Texas. Mrs. Sterling died in March, 1914. Mr. Sterling's education was obtained in the public schools of Galveston. Soon after leaving school, Mr. Sterling began his business career in the Insurance business at Galveston with Grafton T. Austin, in 1908, and later associated with the firm of Adams and Porter, of Houston, in Marine Insurance. He entered the World War, enlisting in Company L, 359th Infantry, 90th Division, and went overseas with his division, and was in the front lines during several engagements with them. He was discharged in June, 1919, with the rank of Sergeant. After receiving his discharge from the Army, Mr. Sterling returned to Houston, and entered the employ of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and remained with this company for four years, or until he organized his present business in 1923. Mr. Sterling is a nephew of Mr. R. S. Sterling, Mr. F. P. Sterling, Mr. A. A. Sterling and Miss Florence Sterling, all well-known business executives of Houston. He is also a nephew of Mr. John Sterling, of Galveston, and a grandson of B. F. Sterling.

Mr. Sterling is a member of the Glenbrook Country Club and the Conopus Luncheon Club. He is a consistent member of the South End Christian Church. Mr. Sterling is much interested in getting the business of stock selling on a high plane and is an ardent worker in the movement to protect the public from fake promotion schemes.

**W**ARD FORD, one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, with his associate, Mr. Dudley C. Jarvis, own and operate the Ford-Jarvis Lumber Company and has been successful in building up a large and profitable business. The Ford-Jarvis Lumber Company have a large planing mill at the corner of Lyons Avenue and H. B. and T. Railroad and are both wholesalers and manufacturers. They ship in the

lumber from points on the Pacific Coast, which they rework and ship out again in the finished product. Mr. Ford was reared in an atmosphere of the lumber business, as his father, Mr. A. C. Ford, is a pioneer in this field in Texas, and is classed among the leading lumber men in this portion of the country. His associate, Mr. Dudley C. Jarvis, is a graduate of the Rice Institute, having finished in this institution in the class of 1922, and during his spare time while attending college worked in the planing mill. He was a resident of Terrell, Texas, but has lived in Houston for the past few years where he is popular in the business and social circles of the city and active in all Houston's civic matters.

Although a young man, Mr. Ford has had an experience in all the branches of the lumber business, and in entering this great industry, Mr. Ford could have chosen the easier way, but he preferred to be the architect of his own future, and wished first to master the details of the business, and this he did before becoming active in the lumber industry.

A native Texan, Mr. Ford was born at Fort Worth May 30th, 1898. His father, A. C. Ford, has been prominently identified with the lumber industry of the State for more than thirty years, and is one of Houston's leading lumbermen, where the family has resided for the past twelve years. His mother was Miss Mary Ward, a native of Jefferson, Texas, and a daughter of S. M. Ward, a well known banker and capitalist of Jefferson. His education was obtained in the University of Texas and Bingham College of North Carolina. After finishing college, Mr. Ford entered actively into the lumber business and has met with success. During the World War, he was a member of the Marine Aviation Service and was stationed in Florida, during the greater part of the period.

Mr. Ford resides with his parents at the Beaconsfield Apartments, and is a member of the Country Club, the University Club and the Kappa Alpha fraternity. He is popular in the business and social circles of Houston, where he is regarded as one of the leaders among the younger business men, and his friends predict a brilliant future for this young lumberman who is yet in the morning of life.

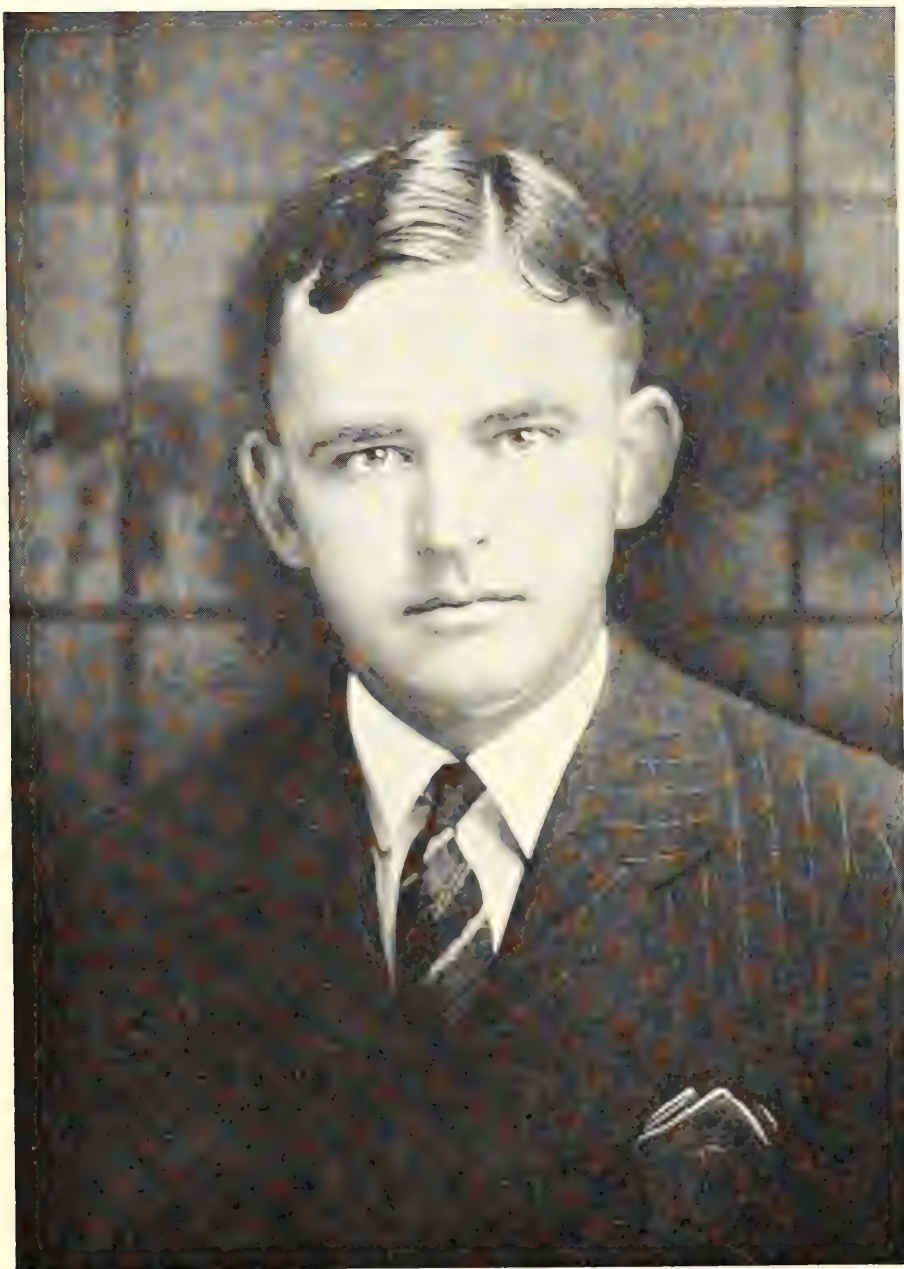
**D.** R. COFFEY, District Manager of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Association at Houston, has been a resident of this city for more than a quarter of a century, and during the greater part of this time has been associated with fraternal work. Mr. Coffey became connected with the Woodmen of the World in 1907, and has been District Manager of the Houston district since 1915, working indefatigably during that time to build up the organization in this section, and writing much insurance. Gen. R. H. McDill, of Dallas, is State Manager, and R. E. Miller, of San Antonio, Assistant State Manager, the state being divided into districts, each district in charge of a district manager, under whose direction all fraternal work in that district is carried on. Mr. Coffey has his offices in the First National Bank Building, and in addition to his work as District Manager of the Life Insurance Division of the Woodmen of the World, he is Clerk of Magnolia Camp, No. 13, Woodmen of the World.

Ed. R. Coffey was born in Denton County, on the twenty-fifth of November, 1876, son of George D. Coffey and Nannie (Clarkson) Coffey, both of



*Frank Sterling*






*George L. Noble Jr.*

whom were natives of Kentucky, who came to Texas during pioneer days and resided in Denton County many years. Mr. Coffey attended the schools of Colorado and Arizona, but, as was the case with many of the children of pioneer days, his education was largely gleaned from the school of experience. As a young man he belonged to the National Guards of Arizona, in which state he resided until 1897, when he came to Houston. Here Mr. Coffey spent several years in the hardware business and was also with the old Texas Postal Telegraph Company prior to 1907, when he became identified with Woodmen of the World Association work.

Mr. Coffey was married at Houston the eighteenth of February, 1918, to Mayde Bauguss, daughter of Profesor Bauguss, well known educator. Mr. and Mrs. Coffey reside at 5407 Chenevert Street. Mr. Coffey is a Mason, thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite and Shrine, and belongs to the Woodmen of the World, the Woodmen Circle, the Macabees, the Tall Cedars, the A. I. U. and Eastern Star and the T. P. A. and is a member of the Episcopal Church.

 **L. NOBLE, JR.**, has for the past several years been identified with oil activities at Houston, and although a young man, his name has come to have a special significance in this industry. Mr. Noble is secretary and treasurer of the Houston Production Company, and since taking this position in May, 1922, he has built up the business materially, and given his most careful attention to the operations of this company. The Houston Production Company concentrates its attention on Hull field, where they produce around eleven hundred barrels a day. Mr. Noble was previously associated with the Link Oil Corporation, going with this firm in October, 1920, and at the time of his retirement, to become secretary and treasurer for the Houston Production Company, he was superintendent for the Link Corporation, looking after all the interests, including drilling.

Mr. Noble was born at Dallas, Texas, the eleventh of January, 1895, son of G. L. Noble, of that city. He graduated from the Houston High School in 1913, the following year attending the University of Texas, and later Cornell, from which he graduated in 1920 with the degree M. E. The period from May, 1917, until April, 1919, was spent in military service, with the One Hundred and Fifth Machine Gun Battalion, of the Twenty-seventh Division, in which he enlisted as a private, coming out a lieutenant. Mr. Noble saw active service overseas, spending one year in France and Belgium. He was at the front from June the fourteenth until November the eleventh, 1918, at which time he participated in the fighting at Ypres and Cambrais, and also with the British army that broke the Hindenburg line, from September the twenty-seventh until October the fifteenth, 1918. In this last named conflict Mr. Noble saw many of his comrades killed or wounded, yet he came through without a scratch. After his discharge he returned to Cornell and finished his work there, taking his M. E. degree, in 1920, after which he came to Houston and began his business career in the oil business.

Mr. Noble was married at Houston the seventh of March, 1923, to Miss Geraldine Dore, a native of Cleveland, Ohio, but a resident of Houston for thirteen years, and daughter of James H. Dore, of the

Houston Car Wheel Company, of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Noble make their home at 1530 Sul Ross Avenue. In religious belief they support the Presbyterian faith and are members of the First Presbyterian Church of Houston. Mr. Noble is a member of the Houston Country Club, the University Club, the Cornell Club of Houston, and the Kappa Alpha fraternity of the University of Texas. He takes an active interest in civic development and has allied himself with all movements directed toward this end.



**RED T. SMITH**, general manager of the Haverty Furniture Company, Inc., is well-known in furniture circles of Houston, where, by close application to the business, he rose from the ranks to his present position. Mr. Smith came to Houston in 1906, with the Haverty Furniture Company, Inc., in a minor position and now has complete charge of this large establishment, and is the second largest stockholder in the Company. The Haverty Furniture Company was established in Houston thirty years ago, and was incorporated under the present name January 1st, 1922. This firm, located at 711 Fannin Street, sell to the retail trade only, and carry a full and complete stock of all kinds of furniture and house furnishings, from a price within the reach of all to the most expensive Period furniture. The Haverty Furniture Company, Inc., occupy six floors each fifty by one hundred and twenty-five feet; also a large warehouse, located at 109 Baker Street, of four floors, each sixty-five by one hundred and twenty-five feet. This firm employ fifty-five experienced people in the various departments, and in the different classes of work in their large establishment. Other officers of the Haverty Furniture Company, Inc., are: J. J. Haverty, president; Clarence Haverty, vice-president and treasurer, and J. R. Haverty, secretary.

Mr. Smith was born at Dalton, Georgia, in 1887. His father, L. T. Smith, moved to the Indian Territory in the early 80's and spent the remainder of his life there, where he was continuously engaged in the mercantile business. Mr. Smith's education was obtained in the public schools of the Indian Territory, and Montague, Texas.

Mr. Smith came to Houston in 1906 and began work for the Haverty Furniture Company as a collector. Later, he was advanced to the position of shipping clerk; then to salesman, and still later to the place of credit man for the company. In appreciation for the attention to the details of the business given by Mr. Smith, he was, in 1915, made general manager of the Haverty Furniture Company, Inc. Mr. Smith was married in Beaumont, in 1906, to Miss Clara Bell Clark, a native Texan, who was reared and educated at Montague. Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside at 4406 Travis Street. Mr. Smith is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1 of Houston, and is a member of the Scottish Rite body of that Order to the 32nd Degree, and a Shriner of Arabia Temple. Mr. Smith has the deepest interest in the man who aspires to better his condition, and is at all times ready and willing to render helpful service to his fellow man. This characteristic has been a dominant factor in the success achieved by this young man, who is still in the morning of life.





**GENERAL JAMES CALVIN FOSTER**, general of the Texas division of the United Confederate Veterans, has been a factor in the progress of Texas for a period of over two score years. General Foster is widely known throughout the State of Texas as a distinguished member of that rapidly diminishing body of patriots who fought in defense of their native land more than three score years ago, and although approaching that allotted ripe old age of four score years, he is still one of the most active and agile of the remaining group. He takes an active interest in every patriotic movement to do honor to, and to perpetuate the memory of the Confederate heroes.

General Foster was born at Spartanburg, South Carolina, July 24th, 1847. His parents, Washington and Elizabeth Foster, natives of South Carolina, were well known planters who were prominent in the church organization and social life at Spartanburg. General Foster was educated in the schools of South Carolina and Wofford College. When the Civil War began, he was but a boy of fourteen, but as soon as he was old enough to shoulder a musket he enlisted in the army in Company A, First South Carolina Battalion, and did his bit with honor and distinction. His division did service in North and South Carolina. The last battle his company fought in was at Bentonville, South Carolina.

General Foster's first business experience was with the D. E. Converse Manufacturing Company of Spartanburg, South Carolina, and later decided he would come West. He moved to Arkansas, where he taught school and later went into the mercantile business at Shiloh, Arkansas. He traveled as a salesman for a house in Little Rock. Still later he came to Texas as a traveling salesman for a St. Louis firm. In 1907, General Foster first came to Houston, and he has made this city his home since that date.

For the past decade General Foster has been retired from business activities, but has remained very active in the United Confederate Veterans organization in Texas. His heart is in his work and he attends all the conventions, both State and National. At the Fort Worth convention in 1924, General Foster was elected general of the Texas division with the rank of major general, and in 1925 at the convention at Abilene was re-elected.

General Foster was married October 1st, 1873, at West Point, Arkansas, to Annie Buchanan Foster, the daughter of Andrew Park and Sibella Johnson Foster, both natives of South Carolina. Mrs. Foster has always been very active in patriotic movements, and is president of the Jefferson Davis Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mr. and Mrs. Foster were the parents of five children, Clarence Milton, deceased, three children who died in infancy, and one living daughter, Alice Ethel, who is now Mrs. J. T. Miller. His granddaughter, Guenevere Miller, a student at Rice Institute, was given the signal honor as representative of the South as sponsor of honor at the United Confederate Veterans at Dallas in 1925, and was again appointed by General Freeman for the same honor at the Birmingham reunion in 1926.

General Foster and family are members of the Methodist Church. General Foster had charge of the drive in Houston for the sale of Stone Mountain Memorial souvenirs, and was successful in making

Houston one of the first cities of the South to contribute their quota.



**JUDGE EDWIN WINFREE**, for the past half a century an honored resident of Texas, and for about six years superintendent of the Texas Confederate Home, at Austin, has been indefatigable in his work in behalf of the Confederate Veterans. Judge Winfree, himself a Confederate Veteran, was appointed to the position of superintendent of the Confederate Home on the fifteenth of February, 1920, by the State Board of Control, to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. J. C. Loggins. That this choice was a wise one was demonstrated by the capable and efficient way in which he dispatched the duties of this office and administered the affairs of the home.

The Texas Confederate Home was established in 1889, when the John B. Hood Camp, U. V. C., acquired from the state a charter for the purpose of organizing and supporting a home for Confederate veterans, a work in which they were aided by the Albert Sidney Johnston Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy. In 1891 the state made an appropriation for the work and several cottages were built, additional appropriations being made in 1895, and the home being added to at that time. Later a hospital was erected, which has since been converted into a barracks and supplanted by a new hospital building, built at a cost of twenty thousand dollars and equipped to care for a hundred patients. The present capacity of the Confederate Home is an average of three hundred and seventy-five, although four hundred can be accommodated, and a maintenance fund of ninety thousand dollars is now appropriated annually. In recent years hospital facilities have been taxed, as practically all confederate veterans applying, for admission are almost helpless and require constant attention, both day and night. In this work of providing comforts for these heroes in their old age, Judge Winfree is particularly interested, and urges that whatever is to be done, be done now, as in a few brief years there will not be any more Confederate soldiers left.

Judge Edwin Winfree was born in Chesterfield County, Virginia, the ninth of April, 1844, the son of Thomas Edwin and Elizabeth Marriion (Taylor) Winfree, the father a tobaccoist, farmer, and land owner of Virginia. Judge Winfree attended the public schools of Virginia and also attended school at Manchester, Virginia, and at the age of seventeen years enlisted in the Confederate army, under General Robert E. Lee, in Virginia, and was a member of the Twenty-second Virginia Battalion of Infantry with Major Frank Smith, Company C., Captain John W. Drewrys of "Drewrys Bluff" fame. Judge Winfree, with this company, was in the siege around Richmond, manning the heavy guns on the south side of the James River, and known as the South Side Artillery. Judge Winfree with his battalion, was in the fighting up until General Lee's surrender, which occurred on Judge Winfree's twenty-first birthday. Judge Winfree, was regarded by his comrades as a brave, fearless and faithful soldier, and his name appears on the original rolls handed to General Lee from the battle field at Appomattox Court House for such service. Following the war Judge Winfree came to Texas, in 1873, locating at



*James Calvin Foster*





*James W. Keith.*

Crockett, in Houston County. Here he organized a bank, of which he was cashier for many years, and also engaged in the mercantile business. He also studied law and was admitted to the bar and in 1896 elected county judge, which office he held until 1914. He then went with the Louisiana & Texas Lumber Company, with which organization he remained four years, when he was again elected county judge, resigning this office six years later due to his advancing years. In 1919 he was sent to the State Legislature, serving until his appointment as superintendent of the Texas Confederate Home at Austin, resigning from this position September 1st, 1925.

Judge Winfree was married at Crockett, Texas, in 1874, to Miss Willie Matlock, who is now deceased. To this union were born four daughters: Mrs. Mary Baker, Mrs. Helen Cone, Mrs. Adele Crawford and Mrs. Willie Powell. Judge Winfree was married for the second time to Mrs. Alice Bay, and to this union were born three children: Joseph Edwin Winfree, Houston attorney; Daniel Marrión Winfree, and Mark King Winfree (deceased). Judge and Mrs. Winfree reside in Park Place. Mrs. Alice Bay Winfree had one son by a former marriage, Calvin Bay. Judge Winfree is a Mason, York Rite, and has been a member of the Masonic lodge for more than fifty years. Judge Winfree's service in behalf of the Confederate soldiers of Texas has been faithful in the extreme, and he holds a recent certificate from the House Regent of the Confederate Memorial Association, at Richmond, Virginia, certifying that his name has been written on the honor roll in high esteem of his faithful services for the Confederate cause.



**JAMES W. RICH**, independent oil operator, and for a number of years a factor in petroleum circles in Houston, has been actively interested in the development of the petroleum and other mineral resources of this section, and is considered one of the best informed men here in such matters, both from a practical standpoint and from a scientific angle. For several years he has done exploration work in the Gulf Coast section of the State. This pioneering he carries on persistently and systematically and his efforts should be rewarded with success. With his associates he owns a twelve thousand acre lease near Wharton, in Wharton County, which is being developed by use of torsion balance, seismograph and test drillings. Since coming to Texas he has made many friends, is well known in the oil fraternity and has gained the confidence and respect of all with whom he has had dealings.

James W. Rich was born at Mount Vernon, New York, the nineteenth of January, 1866. His boyhood was spent in New York and in Philadelphia, where he attended the public schools, preparing for the University of Pennsylvania, but later deciding in favor of practical experience in the business world. He went to New York, where he gained his first business experience in the real estate and auctioneering business and was active in the development of city properties, engaging in this line from 1889 until 1896. At that time he became interested in mining operations and spent the years from 1896 until 1920 in the mica mines in New Hampshire. In 1920 he came to Texas to gain practical experience along geological lines in mining, and this ex-

perience, combined with his first experience in deep well drilling in the Texas oil fields, suggested his present development program, a program which is being watched with interest.

Mr. Rich was married at New York, the thirteenth of September, 1887, to Miss Esther A. Rogers, a member of a New York family. Mr. and Mrs. Rich reside in Houston at 1204 West Drew Avenue, and have two daughters—Mrs. E. B. Boss of Cliftondale, Massachusetts, and Eleanor M. Rich, at home. Mr. Rich maintains business headquarters in the Bankers Mortgage Building, and also at Wharton. He is a member of the Commercial League at Angleton, and is a life member of Hiawatha Masonic Lodge No. 434 of Mount Vernon, New York.



**JOHN HABLIZEL**, for a quarter of a century identified with industrial activities at Houston, is well known as the founder of the Texas Table Company, one of the largest table manufacturing enterprises in the state. Mr. Hablitzel established this company at Houston in 1898, the oldest plant of its kind in the city, at that time beginning in a small way, and constantly expanding as trade conditions warranted. The Texas Table Company manufactures kitchen tables, kitchen safes, kitchen cabinets, made in both hard and soft woods, and supplies an extensive trade territory, including the entire state of Texas and a part of Louisiana. The business, in its present state of expansion, covers the city blocks at 2900 Maury Street, where the plant is located. The factory is housed in a modern, well-planned building, affording about eighty thousand square feet of floor space, with adequate equipment to meet the growing demands of the business. The Texas Table Company owns its own property, which has been added to from time to time as conditions of the business justified expansion. Associated with Mr. Hablitzel in the business are his five sons, Fred, Ernest, Henry, Julius and William.

Mr. Hablitzel is a veteran in the wood turners' trade, spending almost two decades in the business at New Orleans prior to coming to Houston. For thirteen years after coming to Houston he was with the August Bering Company, now the Bering Manufacturing Company, leaving this firm to establish his own business.

Mr. Hablitzel was born at Algiers, Louisiana, the fifth of May, 1854, son of John and Mary Hablitzel, his father a native of Switzerland, and the mother of Germany. The elder Mr. Hablitzel was for many years a ship carpenter at New Orleans, and as a boy Mr. Hablitzel first began to take an interest in the wood turning trade. He was educated in New Orleans, attending both public and private schools, and after leaving school began his career.

Mr. Hablitzel was married at New Orleans, in 1880, to Miss Caroline Muller, daughter of Jacob Muller, veteran wood worker, and Margaret Muller, well known business woman. Mr. and Mrs. Hablitzel have made Houston their home for almost forty years, living at 1508 East Alabama Avenue. They have reared a family of eight children, three daughters, Mrs. Tillie Casey, Mrs. Emma Swenke, and Miss Bertha Hablitzel, and five sons, Fred, Ernest, Henry, Julius and William, all of whom are active in the Texas Table Company. Mr. Hablitzel has been a member of the Sons of Hermann for more than two decades.





**J. C. McVEA**, for a quarter of a century identified with engineering activities of wide scope, has, during the past several years, as City Engineer of the City of Houston, been a factor in determining the future growth of this city. This position, one of the most difficult engineering positions in the state, and one offering many problems to be worked out, has been filled with distinction by Mr. McVea, and he has brought to bear in the direction of municipal engineering affairs the characteristic energy that has significantly marked his career. This branch of the city government handles many of the big problems of the municipality and covers street paving, water supply, drainage, sanitary sewers, park development and bridge construction, and in addition to these matters, the engineer also has other problems to work out, such as developing the facilities of the Houston Ship Channel, and the handling of the development of the Municipal Belt Railway. In solving these problems, upon which much of the future progress of the municipality must depend, Mr. McVea has demonstrated his engineering and executive ability and his devotion to the best interests of his community. Mr. McVea has in his department one hundred and fifty employees, and has under his direction all the designing and supervising of all public improvements. He is thoroughly familiar with the peculiar needs of the city, incident to climatic and drainage conditions prevailing here, and gives his special attention to such matters. He also recognizes that, due to Houston's size, wealth and peculiar climatic and soil conditions, that there is a great demand for paving, and uses his influence to secure educational campaigns and definite methods whereby the city may finance this work in an adequate manner. Under his administration the Engineering Department has shown a substantial increase, in some items practically one hundred per cent, and Mr. McVea has won the esteem of the entire city, as well as of his superiors in the municipal government.

J. C. McVea was born at Waelder, Texas, the third of April, 1876, son of William McVea, a cattleman, who came to Texas in 1850, and Jane Crane McVea, a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. McVea began his education in the public schools of Waelder, and after finishing there entered Moulton Institute for a course prior to entering the University of Texas, where he finished in 1897, with the degree of C. E. The following year was spent with the United States Geological Survey, and after leaving this service Mr. McVea went to Flatonia, Texas, in 1898. Here he built, owned and operated the electric light plant for four years, after which he went with the Southern Pacific Railway, in an important position, and was later resident engineer for the H. E. and W. T. Railroad and the Houston and Shreveport Railroad. In 1913 Mr. McVea became identified with the engineering department of the City of Houston, and in 1919, was made City Engineer, a position he has since held.

Mr. McVea was married at Flatonia, Texas, in 1904, to Miss Mary Faires, daughter of C. H. and Sarah Faires. Mr. Faires was a prominent stockman and farmer of Flatonia, whose father came to Texas in 1832 as a colonist under Stephen F. Austin. Mrs. McVea was reared and educated there. Mr. and Mrs. McVea have made their home in Hous-

ton since their marriage, and live at 1318 Kipling Avenue. They attend the South Main Baptist Church, which they actively support. Mr. McVea is a member of the Houston Engineers Club, the Salesmanship Club, and the City Club. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the American Society for Municipal Improvements. In engineering circles Mr. McVea is regarded as especially well equipped to fill the position of City Engineer, his many special qualifications for his office resulting most beneficially for the public good. He keeps in touch with all developments in the engineering world, and is a deep student of those matters pertaining especially to municipal development, and has made many friends who wish him the success he is so justly entitled to.



**VERNON MILLER** has spent the greater part of his life in Houston, having come here in 1903, when he was eight years of age. He is now engaged in the construction and contracting business, with offices at 617 Union National Bank Building. Although starting in business in 1921 Mr. Miller's business has already become firmly established and he now has work under way and in prospect for 1924 that is expected to aggregate more than a quarter of a million dollars.

He is especially well equipped for general contracting work and maintains a force about fifty men and has a full complement of building machinery and equipment. Among important work for which he has appeared as general contractor is included the Bankers Mortgage Building, Hoblitzelle Building, Crockett Street Bridge and the North Main Street tunnel. In addition to this a large amount of out of town work has been done under his supervision.

Mr. Miller was born at Alvin, between Houston and Galveston, on September 30, 1895. He is a son of A. B. and Adelaide (Woodward) Miller. His father is engaged in cattle raising and is a well known ranchman.

After attending the public and high schools of Houston Mr. Miller entered the contracting and building business and was associated with the O. F. Holcombe Company until the outbreak of the World War in 1917. On June 1, 1917, he enlisted in the United States Navy and was assigned to duty on the U. S. S. Albatross. He remained in the navy for over two years, receiving his discharge on August 1, 1919. After returning to Houston he reentered the building and contracting business.

Every detail of a job contracted by Mr. Miller is supervised with the utmost care and no pains or expense spared to do the work exactly in accordance with specifications. This painstaking care has resulted in the highest endorsement being given his work by clients whose building jobs he has handled to their entire satisfaction.

In October, 1922, Mr. Miller was married at Fort Stockton, Texas, to Miss Evelyn Livingston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Livingston. They reside at 2715 Helena Street.

Mr. Miller is an enthusiastic booster for Houston, believing the city will attain a population of half a million people within the next decade. He is especially interested in the development of the city's manufacturing and commercial activities. Mr. Miller is a member of the Knights of Pythias.



*J. C. Menden*





*Joseph Finger*



**JOSEPH FINGER**, architect, with offices in the Keystone Building, has for the past seventeen years practiced his profession in Houston and has gained popularity and distinction throughout South Texas by his work as a designer of many prominent buildings. Mr. Finger is artistic in his designing, and withal adheres to the practicable, and the principles of permanency in his buildings. There are nine people in his organization. Mr. Finger has specialized in commercial, industrial buildings, and apartments and hotels. Among the Houston structures which he has designed and built may be numbered The Plaza Apartment and Hotel, costing one million dollars, Keystone Building, costing five hundred thousand dollars. Temple Beth Israel, costing three hundred thousand dollars, addition to the J. M. West Building, costing two hundred thousand dollars, the building for M. M. Graves, costing one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, twelve-apartment building for Tillie Spinner, costing seventy-five thousand dollars, two manufacturing plants for the Tennison Manufacturing Company, costing one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, Cheek-Neal Coffee Company Building, Citizens State Bank Building, Wm. C. Penn Hotel, Tennison Hotel, DeGeorge Hotel, Zindler Building, Cockrell Apartment Building, Heidingsfelder Apartments, Kaiser Apartments, Concordia Club Building, Harris County School for Girls, Texas Packing Company Plant. In Shreveport, Louisiana, he built the Ricou-Brewster Building at a cost of six hundred thousand dollars; in Galveston he built the eleven-story American National Insurance Building, the first skyscraper there, for W. L. Moody, Jr.; in Galveston he also built, among other buildings, the Broadmoore Apartment, at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars, for the American National Insurance Company. Among the many residences of importance built by Mr. Finger in Houston are those of Judge H. M. Garwood, M. M. Graves, H. B. Tennison and Simon Sakowitz. At this time Mr. Finger is building many buildings, among which are the new De George 12-story hotel and the 16-story San Jacinto Hotel.

Mr. Finger was born in Austria March 7, 1887. His education was obtained in Austrian schools of architecture and in various technical schools. Mr. Finger came to New Orleans in 1905 and three years later he came to Houston.

Mr. Finger was married at Houston in 1912 to Miss Gertrude Levy, daughter of A. Levy, well known business man of Houston. They have one son, Joseph Finger, Jr. Mr. Finger is a member of the B. P. O. E., Concordia Club, Glenbrook Country Club, American Institute of Architects, Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects and Temple Beth Israel. He participates in a most substantial and active manner in all moves and enterprises that have for their object the advancement of the city of his adoption and its citizenship. Mr. Finger has contributed materially to the building of the city, and he is highly regarded and respected by all with whom he has had dealings.



**GEORGE ALFRED HILL**, retired contractor and business man, comes of a distinguished family that played a most important part in the early history of Texas. His father was a resident of Texas in the days when Texas was a part of Mexico and gave valiant service in the war that established her independence and gave

to the world a new republic. Before Texas joined the Union, James Monroe Hill participated in the battle of San Jacinto, the conflict that definitely ended the war between Texas and Mexico. He was born in LaGrange, Georgia, in 1818, and came to Texas when 18 years of age. He resided in Washington, Burleson and Fayette Counties and was a large land owner and stockman. He removed to Austin in 1870 on account of better living conditions and continued to reside there until his death in 1904.

George Alfred Hill was born in Fayette County on March 23, 1853, a son of James M. and Jane (Hallowell) Hill. He attended the public schools of Fayette County and in 1869 began business in Galveston under the firm name of Quinn and Hill, cotton factors and commission merchants, and later was the head of Hill, Orwiss and Co. He was also connected with the Palmer-Sullivan Syndicate, contractors and railroad builders, and participated in the building of the Denver and Rio Grande, the Mexican National, Corpus Christi, San Diego and Rio Grande and the Mexican National Railway of Texas. He was right of way and franchise agent for the Palmer-Sullivan Syndicate and continued with this organization until 1884 when he engaged in business for himself again, doing paving contracting in Houston and Galveston. In 1875 he served as alderman for the City of Galveston. From 1883 until 1886 he was engaged in dredge work and in shaping up the banks of the Houston Ship Channel and then operated sight-seeing excursions to old Mexico for a period of three years.

For three years Mr. Hill was president and general manager of the Austin Dam and Suburban Railway, and then went to Beaumont as chairman of the safety committee of the Hogg-Swain Syndicate. In 1901 he again engaged in business for himself and erected the first earthen tanks in Texas for the preservation of oil, being associated in this work with Stilson Hutchins and X. B. Babbitt of New York. He succeeded in conserving three million barrels of oil and in conjunction with Hutchins and Babbitt engaged in the oil business at Beaumont and Sour Lake and was one of the founders of Sour Lake and Grayburg. He then promoted the Beaumont, Sour Lake and Western Railway Company and built and operated the line from Houston to Beaumont. He was with the road from 1905 until 1909 when he sold his interests and bought the Houston Transfer Company, the oldest and largest transfer business in the city. At one time the entire equipment of this company paraded the streets of Houston, the procession being one and a half miles long. During his operation of the transfer company Mr. Hill served for eight years as United States mail contractor. In 1921 he disposed of his interest in the transfer company and retired from active business life.

Mr. Hill was married at Calvert, Texas, in 1888, to Miss Julia McHugh, daughter of Captain T. J. and Ann (Shannon) McHugh. Captain McHugh came from England and served as county judge of Robinson County, and later was postmaster at Calvert for four years. Mr. and Mrs. Hill have two sons, Raymond M., 35, in the lumber business at Orange, Texas, with Luther Stark, and George A., Jr., 32, an attorney, of the firm of Kennerly, Williams, Lee and Hill, general attorneys, of the



Houston Oil Company. Both sons served in the United States Army during the World War, Raymond M. being a non-commissioned officer with the American Expeditionary Forces in France and George A., Jr., holding a commission as Captain of Calvary here. Mr. and Mrs. Hill reside at 1211 Marshall Avenue.

For many years Mr. Hill was active in various fraternal organizations and at one time was a member of thirteen fraternities. He is a Mason and was active in the Knights of Pythias for a long time, organizing some 18 or 20 lodges in South Texas. He was formerly a member of the Houston Club and the Houston Country Club.

Although retired from active business, Mr. Hill continues to maintain an active interest in the development of Houston.

**J**OHAN MONROE McGRANAHAN, who has recently become identified with the lumber industry at Houston, has in the several years of his residence in this city, established a lumber business that ranks as one of the most progressive here, as well as one of the largest. The McGranahan Lumber Company, Incorporated, of which firm Mr. McGranahan is President, was established by him in 1922, and is one of the firms in the city making a record for progress. The McGranahan Lumber Company does both a wholesale and retail business, supplying all kinds of building material, including roofing, brick, cement, etc., for all classes of construction. The business covers a block and a half, at Hill, Bryan and Morgan Streets, with fine yards and modern lumber buildings, and railroad frontage. They handle an extensive business, employing thirty men in the office and yards, and have furnished the material bill on many of the fine residences and buildings in the city. The McGranahan Lumber Company also finances material bills and builds and sells homes on easy payments, a system of lumber merchandising that is making Houston a city of homes. The officers of the McGranahan Lumber Company are: Mr. McGranahan, President; W. A. Parish, Vice-President; A. A. Sterling, Vice-President; J. A. Kelly, Secretary, and T. W. Hopkins, Treasurer.

Mr. McGranahan was born at Mattoon, Illinois, the twelfth of September, 1889, son of Andrew and Alice McGranahan, his father a railroad man of that state. Mr. McGranahan was educated in the public schools of his native city, graduating from High School there. He came to Texas in 1904, locating at Fort Worth, where he was with the Burton Lingo Lumber Company for three years. He then spent eight years in Dallas as manager of the Burton Lumber Company of that city, and in 1917 came to Houston as Vice-President and general manager of the Houston yard of the Burton Lumber Company. In 1922 he established his present company, of which he is president. He is also a director of the American Building and Loan Association.

Mr. McGranahan was married at Dallas, in 1910, to Miss Zelma Lee Butts, daughter of Wallace and Cora Butts. They have two children, John Monroe, Junior, and Willard Burton. The family live at 1401 Branard Street. Mr. McGranahan is a member of the Houston Country Club, the Houston Club, and fraternally is a Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, and of Arabia Temple Shrine.



**H**OXIE H. THOMPSON, for many years a factor in the lumber business at Houston, is an executive in two of the largest lumber companies of Texas, and also has large timber interests in the state. Mr. Thompson is president of the Thompson Brothers Lumber Company, and vice president of the Thompson-Tucker Lumber Company, both of which maintain home offices in Houston. Associated with Mr. Thompson in these companies for many years was his brother, the late Mr. Alex Thompson, who was vice president of the Thompson Brothers Lumber Company and president of the Thompson-Tucker Lumber Company; Mr. J. Lewis Thompson, another brother, who is president of the Public National Bank of Houston, is associated with him in the lumber business. The Thompson's interests also include a number of saw mills in Trinity County and large timber interests in Southeast Texas. The Thompson Brothers Lumber Company and the Thompson-Tucker Lumber Company are among the largest shippers of lumber in this section. Mr. Thompson has offices in the State National Bank Building.

Hoxie H. Thompson was born at Kilgore, in Gregg County, Texas, the fifteenth of July, 1880, the son of John M. Thompson and Emily (Holt) Thompson. John M. Thompson, a native of Georgia, came to Texas in 1845, seven years later going to Gregg County, where he settled at Kilgore, in the heart of the pine forests of the state. Shortly after going to Kilgore Mr. Thompson began in the lumber business, in a small way, gradually expanding his interests as conditions justified, and laid the foundations of the Thompson Brothers Lumber Company and the Thompson-Tucker Lumber Company interests of today. He established the Thompson-Tucker Lumber Company at Kilgore in 1852, at which time he owned and operated a string of around ten saw mills. One of the pioneers in the lumber industry in Texas, Mr. Thompson was throughout his career one of those men who saw the possibilities of this great resource of the Lone Star State, and set about in a conservative way to develop these resources. His name will ever be associated with the names of William Cameron and W. T. Carter, likewise pioneers in the lumber industry, and three men to whom the industry of today owes much. Mrs. Thompson, who before her marriage was Miss Emily Holt, was a native of Caddo Parish, Louisiana. She came with her parents to Texas as a girl of nine years, the family locating at Kilgore, where she grew to womanhood. On July 18, 1871, she was married to John Martin Thompson. They had a family of six children, four sons and two daughters.

Hoxie H. Thompson spent his early years at Kilgore, attending the schools there. Later, in 1893, the family removed to Sherman, and he entered Austin College there, taking preparatory work for the ensuing three years, and following this with four years of college work, taking the B. S. degree in 1901. Mr. Thompson then entered Cornell University, specializing in civil engineering, and taking the C. E. degree in 1905. Immediately following he went with the Great Northern Railroad, spending 1905 and 1906 in railroad work. He then returned to Texas, going in the lumber mills operated by his father, and working in all departments, learn-



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ing the lumber business through practical experience. In 1917 he was made president of the Thompson Brothers Lumber Company and vice president of the Thompson-Tucker Lumber Company.

Mr. Thompson was married at Sherman, Texas, the twenty-seventh of December, 1906, to Miss Goree Gregg, a native of Sherman and the daughter of Judge E. P. Gregg, a prominent attorney of North Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson reside in Houston at 5000 Caroline Street, and have one child, Hoxie H. Thompson, Jr. Mr. Thompson belongs to the Houston Club, the Houston Country Club, the River Oaks Country Club, the University Club, the Lumbermen's Club, and is a Mason, and a member of the Shrine Temple in Houston. Mr. Thompson is one of the well known lumbermen of Texas, and like his father, has been active in the advancement of the lumber industry, as well as taking a deep interest in the civic progress of Houston.



**CHARLES M. WOMACK**, secretary and treasurer of the Womack Construction Company, Inc., of Houston, has recently come to this city to make his home and business headquarters. The Womack Construction Company was organized in 1907, and incorporated in 1916, and has its headquarters in Sherman, Texas. The Houston office was opened in 1925, Mr. Womack coming here at that time to take charge of this office. The Womack Construction Company is one of the largest road construction companies operating in Texas, and has handled all kinds of road building contracts in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, constructing in the aggregate many millions of dollars worth of roads and bridges. This company also built all the roads and bridges around Monroe, Louisiana, and since the opening of the Houston office has secured many large contracts in this section. The Houston offices are located at 2115 Congress Avenue. Officers of the company are: John H. Kirby, president; R. S. Womack, of Sherman, vice president and general manager, and C. M. Womack, subject of this sketch, secretary-treasurer; W. P. Mayo, assistant secretary and treasurer.

Charles M. Womack was born in Grimes County, Texas, the twenty-ninth of March, 1859, son of Abe Womack, and Addie (Lawrence) Womack. The father, now deceased, was a native of Georgia, who came to Texas in 1837. Mrs. Womack was a native of Washington County, Texas. C. M. Womack attended the schools of Texas, but learned largely from the school of experience that is perhaps the greatest of all schools. During a business experience covering around a half century, Mr. Womack has been engaged in various enterprises. He spent a number of years as a traveling salesman, and engaged in farming on the Brazos River and at Eagle Lake, for around a quarter of a century, and still owns farm lands at Eagle Lake. He spent some four years in the oil fields, and in 1915 was the founder of the Womack Construction Company, with which he has since been connected.

Mr. Womack has been married twice, his first wife, whom he married at Courtney, Texas, in 1883, having been Miss Otilie Stresau. One son, Mark G. Womack, of Monroe, Louisiana, was born to this union. Mr. Womack was married the second time at Houston, in March, 1909, to Miss Stella Greenwood,

daughter of John W. Greenwood, and Annie (Deveraux) Greenwood, native Texans. Mr. and Mrs. Womack reside at Tulane and Rochester Streets, and have one child, Charles M. Womack, Jr.



**CLARENCE B. COOPER** recently established his residence in Houston and has become well identified with the business life of the city. Being familiar with the automobile supply business, he was first engaged in this field in Houston. Realizing the great future of Houston as a concentration point and market for cotton, he soon made his present connections as secretary of the Magnolia Compress and Warehouse Company, with offices in the State National Bank Building and with compress on Harrisburg Boulevard between Eighty-first and Brays Bayou. The other officers of the company are C. S. Kinney, president and general manager, and W. B. Lewis, treasurer.

Clarence B. Cooper was born at Stribling, Tennessee, the twelfth of January, 1892, son of C. Cooper, a native Texan, who went to Tennessee as a boy and lived in that state until his death, and Clara Auferman Cooper, a native of Georgia, who since her husband's death has made her home in San Antonio. Mr. Cooper was educated in the public schools of Nashville, Tennessee, later going to Vanderbilt College where he took the engineering course and graduated with the B. E. degree in 1913. He went with the engineering department of the United States government with headquarters at Nashville, and spent two years in engineering work on the rivers and harbors. He then went in business for himself as consulting engineer and construction engineer, engaging in this work for two years. This was followed by a year in the engineering department of the N. C. & St. L. Railroad, from which position he resigned to enter military service at the entrance of the United States in the World War. Mr. Cooper served as first lieutenant in the Forty-second Division, Seventeenth Engineers of the Rainbow Division, spending one year in France, after which he was returned to the States, ranking as captain, as instructor at Camp Humphreys, Virginia. He was made adjutant of that camp, remaining there until his discharge from Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, the nineteenth of August, 1919. He then went into the tire and accessory business at St. Louis, the firm name being the King-Cooper Service Company. After six months he disposed of his interest in this business and went on the road, covering the Middle States for the Blue Bird Appliance Company. After six months with that corporation his father died at his home in Tennessee, and he returned there, later bringing his mother to San Antonio, where his brother, W. J. Cooper, makes his home. He was attracted with the future this state offered to the young man and after looking over various locations, decided on Houston, and with others, bought out an auto supply business with which he was identified until taking over the duties of his present office.

Mr. Cooper is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Nashville, No. 254, 18th degree Scottish Rite, Nashville. He is also a member of the Yacht Club and one of the most enthusiastic promoters of this diversion. Mr. Cooper has made many friends in Houston, who regard him as one of the progressive young business men of the city.





**OTIS S. VAN DE MARK**, for more than a decade identified with building activities at Houston, and a recognized authority on construction matters, has been a factor in the industrial and commercial world, and has won the highest esteem of his fellow citizens through his real interest in the development of his community. Mr. Van De Mark is vice president of the American Construction Company, the largest construction company in the state, and a real Texas institution, backed and managed by the foremost builders in the Lone Star State. This company, organized in 1908, is now an enterprise of statewide scope, and has in its organization more than one thousand men, many of them skilled artisans, and equipped to do the highest type of construction work. The offices and headquarters of the American Construction Company are in Houston, in the Gulf Building. S. Bailey Houx is president and treasurer, J. M. Mahon and Otis S. Van De Mark vice presidents, all of whom are men of recognized standing in the construction world.

The work of the American Construction Company has been largely centered on the construction of fine office buildings, and buildings of the public type, as well as industrial construction. The list includes the Gulf Building, the Majestic Theatre of Houston, the Peden Iron and Steel Company Warehouses, the Bankers Mortgage Building, the Goggan Building, the Chamber of Commerce Building, the Scottish Rite Cathedral, the State National Bank Building, the Hermann Hospital, and Wharf and Warehouse Number Four, on the ship channel, all these buildings being located in Houston. In other parts of the state are the Southwestern Life Insurance Building, at Dallas; the Cotton Exchange Building, at Dallas; the North Dallas high school, at Dallas; the Johnson County Court House, at Cleburne; the Harris County Court House, at Houston; the Littlefield Building, at Austin; the El Paso High School, at El Paso; the Gulf Refining Building, at Port Arthur; the Westbrook Hotel, at Fort Worth; the general shops of the International and Great Northern Railroad, at San Antonio; the Sealy Hospital, at Galveston, and the new Union Station, at Galveston. The American Construction Company also had the contract for the construction of Camp Logan and Ellington Field, representing an outlay of five million dollars, and one of the most stupendous construction works of recent years.

Mr. Van De Mark has been with the American Construction Company since taking his C. E. degree, from Cornell University, in 1910, and has made an excellent record along all lines. He has personal charge of many of the activities of the company, and is one of the men on whom heavy responsibilities rest. He has a real executive ability, combined with a practical construction experience, as well as technical knowledge of construction work, that gives him prestige in the business world, and indicates still greater achievements in the future.

Mr. Van De Mark was born at Clyde, Kansas, the sixteenth day of February, 1886, son of C. W. and Addie Stephens Van De Mark. He began his education in the public schools of his native state and after finishing the high school there, entered Washburn College for a two years course prior to entering Cornell University, where he took the C. E. degree after three years, in 1910. He came immediately to Hous-

ton and went with the American Construction Company, where he is now vice president. In 1917 Mr. Van De Mark went to Washington, D. C., handling construction work for the Air Service, and in July, 1918, was commissioned captain in the Air Service. He was discharged in February, 1919, and returned to Houston, with this exception having been located here since 1910.

Mr. Van De Mark was married at Houston, the thirtieth of May, 1923, to Miss Annie Beth Lockett, daughter of J. W. Lockett, one of the leading attorneys of Houston, and Ida Warner Lockett. Mr. and Mrs. Van De Mark make their home at Garden Court Apartments. Mr. Van De Mark is a Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the University Club and the River Oaks Country Club, and takes a deep interest in the various civic activities at Houston. He is well known in construction circles throughout the state and is one of the most progressive men identified with construction work.



**E. DIONNE**, veteran old timer in the timber business, has for half a century been active in this industry, operating in every branch of the business and for almost two decades has been at Houston, where he is well and favorably known as a timber estimator. Mr. Dionne is the only professional timber estimator at Houston and is employed by most of the larger lumber companies, banks and individuals. He is considered a leading authority on estimating the quantity, value, grade, etc. of lumber standing in the forests. He came to Houston in 1908 and opened his offices and headquarters as a timber estimator and has so continued, his office now being at 231 West Twenty-first Avenue, in Houston Heights.

Mr. Dionne has been in the timber business for more than half a century and during the course of his career has managed and operated every branch of the timber business in the forests and through the sawmills and also transportation by boat or rail. His first experience was gained in the forests of northern Michigan, where he spent more than a quarter of a century. He came to Texas in 1905 and for three years had charge of logging operations for the Trinity Lumber Company, at Groveton, after which he came to Houston.

Mr. Dionne was born in Montreal, Canada, the twenty-first of July, 1858, son of Francis X. and Mary Dionne, old settlers of Canada, who moved to the state of Maine sixty years ago, a little later removing to Michigan. Mr. Dionne was educated in the schools of Michigan, attending school only a brief period and early beginning his career as a timberman.

Mr. Dionne was married the first time at Manistee, Michigan, in 1878 to Miss Elizabeth McGinley, by whom he had a family of four children, two daughters, Mrs. Lomie Hury and Mrs. Marie C. Green, and two sons, Joseph C. Dionne, publisher of the Gulf Coast Lumberman, one of the leading trade journals of the lumber industry, and F. Earle Dionne. Mr. Dionne's first wife died in 1893 and in 1905 he married Miss Leah Briggs, daughter of Billings M. and Maude A. Briggs, her father a well known contractor and builder. By his last marriage he had a family of two children, Mary Alice and Thomas G. Dionne. Mr. and Mrs. Dionne reside at 231 West Twenty-first Avenue in Houston Heights. Mr. Dionne is a member of the Lumberman's Club.



*O. S. Van DeMark*





Joe. W. Northing Jr.

**JOSEPH WALTER NORTHROP, JR.**, architect, came to Houston in May, 1911, from Boston, as supervising architect on the Rice Institute building, eight years later opening his present office in the West Building for general architectural practice. Mr. Northrop has designed several hundred buildings in Houston, and some of the most beautiful homes in the City stand as monuments to his skill as an architect. His contributions are sought by the leading architectural magazines of the country, his work having been published by such magazines as the Architectural Forum, of Boston; the American Architect and Country Life, of New York, and the National Builder, of Chicago.

Among the local residences designed by Mr. Northrop might be mentioned the John H. Crooker and Mrs. T. A. Johnson residences, in "Shadowlawn"; the Geo. Dorrance residence in "Edgemont"; the H. M. Holden residence in "Colby Court"; and the Paul B. Miller residence in "Almeda Place." The Holden residence was one of the eleven houses selected for "Honorable Mention" by a jury of distinguished architects in an exhibition of the domestic architecture of the entire country, held under the auspices of the American Architect in New York City, in 1924.

Mr. Northrop has also to his credit other work throughout the State, such as Trinity Episcopal Church and the Public Library at Marshall, and the Alexander Deussen country residence, near Fort Worth; and such commercial buildings as the Bonner Motor Company building and the two J. L. Jones buildings. The drawings for the base and plinth of the Sam Houston Monument, at the entrance to Hermann Park were also made in his office.

Mr. Northrop was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, on July 21st, 1886. His father, Joseph Walter Northrop, Sr., is one of the best known architects of that city. His mother was Miss Mary Ogden, a member of a well-known Connecticut family. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Bridgeport, after which he entered the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Connecticut, where he remained four years and graduated in the class of 1907, with the degree of A. D. He then became a student of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he remained for three years and graduated from this Institution in 1910 with the degree of B. S. in Architecture. While attending Wesleyan University he was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Fraternity. He is a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity. After leaving college, Mr. Northrop became associated with the architectural firm of Cram and Ferguson, of Boston, and was with this firm for one year when he was sent to Houston to supervise the erection of the Rice Institute buildings, where he remained for a period of eight years.

Mr. Northrop was married in Houston in 1915 to Miss Mary Harris, a native Texan, and a daughter of Page Harris, Vice-President of the National Lumber and Creosoting Company. Her mother was Miss Sarah Binkley, a member of a well-known Texas family. They have two children, Joseph Walter Northrop the 3rd, nine years of age, and Page Harris Northrop, aged eight years. Mr. and Mrs. Northrop reside at 5120 Sycamore Street. Mr. Northrop is a member of the University Club, the

River Oaks Country Club, and the Texas Chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Mr. Northrop is well-known in the business and social circles of Houston. His work has done much to raise the standard of local residential architecture, as he has combined in this work an harmony of constructive beauty and artistic design that has been given national recognition.

**ROBERT D. RANDOLPH**, who is well known at Houston for his numerous activities of financial and commercial importance incident to the prosperity of the city, has been a resident of Houston for a decade and takes an active interest in civic development. Mr. Randolph is vice president and general manager of the Carter Investment Company, Incorporated, a firm making a large volume of real estate loans on city property in Houston, and also Harris and Jefferson counties. Their investments are located principally in Houston and Beaumont. The Carter Investment Company of which W. T. Carter, Jr., is president, and F. H. Nelms, secretary and treasurer, was incorporated in 1923. Offices are maintained at the corner of Capitol and San Jacinto. Mr. Randolph is a director of the Union National Bank, one of the largest financial institutions in the city.

Robert D. Randolph was born in Washington, D. C., the twentieth of March, 1891, son of the late Thomas P. Randolph, a native of Virginia, and Jane (De Can) Randolph, who now resides in Washington, D. C. Until he was ten years of age, Mr. Randolph attended the public schools of Washington, D. C. In that year however, the family removed to England, and for the next four years he attended the schools of that country. Returning to the United States he was in various schools until his entrance in the University of Virginia, in the engineering department. During his last year in college he visited Houston, and liked the city so well that he decided to forego college and remain here. For three months he worked for a construction company, after which he organized the J. H. Richardson Construction Company, handling concrete bridge construction work until 1915. He then sold his interest in this business, a partnership, and went with the W. T. Carter and Brother, remaining in Houston until the first of January, 1917, when he went to Beaumont to open the office there. In June of the same year he enlisted in Naval Air Service, and was sent to the Ground School in Canada, and later stationed in Washington, D. C., as Lieutenant Naval Air Service. Returning to Houston he was for one year with Neuhaus and Co., after which he returned to the W. T. Carter Lumber Company, and went to the mill at Camden, Texas. He resigned this position the first of January, 1923, and returned to Houston, where he took an active part in the organization of the Carter Investment Company, Incorporated, of which he has since been vice president and general manager.

Mr. Randolph was married at Houston, the fourteenth of June, 1918, to Miss Frankie Carter, daughter of W. T. Carter, Sr., the founder of the W. T. Carter and Brother, and a pioneer lumberman of the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Randolph have a beautiful home at 14 Courtland Place, Houston, and are among the most popular members of their social set. They have two children, Aubrey and Jean.



**J**OHN A. HARVIN is well known in the business circles of Houston, where for almost thirty years he has been connected with the Peden Iron and Steel Company. Beginning in a modest position with this company in 1895, Mr. Harvin has, through industry and close attention to the details of the business, been steadily advanced until now he is vice president and manager of the great establishment of the Peden Iron and Steel Company. It is through the efforts of such employees as Mr. Harvin that the company's slogan, "The Largest Supply House of the Southwest," has become a reality. The Peden Iron and Steel Company has a capital stock of \$2,500,000.00 and an annual volume of sales aggregating more than \$11,000,000.00. In addition to the immense establishment of the Peden Iron and Steel Company in Houston, they have branch houses in San Antonio, Fort Worth and Shreveport, Louisiana. They employ four hundred people and have forty men on the road, and ship their goods into New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas, Republic of Mexico and to all points in Texas. Other officers of the Peden Iron and Steel Company are E. A. Peden, president; D. D. Peden, vice president; Charles Golding, vice president, and R. C. Terrell, secretary.

Mr. Harvin was born in Calhoun County, Georgia, September 8th, 1860. His father, William E. Harvin, born in South Carolina but raised in Georgia, was a captain in the Confederate Army and was severely wounded in the battle of Gettysburg. He was taken a prisoner to Johnson Island, Lake Erie, and while confined a prisoner, died in 1863. His mother was Miss Frances Eudora Davis, a native of South Carolina, but lived for many years in Georgia and died there. Mr. Harvin's early education was obtained in the rural schools of Georgia, after which he was a student for two years at Davidson College, North Carolina. He was born on a farm, and as a youth was content to work on the farm like his pioneer ancestors, but a new age was taking shape during his boyhood, the age of commercial achievement. In looking about for a possible career, the law and the ministry were suggested to him, but he had determined to leave the farm for commercial pursuits, and decided on the state of Texas as the place, and set out on his great adventure. He arrived in Houston in January, 1895, and immediately began work with the Peden Iron and Steel Company. His first duties with the company were those of a general "handy man," and his first work was that of building some much needed shelving. After a few months of work around the store, he was sent out on the road as a traveling salesman. This did not appeal to Mr. Harvin, and convincing the heads of the company that he could be of more value to them in the store, he left the road after a period of three months as a "drummer" and was placed in charge of the warehouse and shipping, which position he held with satisfaction to his employers for seven years. At the end of this period, he was made assistant manager, and later elected a director and appointed vice president and manager, which position he has since held.

Mr. Harvin was married in Georgia in 1884 to Miss Mary B. Harvin, a native Georgian. They have one son, Harry Harvin, of Frankfort, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Harvin reside at 2510 Travis Street. Mr. Harvin has always been active in all projects hav-

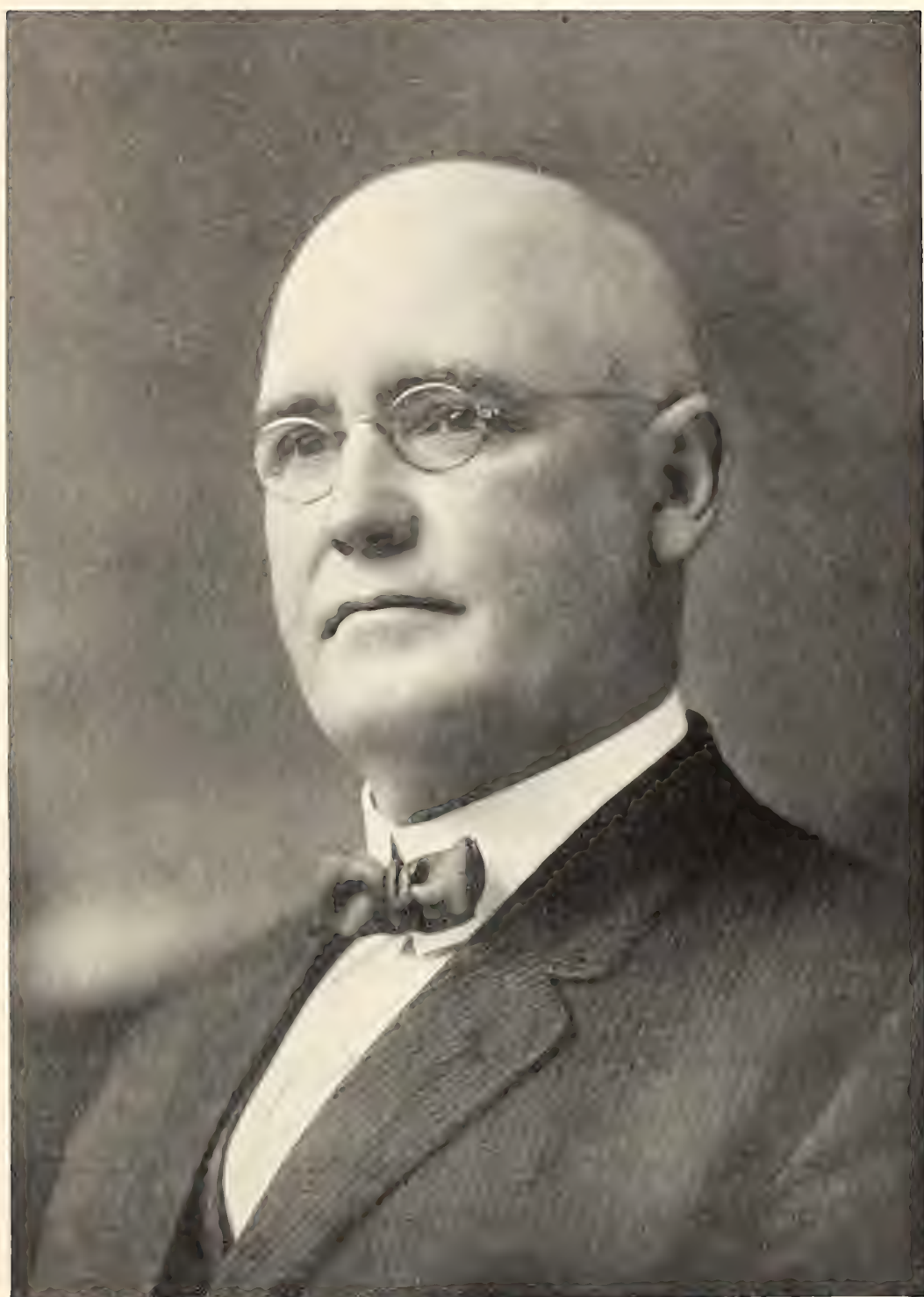
ing to do with the progress, advancement and civic improvement of Houston, and believes that with thirty feet of water in the channel, Houston will become a great harbor, and the metropolis of the Southwest.

**T**HOMAS C. WHITE has for almost fifteen years been identified with the manufacturing interests of Houston, where he is President and Manager of the Southern Brass Manufacturing and Plating Company. This company are manufacturers of oil field supplies in brass, including valves, pump parts, etc. The Southern Brass Manufacturing and Plating Company have the largest plant in the South making bank fixtures, ornamental fixtures, memorial tablets, fancy metal designs and plates, and is the only plant of its kind south of St. Louis. The Southern Brass Manufacturing and Plating Company, located at 1208 Washington Street, was established in 1910. At the beginning, this company had only two thousand square feet of floor space and five employees. They now have ten thousand square feet of floor space and employ twenty-five people. The trade territory of this company embraces all of the Southern States. The plant is equipped with the very best machinery, and all is of the latest type. They also maintain a special drafting department. Other officers of the company are: W. S. Farish and W. W. Fondren, Vice-Presidents, both of whom are associated with the Humble Oil Company. The company contemplates adding to their plant, and for this purpose they have already purchased the necessary property. The addition is made necessary by their rapidly increasing business.

Mr. White was born at Quincy, Illinois, in 1863. His education was obtained at the public and high schools of his native town. When sixteen years of age he was employed in a foundry and stove making plant, and has been engaged in this work practically all his life. He came to Texas in 1909.

Mr. White was married in Houston in 1921 to Miss Minnie Perkins, a daughter of David Perkins, for many years a railroad conductor, residing in Houston. They have one son, Thomas C. White, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. White reside at 802 Holman Avenue. Mr. White is a member of the Rotarians and the Purchasing Agents Association. He has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Houston and gives liberally of his time to all projects for the welfare, progress and advancement of this city.

**A**DRIAN B. GOODMAN, although a recent addition to the business fraternity of Houston, is well known in the financial and grain circles of the State. Mr. Goodman is President of the Goodman Grain and Elevator Company, wholesale dealers in all kinds of grain and manufacturers of molasses mixed feeds, feed meal, chops, rolled oats, etc. This company, established and incorporated in 1923, is located on the Houston Belt and Terminal Railroad. The plant has a bulk storage capacity of fifty thousand bushels and employs forty people. The plant of the Goodman Grain and Elevator Company, including a grinding mill, is complete and modern in every detail, and is in every way a splendid plant. The trade territory of the Goodman Grain and Elevator Company includes all of South Texas. Mr. M. E. Goodman is Vice-President of the Goodman Grain and Elevator Com-



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A native Texan, Mr. Goodman was born at Navasota in 1885. His parents, Benjamin Goodman and Ernestine Goodman, were well known citizens of Navasota, where his father was for many years engaged in the grain business. Mr. Goodman's education was obtained in the public and high schools of Navasota.

Mr. Goodman was raised in an atmosphere of the grain business, and after leaving school became associated with the grain establishment of the Josey-Miller Company in Beaumont, where he remained for nineteen years. During this period, Mr. Goodman had complete charge of all buying and selling for this large company, from whom he severed his association in order to enter his present business, which has been a success from the beginning. Mr. Goodman has interests in many of the grain companies of the State. He is past President of the Lake Charles Grain Company and is a past Director in the Hesig-Norvell Company, wholesale grocers of Beaumont. Mr. Goodman was married in Lake Charles, Louisiana, in 1916, to Miss Elyse Bendel, a daughter of Sam Bendel, well known as a manufacturer of Lake Charles. They have two children, Mary, five years of age, and Junior, aged two years. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman reside at 3421 Yupon Drive. In fraternal organizations, Mr. Goodman is a member of the B. P. O. E., in which organization he holds a life membership. He has faith in the future of Houston, and believes he chose the right city in which to establish his business, and make his home and rear his children.

**J**OHN McLELLAND, architect, has combined in his work a complete harmony of constructive beauty and artistic arrangement that distinguishes his work from that of other architects. Mr. McLelland studied his profession extensively in Europe, and has brought the best of old world architectural beauty to America, and by practical application has united it with modern ideas. The result classifies him as an exceptionally gifted Master Builder. Mr. McLelland came to Houston in 1911. Among the buildings that he has erected in the city may be mentioned Magnolia Park Junior High School, Pasadena High School, Crosby High School, Park Place Grade School, the Montrose School, Southmore School, Eastwood Episcopal Church, Harrisburg Episcopal Church, and was Supervising Architect of the South End Junior High School and the Houston Heights High School, and built the residences of A. W. Crausbay and E. C. Wilson, which are numbered among the handsomest in the city. Mr. McLelland also built the Court House at Livingston, Polk County, at a cost of \$200,000.00, and various other structures there. At this time he has plans for many new buildings, among which is the Golferest Country Club clubhouse.

Mr. McLelland was born in Greenock, Scotland, in 1877. His father, James McLelland, was for many years a business man of Greenock, Scotland. His mother was Miss Jessie Baird, a member of a prominent Scotch family. The public schools of Scotland supplied the foundation for Mr. McLelland's education, after which he attended the Greenock Academy and the Glasgow and W. S. Technical College, where he was a student of Architecture, and graduated from this Institution in 1898. Dur-

ing the same year in which he graduated, Mr. McLelland began work as an architect in Greenock, Scotland, where he remained until 1906, when he came to Chicago and was sent from there to San Francisco by the Thompson Starrett Company, Contractors, as an estimator. He remained in San Francisco during the rebuilding period of the city, following the great fire in 1906, and in 1908 he went to Portland, Oregon, where he remained one year, after which he was in Los Angeles for one year.

Mr. McLelland was married in Houston, in 1916, to Miss Bertha Diederich, a native of Indiana, and a member of a well-known family of that State. They have three children—Calvin, John M. and Douglas Haig. Mr. McLelland is a member of the A. F. and A. M., being a life member of Mother Kilwinning Blue Lodge, of Scotland, one of the oldest Masonic Lodges in existence. He is also Past Master of a Masonic Lodge of Scotland. He is a member of the American Institute of Architects, Texas Chapter American Institute of Architects and the Civitan and Golferest Country Clubs, of Houston. Mr. McLelland served the City of Houston for two years, 1919 and 1920, as Architect. His offices are conveniently located at 309 Woolworth Building. Mr. McLelland personally supervises all his work, and the number of his friends and clients has grown in proportion to the growth and progress of Houston.



**R. W. E. SATTERWHITE** is connected with the Vaughan Lumber Company in the tie and timber department, as purchasing agent, coming with this company on January 1st, 1925. He has a long experience and a wide acquaintance in the lumber trade.

Born at Crockett, Texas, in 1887, a son of M. W. and Mary (Brashear) Satterwhite, he received his education in the public schools and the Crockett School and later attended a commercial college. He first engaged in the lumber business at Groveton, Texas, in 1909 and was there for eight years, during which time he mastered every detail of the manufacture end of the business. He is thoroughly at home in a lumber mill and knows how to keep a plant running at the height of its productive capacity. After becoming thoroughly acquainted with the details of the manufacture of lumber, Mr. Satterwhite turned his attention to its distribution and became connected with the Saner-Ragley Lumber Company and remained with this concern for three years as sales manager.

In 1920 he was elected vice president of the Ragley Lumber Company and removed to Houston to assume charge of the company's affairs in this city. In the early part of 1923 he severed his connection with the Ragley interests and established his own business.

Mr. Satterwhite was married at Groveton in 1912 to Miss Edna Magee. They reside at 602 Anita.

A man of pleasing personality and affable disposition, Mr. Satterwhite is easily counted as one of Houston's exceptionally popular business men. He is known as a man of untiring energy and one who never fails to make good. He regards a contract to deliver a car load of lumber at a certain time as a solemn bond foundation of a square deal to every one.

Mr. Satterwhite is a York Rite Mason and also a member of Arabia Temple Shrine.



**T**HE HOUSTON ARMATURE WORKS is one of Houston's most thriving business enterprises doing work of a very special and highly technical nature. The firm repairs and rebuilds electric motors and generators of all kinds and rewinds and repairs armatures for same. The plant is located at Washington and Preston Avenues, and covers an area of 8,000 square feet. It has had a steady growth since it was first organized in 1906.

The Houston Armature Works was first organized by the late Fred E. Ward, who was considered one of the foremost armature winders in the United States, and an expert in the repair and rewinding of electrical equipment. His plant was the first in Houston to do winding by factory methods. Mr. Ward adopted the policy of doing the very highest class of workmanship and using nothing but the best material with an absolute guarantee. In 1920, Mr. Ward sold his interest to Mr. A. C. Kater, and Mr. Hal Willson, who have continued strictly adhering to the policies of Mr. Ward. The Houston Armature Works stands today as a fitting monument to the character of its founder, who died in Los Angeles, California, September 16, 1923. Under the direction and management of Messrs. Kater and Willson, the business has shown approximately a four hundred per cent increase. The capital of the corporation has recently been increased to \$26,000.00, and the plant is the largest of its kind in the State in point of invested capital, doing repair work exclusively. The most modern equipment only is used throughout. The latest type of machines used in forming armature coils, have recently been installed, which enables them to do this work efficiently and with dispatch. Special varnishing and impregnating equipment, electrically operated and equal to, if not superior to any in the most modern factories, is part of the installation. The very latest type of electrically heated and mechanically ventilated ovens for drying armature coils and other electrical apparatus are in use. The entire shops are laid out in a thoroughly systematic manner so that the work progresses step by step from the time it enters the factory to be uncased and examined until it reaches the exit for final inspection, ready to be shipped back to the customer. The principles of scientific management are practiced not only in the shops themselves but in the office. Complete records and wiring diagrams of every individual job are on file in the office so that quick reference may be had when required by a customer. The Houston Armature Works do much special work for the large oil companies, such as the Humble Oil and Refining Company, the Texas Company and the Gulf Production Company. They also give official service on General Electric, Westinghouse, Wagner, Century, Champion and U. S. Motors. All of the work done by this plant is of the highest grade and finish, and is equal to any done by any factory anywhere.

In addition to the repair work, they carry in stock for sale a complete line of electrical equipment, especially bearings and pulleys for standard motors. They also have for sale, at all times, a high grade line of used electrical equipment.

The business of this concern is growing so rapidly, that plans are now under way to erect a large modern building to care for the expansion. They give employment to eighteen skilled operatives, all of

whom are experts in their line. The success of the Houston Armature Works is due in large measure to the policies of Mr. Kater and Mr. Willson, who maintain that when better methods are used in their line of work, The Houston Armature Works will adopt them.

**G**EORGE B. NELSON, one of the leaders among the younger business men of Houston, Texas, has been engaged in the boat building business all his life and is the third generation of the Nelson family to engage in this field of activity. He has made an enviable record in his business, as his boats hold all records for speed in this portion of the state, also two of his boats hold the 510 hydroplane championship of the Mississippi Valley Power Boat Association; the races of this association include competition from all portions of the United States. Mr. Nelson does not build boats for sale or for market, but on special orders only, and while he builds all kinds of boats, he specializes in racing boats. His business has grown in volume to the extent that parties desiring his services have to place their orders much in advance of the time of delivery. He is well known in his chosen line and makes boats for all sections of the country, and his boats have won prizes in the big races wherever they have been entered. He has never failed to win in the Mississippi Power Boat Association, which is an association of boat clubs of the United States and the best racers from every club are entered there for his competition. The boat building business of which Mr. Nelson is the sole owner is located at 6511 Canal Street. His plant is equipped with all of the modern machinery for the building of his splendid craft.

A native Texan, Mr. Nelson was born at Houston on April 3rd, 1897. His father, L. F. Nelson, a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, was a boat builder during his lifetime and his reputation in this line was well known throughout the country. His mother, Mrs. Emma (Moeser) Nelson, was a native Houstonian and a member of one of this city's pioneer families. His education was obtained in the schools of Houston, which he left at an early age in order to engage in his life work, which has been interrupted only by the period he spent in the World War.

Mr. Nelson was married at Houston on August 2nd, 1922, to Miss Pauline Heinze, a daughter of D. E. Heinze, a native Houstonian and well known in the railroad circles of the Lone Star State. Her mother, Mrs. Antonio (Guy) Heinze (now deceased), was born in this city and was a member of a prominent Harris County family. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson reside at 6511 Canal Street. Although Mr. Nelson is one of the city's younger generation of business men, he has made his influence felt in the commercial life of this city, and has succeeded in building up a splendid business in his rather unique line of work. He has always been deeply interested in the civic matters of his home city and gives liberally of his time and means to the furtherance of any project for the advancement and progress of Houston. Mr. Nelson inherited his liking for his profession and it is his desire to build better and faster boats than have ever been turned out up to this time from any boat building establishment, and he believes that his will lead the the entire country.



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**R**USSELL A. HEY, of Houston, Texas, has with the exception of two years spent in war work, devoted his entire business life to the various branches of the Baldwin Locomotive Works. He is the Manager of the Houston Branch of this company, and is also Manager for the Standard Steel Works Company, of Philadelphia. The latter company manufactures locomotive springs, tire forgings, rolled steel wheels for locomotive and passenger cars. The offices of these two companies were established in this city in 1919 in order to handle more efficiently the sales of the Southern States which includes Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico and Arizona. Two men are employed as traveling salesmen in this territory, traveling out of Houston as headquarters. The Houston office is located at 1109 Second National Bank Building. Mr. Hey began with the Baldwin Locomotive Works at the main office in Philadelphia in 1914 as Secretary to the President of this large company and remained in this position for a period of five years. During this time he was in Washington, D. C., and engaged with the War Industries Board and remained in this work for two years, when he returned to Philadelphia with the same company. He then went on the road as traveling salesman for the Baldwin Locomotive Works, with St. Louis as headquarters, covering the Southern States. He continued in this position until the Houston branch was opened and he was sent here as Manager. Since coming to Houston Mr. Hey has made many friends for his company and for himself.

Mr. Hey was born at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on June 9, 1899. His father, James H. Hey, also a native of Pennsylvania, was well known in the business circles of that State. His education was obtained in the public schools of Philadelphia.

On December 18, 1924, Mr. Hey was united in marriage with Miss Gertrude Lucile Guyer, a native of San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. Hey are popular in social circles of the younger set and reside at 101 West Alabama. He is a member of the Glenbrook Country Club, the Lumberman's Club, the Houston Club and the Rotary Club. Mr. Hey is optimistic as to the future of his company in the Southwest, and believes that this is one of the most fertile fields in the entire country. He is enthusiastic in his praise of Houston, and believes that this city, with its many advantages, will soon lead the entire Southwest in population, manufacturing industries, educational advantages and in many other ways. He is ambitious for his firm, with whom he has been associated for many years, and thinks they made no mistake in establishing an office in this wonderful city. He is ambitious for his firm and his city, and is an ardent worker for the good of both. As a representative of the Standard Steel Works, he has succeeded in building up a large business for them, a business that is growing every month.

**L**OUIS DE SAVOYE, president of L. de Savoye and Co., Inc., cotton merchants and exporters, is well known in the cotton and financial circles, not only in the United States but in practically every country where irregular cotton and linters are used. Mr. de Savoye came to Houston more than a quarter of a century ago and during this period thousands of bales of cotton have been exported and sold to New England and Southern spinners. The present company was or-

ganized in 1920 and same was incorporated in 1923. They have offices in all the principal cities of the United States, Bremen, Germany; Manchester, England; Lille, France, and maintain offices also in Holland and Belgium. This firm handles from ten thousand to twenty-five thousand bales of cotton annually. Mr. E. A. Dent, well known in the business circles of the country, is the secretary and treasurer of the company and their offices are maintained in the Cotton Exchange. Mr. de Savoye has had a wide and varied experience in the various countries of the world in the cotton business and is known internationally as one of the best posted men in the business and his advice is frequently sought by men of experience, on all matters pertaining to the cotton industry and conditions governing same.

Mr. de Savoye was born in Algiers, Africa, a province of France, on September 22nd, 1863. His father, B. de Savoye, a native of France, was an officer in the French army commanding the arsenal in Algiers, and was killed there. His mother (now deceased) was Miss Marie Marzin, a native of Brest, France, where she was a member of a prominent family. His parents were married in Brest, but Mr. de Savoye, with a sister, Marguerite (deceased), were both born in Algiers, Africa. His education was obtained at the Saint Cyr Military Academy in France. When sixteen years of age, Mr. de Savoye entered the French navy as a cadet and remained in the navy for about twenty-two years, after which he entered the German navy and served with this country for a period of two years and then went with the Merchant Marine and spent three years in Africa. He came to America in 1894 and settled at Galveston, Texas, where he became associated with the Southern Pacific navigation department, where he remained for several years, after which he entered the cotton business with S. Samuels and Company, and remained with this firm until coming to Houston, where for many years he conducted his cotton business alone and was very successful, but as the business grew, it became necessary to enlarge and accordingly the present company was organized in 1920.

Mr. de Savoye was married at Hamburg, Germany, December 8th, 1894, to Miss Johanna Doroty, a native of Hamburg and a member of a prominent family of that city. They have four children, Robert H., Marguerite, Frances and Dorothy, all of whom reside in Houston. Mr. and Mrs. de Savoye reside at 2202 Sumpter Avenue. In fraternal organizations, he holds membership in the Sons of Hermann and is active in this organization. Mr. de Savoye is enthusiastic as to the future of Houston and believes that this city is destined to soon become the leading city and port in the South. With the great developments taking place in the Lone Star State and the millions of acres devoted to the fleecy staple, this port will soon become the leading shipping point of the Southwest. Mr. de Savoye has traveled to all points of the world, and while it is difficult for even his friends to induce him to talk of his travels, it is a known fact among his friends that few men have enjoyed the vast advantages of travel that have fallen to the lot of Mr. de Savoye, and he has profited in every way through his vast experience.





**FRANK J. WOMACK** is a man of big business. Today he is the chief official of four prosperous lumber concerns, besides having scored a success in a number of others. He is president of the Trinity River Sawmill Company, which owns and operates a sawmill at Leonidas, Montgomery County, and cuts forty thousand feet of lumber per day and employs one hundred and ten people. This company own the timber on twenty thousand acres of land which they have leased. Other officers of the Trinity River Sawmill Company are Harry G. Cern, vice president; I. R. Palmer, secretary and treasurer, and John W. Hobbs, manager. Mr. Womack is manager of the Foster Lumber Company, which has 120,000 acres of land situated in Montgomery, Polk, Hardin, Liberty and San Jacinto Counties. Of this acreage 80,000 acres is cut-over land, and 40,000 acres of it is covered with second growth timber. This company has sold 25,000 acres of this land on the ground, without any advertising. Mr. Womack is interested in selling the cut-over lands only to those who can and will go on the land and farm it, thereby stimulating the idea of turning the cut-over lands into producing farms. The Foster Lumber Company operates a large sawmill located at Fostoria, Montgomery County, and they are cutting at this time 55,000 feet per day, and have been cutting more than 100,000 feet per day prior to November of 1922. One hundred and seventy men are employed in this work. This company has seventy-three lumber yards, but the business from Kansas City to Idaho is handled out of Kansas City. Mr. Womack is manager and vice president of the Trinity River Lumber Company, with offices in Houston at 1603 Second National Bank Building. This company sell at wholesale only, and their product is marketed throughout the United States. B. B. Foster, of Kansas City, is president of the Trinity River Lumber Company. Mr. Womack is manager of the Thomas S. Foster Estate, which owns 65,000 acres of timber located in Montgomery, Walker and San Jacinto Counties and now being cut by the Walker County Lumber Company, who are cutting under contract.

Mr. Womack was born in Mississippi, in 1871, but was raised in Texas, coming to this state with his parents when an infant. His father, M. L. Womack, also a native of Mississippi, is now living at Caldwell, Texas, at the age of seventy-six years. He is retired from active business pursuits, but up to a few years ago, operated the Caldwell Cotton Oil Company. Mr. Womack's education was obtained in the public schools of Burleson County. He started his business career in September, 1888, with the Wells Fargo Company at Houston. In October, 1889, he went with the legal department of the Santa Fe Railroad at Galveston as chief clerk and stenographer. He resigned this position December 31st, 1904, and became associated with the Trinity River Lumber Company at Houston, resigning to go with Sealy and Company, bankers at Galveston in 1906. In 1907 he returned to Houston and has since that time been connected with the lumber interests heretofore mentioned.

Mr. Womack was married in 1902 to Miss Kate Haynes, a native of Tennessee and a daughter of Rev. W. A. Haynes, a prominent Presbyterian minister and president of the Woman's College at Gallatin, Tennessee. They have two children, M. K.,

who is a student at the University of Virginia, and Charles C., attending the public school in Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Womack reside at 1402 Cleburne Avenue. Mr. Womack is a member of the Houston Club and of the Lumbermen's Club of Houston, and is ex-president of this organization. He has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Houston, and gives liberally of his time to all projects tending to the welfare of this city, which he expects to continue growing in the steady, consistent manner which has marked its progress and advancement in the past, and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines.



**IKE B. MCFARLAND** came to Houston more than a decade ago, and since that time has been a prime factor in the lumber industry, operating one of the large retail lumber yards in the city. Mr. McFarland is general manager of the yards of the Temple Lumber Company, who owns the Heights Lumber Yard, at 425 West Eighteenth Street, Houston. The Temple Lumber Company occupies a modern yard at 3400 Polk Avenue, and employs thirty men in Houston. They have one of the most beautiful plants in the city, all the buildings being built along attractive lines, and the highest type of lumber buildings. The location is especially desirable, and affords opportunity to conduct the business along the most progressive plans. The Temple Lumber Company does both a wholesale and retail business, and also finances building, especially the building of homes. The officers of the company are: T. L. L. Temple, President, and H. G. Temple, Vice-President. Mr. McFarland is the General Manager of the retail yards, the company also operating seven other retail lumber yards and two saw mills. Mr. McFarland is President of the Houston Building and Loan Association.

Ike B. McFarland was born at Brenham, Texas, in 1884, son of Bates McFarland, well-known attorney, whose death occurred at El Paso in 1919, and Betty Holland McFarland. His great grandfather, John D. Andrews, was one of the pioneer residents of Houston, coming here in 1837, and serving as the second Mayor of Houston. His home, at 410 Austin Street, was the first two-story house built in the city, and was constructed by him shortly after his arrival here. Mr. McFarland was educated in the public schools of Rockport, after finishing there attending the University of Texas for three years. After leaving the university he went to Teague, Texas, engaging in the lumber business and building the first house ever built there. After three years he went to Harlingen, Texas, in the Rio Grande Valley, where he spent six years, serving as first Mayor of Harlingen, and as County Commissioner of Cameron County. He then went to Tampico, Mexico, where he remained one year, in 1914 coming to Houston, with the Texas Lumber Company, later taken over by the Temple Lumber Company, at which time Mr. McFarland was made General Manager, a position he has held for the past five years.

Mr. McFarland was married at Huntsville, Texas, in 1914, to Miss Mae Samuella Wynne, daughter of G. A. Wynne, a banker of Huntsville, and Ella Gibbs Wynne. Mr. and Mrs. McFarland make their home in Houston, at 1313 Castle Court. Mr. McFarland is a Mason and a member of the University Club.



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*Ernest P. Crow*



**EMMET POLK CROW**, for more than a decade a resident of Houston, and a factor in commercial and industrial activities in this city, has had a wide influence on the prosperity of his community as the representative of industrial activities incident to the cotton business. Mr. Crow is assistant manager of Alexander Sprunt & Son, Inc. and vice president of the Ship Channel Compress Company, Inc., two organizations of importance to the business world of Houston. Alexander Sprunt & Son, Inc. is one of the oldest established businesses of the country, having been organized in Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1865. Mr. Crow was with the company there for five years preceding his removal to Houston, in 1910, at which time the Houston office was opened. The Ship Channel Compress Company is of more recent origin, and was established to meet the growing demand for such an industry in this section. The compress, located on the bayou, has storage capacity for fifty thousand bales of cotton and furnishes employment for a force of from seventy to three hundred and fifty operatives, the latter number during the busy season. The Ship Channel Cotton Compress handles their own cotton and is one of the largest of such industries in this section. The office of Alexander Sprunt & Son, at 902-910 Cotton Exchange Building, is under the direction of H. M. Croswell, manager, and Emmet P. Crow, the subject of this sketch, as assistant manager. Mr. Crow has spent his entire business career in the cotton industry, making a deep and thorough study into the conditions this industry involves, and is one of the best informed men in his field in Houston. Emmet P. Crow was born at Wilmington, North Carolina, the first of December, 1886. His father, the late John E. Crow, a native of North Carolina, was for many years in the brokerage business in Wilmington, and one of the most prominent men of that city. His mother, also deceased, was before her marriage Miss Emily Polk Davis, daughter of George Davis, who was attorney general of the Confederate states. Mr. Crow received his early education in the public schools of his native state, later attending Howell Military School, after which he entered upon his business career. He went with the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, remaining with that company for twelve years, after which he became associated with Alexander Sprunt & Son, Inc., first in Wilmington, North Carolina, and later, after the opening of the office here, at Houston, and also since coming here has been vice president of the Ship Channel Compress Company, Inc., taking part in the various industrial activities of these enterprises.

Mr. Crow was married at Wilmington, North Carolina, in 1909, to Miss Nannie W. Holladay of that city, a granddaughter of Alexander Q. Holladay, a former president of the A. & M. College of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Crow came to Houston in 1910, at which time Mr. Crow was transferred to this city. They make their home at 2601 Travis Street, and take part in the various social activities of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Crow have a family of four children, Emmet, Jr., Fannie, Nancy and Marguerite. The family support the Presbyterian and Episcopal churches and take an active part in church affairs. Mr. Crow is a member of the Houston Country Club, the Houston Club and the Houston Chamber of Commerce and the Houston Cot-

ton Exchange. Mr. Crow is familiar with the production of cotton and the conditions prevailing in two great cotton raising centers, as well as with all activities incident to cotton compress operation. He is a business man with keen insight into modern conditions and demands and has taken a leading part in industrial circles at Houston. Mr. Crow is also vitally interested in the development of the city and has been a factor in various civic movements since coming to Houston. His business associates find in him a man of highest integrity, standing for fair methods and principles, and a man in every way an asset to the community in which he lives.



**WILKES A. DOWDY**, during the decade of his professional career at Houston, has established a reputation in the field of municipal architecture that has brought his appointment to an important civic position. Mr. Dowdy is city architect of Houston, a position to which he was appointed in April, 1921. Since that time he has planned and supervised the construction of all the public buildings to be erected, such as the new Central Police and Fire Department Building, the Southmore School, the Barnice School, the County and City Hospital and many other smaller buildings. Mr. Dowdy has for many years made a special study of public buildings from an architectural standpoint, and these new buildings, erected in accordance with his plans and under his direct supervision, are perfect examples of municipal architecture. The new County and City Hospital, one of the finest buildings of its kind in the state, is perfectly planned, each detail being the result of careful study on the part of Mr. Dowdy, and provides every hospital facility, as well as makes every provision for the comfort of the patients. Mr. Dowdy's work as city architect has established the importance of this office and has proven no small factor in adding to the attractiveness of Houston as a city.

Wilkes A. Dowdy was born at Marksville, Louisiana, the twelfth of June, 1890, the son of R. O. Dowdy, a native of Tennessee, whose death occurred in Louisiana when his son was a small boy and Cecile Shoze Dowdy, of Louisiana, who now makes her home in Houston. Mr. Dowdy attended the public schools in different cities of the Lone Star State, finishing his education in the McKinley High School at St. Louis. He then went to Denver, Colorado, where he began work in an architect's office and where he spent two years. He came to Houston in 1908 and went with a local firm of architects, later going with Sanguinet and Staats, also of this city, and with whom he remained a number of years. He then went in business for himself and for the ensuing five years did much construction work in this city, specializing in public buildings. He was appointed city architect in April, 1921, and now holds this position.

Mr. Dowdy was married at Houston the twenty-fifth of October, 1922, to Miss Ruth Evelyn Lyles, a native of this city, who was reared and educated here. Mr. and Mrs. Dowdy reside at 402 Euclid Avenue. Mr. Dowdy is active in architectural circles at Houston and has for many years taken a deep interest in civic improvement, especially in the beautification of the city through raising the standards of construction of public buildings.





**C. BUKOWSKI** has been actively associated with the business life of Houston for the past several years, and is now devoting his entire attention to the Labor Bank and Trust Company of Houston, of which he is vice president and trust officer. The Labor Bank and Trust Company, "Bank of the Masses", recently organized in Houston, is the first of its kind to be established south of St. Louis, and west of Birmingham. It is capitalized at \$110,000, and more than 85 per cent of the stock is owned by laboring people. There are about two hundred and twenty-five stockholders. Other officers of the bank are, State Senator Charles Murphy, president; C. L. Killingsworth, vice president and cashier; Norman Beard, George L. Edwards, S. H. Lewis and Mrs. Mary M. Wise, vice presidents. Directors are, Norman Beard, C. E. Belk, B. C. Bukowski, George L. Edwards, Murray B. Jones, Dr. Horace C. Feagin, Will F. Miller, H. McBroom, C. L. Killingsworth, Jackson Stanley, S. H. Lewis, L. B. Ryon, Jr., W. H. Lighthouse, Frank B. McCurdy and Charles Murphy. The bank is located at San Jacinto and Prairie Avenue. The labor bank idea is a new one, but wonderful success is predicted for the Houston institution. Houston alone has a labor payroll of more than \$15,000,000 a year, and the bank will attract business from other points throughout the state.

Mr. Bukowski was born in Walker County, Texas, the nineteenth of December, 1894, son of John Bukowski, a native of German Poland, who came to Texas at the age of twenty-one and has been a merchant of Walker County for a quarter of a century, and May (Fosson) Bukowski, a native of Texas. Mr. Bukowski attended the schools of Walker County, later attending the University of Texas. He entered into the mercantile business with his father, being in charge of same for two years. After the entrance of the United States in the World War, Mr. Bukowski enlisted in the latter part of 1917 and served until discharged in March, 1919. He then came to Houston and accepted a position with the White Oil Corporation for eight months, after which he went into the drug business, and established the Main Street Pharmacy of Houston, Texas, to which he devoted his time until going with the Labor Bank and Trust Company of Houston.

Mr. Bukowski was married at Houston, the twenty-eighth of August, 1920, to Miss Gladys Winfred Harvey, daughter of J. S. Harvey, secretary and treasurer of the Main Street Pharmacy, and a resident of Houston for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Bukowski make their home at 2201 Mason Street. Mr. Bukowski is a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine, and takes an active part in the civic affairs of his city.



**JOE OLIVER**, one of the younger element of progressive business men of Houston, enjoys a high measure of esteem for his activities in the insurance business during the past decade. Mr. Oliver is head of the firm of Oliver and Company, one of the leading insurance firms of Houston. This firm is the successor to Binz, Settegast and Oliver, which was established at Houston in 1913, and continued until 1918, at which time Mr. Oliver took over the interests of his associates, operating the business alone as Oliver and Company, until the first of January, 1924, when

A. T. Robertson and R. L. Padgitt came with the firm, the name, however, remaining unchanged. Mr. Oliver's wide circle of acquaintances at Houston, and the high regard in which he is held by his associates, has been a determining factor in the success of Oliver and Company. The company, with offices in the Binz Building, represents six old line insurance companies at Houston and writes a record volume of business annually.

W. Joe Oliver is a native of Houston, where he was born the twenty-fifth of January, 1890. His father, the late S. A. Oliver, a native of Illinois, came to Houston in the eighties, and was associated with business and civic activities here until his death. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Emma E. Settegast, is the daughter of the late W. J. Settegast, one of the most prominent men of his day, and is the sister of E. Edward Settegast and J. J. Settegast, both prominent business men of Houston. W. Joe Oliver attended the public schools of Houston, later entering the Massey Business College, where he took a commercial course preparatory to beginning his business career, entering the insurance business on the completion of this course. After several years with different insurance companies at Houston, Mr. Oliver went in business for himself, establishing the firm of Vinson and Oliver, with C. L. Vinson as his associate. Later, in 1913, he went with the firm of Binz, Settegast and Oliver, which later became the present firm of Oliver and Company.

Mr. Oliver was married at Houston the twenty-seventh of December, 1917, to Miss Runie Robinson, a native of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver have a very attractive home at 312 McIlhenney Avenue, and are popular members of the younger social set. Mr. Oliver is a Mason, Blue Lodge No. 1189, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine.



**ROBERT W. STERLING** has, since coming to Houston a number of years ago, been a foremost figure in the field of engraving, and has become favorably known for his activities in this industry. Mr. Sterling is the proprietor of the Sterling Engraving Company, which he established in 1917, two years after his arrival in Houston. This firm has enjoyed a successful and prosperous business since its organization, and faces an assured future. Mr. Sterling does all kinds of engraving on copper and steel, employing from ten to twenty highly skilled employees who turn out the very highest class of work. Mr. Sterling personally supervises all the work done in his plant, and is a careful, painstaking engraver, his work being recognized as the best. He occupies a modern plant, 2401 Main Street, and has the most approved type of equipment, and every facility for turning out the finest work.

Mr. Sterling was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and spent his boyhood in that city, attending the public schools there. After finishing his education he began work in the engraving plants of his native city, learning every phase of the business. Later his health failed and he went to Colorado, where he spent ten years. In 1915 he came to Houston, attracted by the wide opportunity for business advancement in this city, and two years after coming here established the Sterling Engraving Company,



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which he has since operated.

Mr. Sterling was married at Crockett, Texas, in 1913, to Miss Caroline Steckler, well-known in that city. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling have two children, Alice Louise, and Virginia Lee. Mr. Sterling takes an interest in various civic activities and movements for the advancement of Houston as the business center of the Gulf coast territory.



**D. CRAIG**, Cashier and one of the organizers of the Central State Bank of Houston, has for more than a decade been engaged in the banking business and is regarded as one of the most progressive men in this profession. The Central State Bank was chartered March 15, 1923, and opened for business on April 2, following with a capital stock of \$25,000.00, and at the close of business September 14, 1923, their statement showed they had a surplus and undivided profits of \$4,100.00, with deposits of \$150,000.00. As evidence of the care with which the bank is managed it is interesting to note that a ten per cent dividend was declared January 1, 1924. This is unusual for a new bank this size. The Central State Bank is located in Magnolia Park at 6645 Harrisburg Boulevard, which is regarded as a splendid location for a bank of the size of this, which employs three people. Other officers of the Central State Bank of Houston are: S. D. Simpson, President; F. A. Baldinger, Vice-President. The Directors are: S. D. Simpson, F. A. Baldinger, John B. York, Will F. Humphrey, W. E. James and George L. Ricker.

A native Texan, Mr. Craig was born at Brenham, Texas, July 11, 1874. His father, Robert D. Craig (deceased) came to Texas from Mississippi as a young man and settled in Washington County, where for many years he was a well known farmer and rancher. His mother (now deceased) was Miss Marguerite Mildred Newman, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Coleman, Texas, where his parents had moved in 1882, where his father continued in the farming and ranching industry, and Mr. Craig remained in Coleman until 1902, when he went to San Angelo, Texas, and entered the employ of the West Texas Lumber Company, where he remained until 1913, when he went to Ozona, Texas, as bookkeeper for the Ozona National Bank, and remained with this institution until 1918. He then came to Houston and became associated with the American State Bank, where he remained for a short time and when the Citizens State Bank was organized, he went with that Bank, where he remained for two and one-half years, and during this period was Assistant Cashier and later Cashier. Leaving this bank, he returned to Ozona, Texas, as Cashier of the Ozona National Bank, but remained there only a short time when he again returned to Houston, with the Citizens State Bank as Cashier, but remained only a short time, when he assisted in the organization of the Central State Bank, where he has been Cashier since its organization.

Mr. Craig has been twice married. His first marriage was in Coleman, Texas, and he has six children, the mother of whom was his first wife. The children are Lucien, Ogle M., Travis, Wayne, Mary Louise and Agnes. His second marriage was in Houston September 24, 1921, to Miss Addie Dickinson, a native of Collin County, Texas. Mrs. Craig is a business woman and is the Assistant Cashier

of the Central State Bank, and has been actively engaged in the banking business for four years. Mr. and Mrs. Craig reside at 6629 Harrisburg Boulevard. Mr. Craig is interested in all matters having to do with the improvement, advancement and progress of Houston and believes that this city will soon take its place as the metropolis of the entire Southwest.



**GORDON MAILLOT**, member of the firm of Langham and Maillot, one of the largest insurance firms of Houston, was for almost ten years prior to forming this partnership, a member of other well known insurance firms of the city. The insurance firm of Langham and Maillot are the representatives of the Aetna Company for Southeast Texas, their territory comprising fourteen counties. They have six employees in their office, which is located at 304 Gulf Building, and four salesmen out of their Houston office. Mr. Maillot has had an experience in the insurance business extending over a period of sixteen years, and his partner, Mr. A. D. Langham, has been connected with various insurance companies in this city for a number of years. Both men are popular in the business circles of Houston and with the public in general, and their business has grown rapidly since this partnership was formed.

A native Texan, Mr. Maillot was born in Austin on May 1st, 1878. His father, Charles G. Maillot (deceased) a native of Louisiana, came to Texas in 1874 and settled at Austin, where he was a merchandise broker and was well known throughout the state. His mother was Miss Clara Haralson, a native of Austin and a member of a prominent and pioneer family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Austin, and after finishing the latter, he entered the employ of the Telephone Company and remained with this company for a period of thirteen years, and during this time he was in practically every branch of this service. After leaving the Telephone Company, Mr. Maillot entered the insurance business, first as a member of the firm of Porter, Maillot and Company, where he remained for one year, and then formed the partnership of Maillot and Lubbock and this partnership continued for four years. He then became a member of the firm of Maillot and Bowen and continued as a member of this firm for four years, when he formed the present partnership and has met with unusual success and knows the insurance business as few men know it.

Mr. Maillot is a member of the Masonic fraternity and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also a member of the Houston Club, the River Oaks Country Club and the Houston Country Club, and is a director in the latter organization. His church affiliation is with the Episcopal faith. Mr. Maillot is a quiet unassuming gentleman, typical of the old South, and has been successful in all his business ventures, and is connected with some of Houston's largest financial and industrial institutions. Mr. Maillot has great faith in the future of Houston, which he believes is one of unlimited possibilities for continued growth and advancement, and he is identified with all movements tending to promote the growth and importance of Houston where he is regarded as one of the city's most progressive citizens.



# *Women of Texas*



*Miss Ima Hogg*



*Mrs. Henry B. Fall*



*Mrs. H. F. Ring*



*Mrs. Edgar Odell Lovett*



# *Women of Texas*



*Miss Katie Daffan*



*Mrs. Belle M. Costello*



*Mrs. A. K. Newby*



*Miss Julia B. Ideson*



**M**RS. HENRY B. FALL is well known in the social and club circles of Houston and of Texas where for many years she has been active in furthering education and in her efforts to elevate the art of our people. Mrs. Fall has for the past eight years been president of the Houston Art League, which was established here in 1900, and Houston is the first city in Texas to have an Art Museum, and has accomplished much. For a number of years the League has been vitally and actively interested in introducing and encouraging the study and appreciation of art and the crafts in the public schools of Houston. The League has brought, from time to time, national and international artists for lecture purposes. It has likewise sponsored the exhibition of paintings and art collections. It has expended for pictures in the public schools of Houston, during the years of its active work, the sum of \$25,000,000. By the direct efforts of the League, the state laws have been amended exempting from taxation all art museums in Texas. The properties of the League are held in trust for the citizens of Houston, by the trustees, for the use of the public. The League desires to cultivate the arts and crafts in the children of the city. To assist in the architectural development of South Main Street in harmony with the Rice Institute, Hermann Park and Hospital, the Miller Memorial and Autry House—to help beautify Houston.

A native Texan, Mrs. Fall was born in Williamson County. Her father, John King, came to Texas from Mississippi, and was a large land owner and planter. He served in the Civil War under General Jackson. Her mother was Miss Mary Manihan, a member of a well known Virginia family. Mrs. Fall's education was obtained at Baylor Female College, Belton, Texas, where she was a student for four years, and together with her literary studies, was a student of art and music.

Mrs. Fall has been twice married. Her first marriage was in Taylor, Texas, to Mr. Henry Long, a prominent lumber man of Beaumont, and a member of the firm, Texas Tram and Lumber Company, whose death occurred a few years later, and her second marriage was to Mr. Henry B. Fall of Houston, a well known lumber man of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Fall reside at 107 Sul Ross Avenue. Mrs. Fall is president of the City Federation of Women's Clubs of the Fourth District of Texas; a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution; is past president of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, having served this organization in 1913-14-15. During her administration, she was instrumental in having passed the compulsory education law of Texas, also assisted in the building of the State School for Girls at Gainesville. It was during her administration that the Texas State Federation of Women's Clubs chartered, making it possible to handle the \$10,000.00 endowment fund created during her regime of office. She was treasurer for four years of the Y. W. C. A. and was on the Committee to the San Francisco Exposition, being appointed by Governor Colquitt from Texas. Mrs. Fall is a member of the Baptist Church and is an active worker in this church, having helped in the organization of the women's auxiliary to the Baptist Hospital, assisting in building the free ward, and has served as president of this organization for fourteen years.

She has been very active in all lines of an educational nature and the upbuilding of art in all its branches, also in all women's organizations, clubs and orders. Mrs. Fall came to Houston in 1905 and since that time has been active in the city's civic affairs, and has been prominently identified with all clubs in the city and state. Mrs. Fall is a woman of many accomplishments; has traveled extensively and has profited by all her experiences. She traveled abroad for many months and during this period corresponded for a number of Texas newspapers. She is well known to the citizenship of the state and is altogether a very accomplished, prominent and charming character.



**M**RS. LEE J. ROUNTREE came to Bryan, Texas, in 1920, and has been actively identified with the business, social and civic life of this city since that time. Mrs. Rountree is the president and managing editor of the Eagle Printing Company of Bryan, editing the Bryan Daily Eagle and the Bryan Weekly Eagle, the only newspapers here. She is numbered among the few successful women publishers of the country, which is accounted for in part by the close application to the publishing business which she learned under the able guidance of her deceased husband, Hon. Lee J. Rountree, one of Texas' best known publishers, most illustrious statesman and prominent citizen. Since her marriage, Mrs. Rountree had been closely identified with every branch of her husband's business and knew it in detail. Mr. Rountree was a native Texan, having been born at Kyle in 1868, where he was reared and educated. He became editor of a publication at Kyle and while engaged in his first newspaper work, was appointed chief clerk of the house of representatives, where he obtained his first knowledge of legislative procedure and legislative duties. After serving several terms in this capacity he removed to Georgetown, Texas, where he established the Georgetown Commercial, which he managed and edited for almost twenty years. He next went to Sulphur Springs, Texas, as editor of a paper there, but after a few months came to Bryan in 1919, after having purchased the Bryan Daily Eagle. Mr. Rountree was a man of liberal education and widely traveled, having visited South America, and had made several trips to Europe, besides having visited every portion of his native land. His knowledge of people and places and his vast travels had made him a broad-minded man and had given him the forethought that led to his progressive ideas which he had incorporated into law, through his influence and ability as a statesman, after being a member of the Texas Legislature. He was president of the National Editorial Association for one term and was for several years orator of the Texas Press Association. He had risen to such a height in political circles that he was prominently and widely mentioned as splendid material for lieutenant governor of the State of Texas. He was elected to the office of member of the house of representatives in 1920, and served in the 36th, 37th and 38th legislatures. Mr. Rountree was a member of the A. F. and A. M. and had attained to the Knights Templar in this order, was a Shriner, a Knights of Pythias, an Elk, an I. O. O. F., and a prominent member of other orders. He was a member of the Methodist Church, this being the religion of his forbears. He did much for his



community and State, putting forth at all times his earnest and diligent efforts. Mr. Rountree died at Austin, Texas, on May 2nd, 1923, while in the service of his State at Large, the summons to the great beyond coming to him at the close of a speech in the hall of the house of representatives.

After the death of Mr. Rountree, Mrs. Rountree took over the management of his business and has made a success of it in every respect, and she is known as one of the leading business women of Central Texas, as well as a leader in many other fields of activity.

A native Texan, Mrs. Rountree was born in Llano County. Her father, T. C. Mitchell, was a pioneer in Llano County, where throughout his life he was engaged in cattle raising, ranching and kindred lines. He was a representative citizen and highly esteemed by all who knew him. Her mother, Mrs. Lula Margaret (Clark) Mitchell, was a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a well known family. Mrs. Rountree's early education was obtained in the public schools of Texas, after which she became a student of the Southwestern University of Georgetown, where she finished her academic courses.

Mrs. Rountree was married to Hon. Lee J. Rountree at Taylor, Texas, in 1902, with whom she was constantly associated in his business and publishing ventures throughout his life. She is a member of the Bryan Country Club, president of the Bryan Chamber of Commerce and on the board of directors of this organization. She is legislative chairman for the State 4th District Federated Woman's Club, is a member of the Bryan Woman's Club, and many other of this city's business, social and civic organizations. She is a member of the Methodist Church and is an ardent worker in this church. Mrs. Rountree is a constant worker for the good of Bryan and her community, and voices her sentiments along this line through the columns of the newspaper of which she is the publisher. In the midst of her private work, she finds opportunity for much work of a public nature, and is a leader in all civic matters of this city, where she is regarded as one of Brazos County's most progressive citizens.



**MARY CARSON**, native Houstonian, opera singer and impresaria, has achieved distinction in her native land and in Europe where she has appeared in grand opera in many of the leading cities. She is also a producer and has produced the Mary Carson Grand Opera in Houston during the seasons of 1921-22 and 1922-23. At the present time she is in communication with the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York City, endeavoring to arrange for a week's season in Houston during the spring of 1925. She is known throughout the country for her sweet soprano voice and has spent more than half her life abroad studying under the great masters. She is the only person who has brought grand opera to Houston for a full week's engagement and with crowded houses during this period. Miss Carson's home and office is located at 808 Polk Avenue.

Mary Carson is the daughter of George Kidd, Sr. (deceased since 1919) who was one of the best known citizens of Houston and for many years an officer of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Her mother was Miss Katherine Bledsoe Aldridge, a member of a well known Texas family, and was a musician of note, possessing unusual talent. Miss Carson has had unusual and exceptional educational advantages

which started with her literary education in private schools of Houston, after which she began the study of music at the New England Conservatory of Music, where she remained for three years. She then went to Italy to study voice and had instruction under Luigi Vannuccini, Isadore Braggiotti in Florence, Madame Norri-Baj and Rafaele Delli Ponti in Milan, and studied the art of acting under Francesco Mottino and Adalgisa Maffi in Milan. She then returned to New York City in 1914 and coached with Pierre Monteaux and then studied under Riccardo Delleria, who is now with the Metropolitan Opera Company. Miss Carson has received many honors at the hands of her fellow artists and managers of the different opera companies throughout the country. She was offered appearances in the Royal Opera in Berlin, Milan, Hamburg and Vienna, but on account of the death of her father was compelled to return to America at once. Since then she has been repeatedly urged to return to Europe in order to complete her operatic career. The time seemed propitious in the spring of 1924 and on her reappearance in the European capitols, due to her broader experience, she scored even greater triumphs than on the former occasions. Her friends in America are hoping that Europe will soon release her long enough to again allow them to enjoy her marvelous talents.

Mary Carson possesses a striking and pleasing stage presence, which is commented on wherever she has appeared. While singing in grand opera in Italy she appeared in the following cities of Italy: Milan, Turin, Cremona, Cesana and Pallanza. She has also had roles in the Century Opera in New York City and the Boston Opera in Boston and many other public engagements. Mary Carson has a host of friends in her native city and state as well as in other parts of the country and is very popular, not only in musical circles but with all classes who have been fortunate in coming in contact with her.



**JULIA ANNE CONLEY**, owner of the Keystone Studio, has been identified in photographic circles in Houston for over five years and is one of the well known women in business here. The Keystone Studio is one of the best equipped and appointed studios in South Texas, and has the reputation of making excellent photographs. The organization is made up of skilled people, and every care and consideration is given the patrons. A department devoted to home portraiture is maintained and is in charge of an operator especially trained in this field of photography. Friendly and prompt attention is extended all who enter the studio, and its permanent clientele has grown rapidly in the past few years.

Julia Anne Conley was born in McMinnville, Tennessee, daughter of W. L. and Martha (Anderson) Owen, both natives of that State. Mrs. Conley was educated in the schools of McMinnville and since coming to Texas has devoted her efforts and study to photography and the operation of photographic studios. In August, 1924, she opened the Keystone Studio and has had marked success since that time. Mrs. Conley has one son, George DeBard, who is a student in the Houston public schools. Mrs. Conley possesses an attractive personality and has won the confidence and support, not only of the business fraternity of Houston, but of those who are interested in the art of photography.





**FLORENCE M. STERLING**, editor and publisher of *The Woman's Viewpoint*, "A Magazine Serving Humanity," and devoted to the interests of the manhood and womanhood of America and the problems of the greatest of all American Institutions, the home, has been a potent factor in bringing to the gentler sex the full realization of their responsibilities and the fulfillment of their mission in the social, political and business world. *The Woman's Viewpoint* is symbolic of what the name of the magazine indicates, edited and published by women, is rapidly gaining a place of recognition among the leading periodicals of the country, and although yet in its infancy, it is destined to be a potent influence in the literary world for the molding of opinion, the uplift of the home, and the formulating of the character of the boys and girls who are destined to be our substantial citizenship of tomorrow.

Florence M. Sterling, one of the outstanding champions of the woman's cause in the South, needs no introduction to the womanhood of Texas, where she has been long recognized as one of the leaders in the social, educational and political world. Her arduous labor in behalf of the social welfare has already borne rich fruit in the formulating of character, and in the advancement of the ideals in the communities where her influence has been felt, and a record of her interesting career will make a bright page in the history of American Womanhood. Miss Sterling has for many years been best known in the business world through her activities in the oil industries. For a period of fifteen years she was secretary of the Humble Oil Company, of which her brother, R. S. Sterling, was president, and much of the success of that great oil company was due to her efficient management of her department. The company in 1917 became known as the Humble Oil and Refining Company. She first became interested in business as Secretary of the R. S. Sterling interests in 1906. Later a part of the R. S. Sterling interests became the Humble Oil Company. Miss Sterling terminated her official connections with the Humble Oil Company in order to devote her time fully to the *Woman's Viewpoint* and the cause of American citizenship.

A native Texan, Miss Sterling was born at Anahuac, Chambers County, and was one of a family of twelve children, four girls and eight boys. Her parents were Captain Benjamin Franklin Sterling and Mary Jane (Bryan) Sterling. Captain Sterling was a veteran of the Civil War, born in Mississippi in 1831, and died at Houston, Texas, in 1917. Her mother was a native of Texas, born in Liberty County, in 1838. Her parents were Scotch-Irish descent, and their ancestors were among the early settlers of Virginia. Captain Sterling had a general merchandise store, and was postmaster at Anahuac, also owned a considerable area of farm land. Miss Sterling received her education in the public schools at Anahuac, and gained a general knowledge of business in her father's merchandise establishment. She later went to Galveston and engaged in business with her brother, John L. Sterling, in the wholesale produce business. In 1906 she came to Houston to engage in business with her brother, R. S. Sterling, and, as stated above, was one of the principal factors in building up the Humble

Oil Company, one of the largest and most successful oil companies of America. Throughout her entire career Miss Sterling has taken an active interest in woman's rights, and was one of the leaders in the long fight to secure woman suffrage in Texas. Miss Sterling is treasurer of the Houston Recreation and Community Service. She was president of the Houston League of Women Voters, vice-president of the Texas League of Women Voters, chairman of the Houston Own Your Home Committee, and is a member and active worker of the D. A. R., and the U. D. C. Miss Sterling takes an interest in every activity for the betterment of women and children, and is intensely interested in educational matters, taking an interest in helping educate a great many children. Although her duties, both as Secretary and Treasurer of the greatest oil company of Texas, and later her duties as editor of Texas' leading woman's magazine, requires an enormous amount of arduous labor, she has always found time to devote to the welfare movements of City, State or Nation. The extent of her philanthropy will never be known, as the work that she has accomplished, and the liberal gifts that she has donated has been given unostentatiously for the pleasure she has received in making them, and not with the hope of publicity or pecuniary reward. Her Church affiliations are with The Christian Church, of which she has been a liberal benefactor. Her personality belies the general supposition that business women become stern and austere, for Miss Sterling's countenance radiates happiness and good cheer, with a smile for every one she meets, and everyone is happier for having known her.



**EDNA W. SAUNDERS** is well known in the music circles of Houston and South Texas, where for the past six years she has been a successful concert manager and through her efforts the people of South Texas have had the opportunity of seeing and hearing many of the great artists. Edna W. Saunders is not only the leading concert manager of Houston, but in the South. About one-third of her time is spent in the North and East, seeing new plays and operas and making contracts with artists to later appear in Houston and South Texas. In addition to the Houston office, located in the Harris-Hahlo Building, she maintains offices in Beaumont and Galveston. Numbered among the noted artists brought by her to Houston, Beaumont and Galveston are: Caruso, who sang in Houston to one of the largest audiences in his entire career; Rachmaninoff, Schumann-Heink, Heifetz, Louise Homer, Tetrzinni, Pavlowa, Galli Curci, Frieda Hempel, Fritz Kreisler, Chaliapin, Mary Garden, and many others. She has also brought to Houston the Chicago Grand Opera Company, Scotti Grand Opera Company, the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, John Philip Sousa's Band, the French Army Band and many other leading attractions.

A native Texan, Edna W. Saunders was born in Houston August 31st, 1880. Her father, John D. Woolford, deceased, was well known in the business circles of Houston and was one of the city's leading citizens, having held many positions of honor and trust at the hands of his fellowmen. He was for





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many years a public cotton weigher of Houston, and served the city as mayor with distinction from 1900 to 1902; prior to which time he was alderman of the city for several years. Her mother was Miss Ianthe Dealy, a member of an old and prominent Texas family. Mrs. Saunders has had unusual educational advantages, which began in the public and private schools of Houston. Later she was a student of the Stuart School of Washington, D. C., where she took special courses in music, English and reading. After this she became a pupil of the Gardner School, located at Forty-ninth Street and Fifth Avenue, New York City, where she remained for one year and received a diploma from this institution in general courses, music and special branches. She returned to Houston and made her debut in 1900. During the World War, Mrs. Saunders had entire charge of the public concert programs at the City Auditorium, and during this period almost one hundred thousand people attended these concerts. Some wonderful programs were given and these concerts were entirely free to the public. Edna W. Saunders was for many years a member of the Woman's Choral Club and served in every office of this organization. She became president in 1913 and resigned this office in 1917 in order to start her present business.

Mrs. Saunders resides at 1202 Lamar Avenue and is active in many of the organizations in the city. She is now business manager for the Symphony Orchestra Association, is a member of the Houston Country Club, and holds an honorary life membership in both the Salesmanship Club and the Kiwanis Club. She is a charter member and a director of the National Concert Managers Association, and is also district governor for the State of Texas. Mrs. Saunders is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Houston, and takes an active interest in all civic matters and is interested in all projects having to do with the progress, development and advancement of Houston, where she is numbered among the most progressive women, not only of Houston, but of the entire South.

**LOUIS A. GLOVER**, Architect, with office at 623 Binz Building, Houston, has won a name in the Southwest through the beauty of his architectural designing and the advantages and the endurance of his structures. Mr. Glover came to Houston in 1890, when six years of age, grew to manhood here and was for several years associated with his father, who was among the pioneer architects of Houston. Mr. Glover's principal line of work is schools, office buildings, apartment houses and stores. In association with William Ward Watkins, he is now building the City Library, and at present has more than one and one-half million dollars worth of work under construction. Mr. Glover built the following buildings in Houston: Stratford Hotel, Tel-Electric Company's Building, Hermann Building, Herford Apartments, the Houston Drug Company's \$300,000 Building, Harrisburg High School, and in association with John Staub, the Heights High School.

A native Texan, Mr. Glover was born at Fort Worth in 1884. His father, F. S. Glover, is one of the oldest architects of Texas, and retired six years ago from active practice of his profession. His mother was Miss Nannie J. Gee, a member of a well known Texas family. His early education was received in the public schools, and in Prof. Welch's

private school in Houston, and later was a student in the University of Pennsylvania for two years and received from this institution a certificate in architecture. After leaving college he engaged in his chosen profession and during the period of the World War in army camp construction work.

Mr. Glover was married in Galveston in 1916 to Miss Elizabeth Dickson, a daughter of James W. Dickson and Annie (Andrews) Dickson, who were among the oldest residents of Galveston. Mrs. Glover's grandmother, Mrs. Andrews, was the first white child born in Galveston. Mr. and Mrs. Glover reside at 3118 Austin Street. He is a member of the Texas Chapter American Institute of Architects and of the Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic fraternity and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple. Mr. Glover is optimistic as to the future of Houston, and believes it will soon become the leading city of the Southwest.

**R. BUNCH** has, since coming to Houston, been an active figure in the insurance circles of the city and as division manager of the Automobile Underwriters of America he has had an important part in shaping the destinies of that insurance company. The Houston office was opened in 1916 and the district includes the city of Houston and their insurance is on automobiles only. Mr. Bunch took over the management in 1920 and the business of this company has shown a rapid increase since that time. Three people are employed in the Houston office, which is conveniently located at 314 Chronicle Building. Much of the business of the Houston office of the Automobile Underwriters of America comes from the large dealers and the increase in business from individuals is growing rapidly since Mr. Bunch took charge of the office here.

Mr. Bunch was born at Poulan, Georgia, August 3rd, 1898. His father, W. L. Bunch, has for many years been engaged in the general merchandise business in Georgia, where he is well known in the business and financial circles. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Georgia, after which he attended a business college at Atlanta, which furnished him with his early business training. Mr. Bunch grew up in the mercantile establishment of his father and can not remember just how small he was when he sold goods in his father's store. He was later employed in various stores in different places in his native state and some of these were country stores where he was everything up to manager and did all the work that is expected of a man to do in a country store. Through the influence of his uncle, he was induced to come to Houston and to his present position, which he considers offers great possibilities for the future.

Mr. Bunch was married in Houston on June 9th, 1921, to Marie Harrison, a native of Kentucky and whose family resided at Alvin, Texas, for about twelve years. They have one daughter, June Marie, who is an infant. Mr. and Mrs. Bunch reside at Hyde Park. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Bunch is considered one of the leaders among the young business men of Houston and is now getting a good start in the insurance world in his capacity of division manager of the Automobile Underwriters of America.



**M**RS. ANNA ALLEN WRIGHT. In the center of the oil fields at Goose Creek, there lives a little lady, Mrs. Anna Allen Wright, surrounded by the derricks and wells which have marked the invasion of the oil industry, who for many years has been associated with the life of this community, and who has taken a keen interest in this new world. Mrs. Wright, in number of years of residence, is the oldest resident of Goose Creek, and she knows much of the history of the earlier days, which she recounts in a bright, witty manner. Her small farm of seventy-five acres, was given her just before marriage by Colonel Ashbel Smith, in whose home she had spent all of her girlhood years, and she has spent her life since her marriage on this farm. Even the coming of the oil activities and the drilling of wells on her farm have not made it less her home, and she continues to occupy the house here that she built so many years ago. A number of wells have been drilled on her land, and she has had many attractive offers for her farm, but she values the gift of her old friend far too highly to sell it.

Mrs. Wright was born in Leon County, the third of December, 1858, the daughter of Robert Allen and Mary Jane Pate Allen. Her father was a farmer and land owner of Leon County and spent most of his life there. As a girl Mrs. Wright went to live in the home of Colonel Ashbel Smith, one of the largest land owners of the Goose Creek neighborhood, and one of the big men of his time. She attended the schools of Goose Creek, and until her marriage, lived in Colonel Smith's home as one of the family.

Mrs. Wright was married at Houston, Texas, in 1881 to George Wright, a brick maker, farmer and cattleman, whose death occurred in 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Wright had a family of five children: one daughter, Mrs. Caroline Long; and four sons: Allen, William Perkins, Clemmons, and George Eli Wright. These four sons and the daughter now live near their mother, within one or two blocks, and find their greatest pleasure in seeing that she has every wish fulfilled. Mrs. Wright is a member of the Episcopal Church, where she has been a regular attendant for many years, and has taken an active interest in church work.

At the time of her marriage to Mr. Wright, Colonel Ashbel Smith gave her seventy-five acres of land at Evergreen, one mile from Goose Creek, and this has been her home continuously, since that time. For many years the place was farmed, and kept in a high state of cultivation by Mr. Wright, but since his death, and with the advent of the oil industry in this field, drilling operations have centered here and a number of wells drilled on the land. In all these developments Mrs. Wright has taken a real interest. When the first workers came to the field she voluntarily offered to board them, and has since done many things which show the interest she takes in the welfare of her fellowmen.

Mrs. Wright often recalls incidents of the early days of this section, and is personally acquainted with the men and women who have made this part of the state what it is. Her friendship with Colonel Smith and his family, and the many pleasant years which she spent under his roof, as a loved member of that family, is especially dear to her, and so highly does she regard her home that all offers she has received for it from various oil companies, have

been turned down without consideration. She is, despite her more than six decades, unusually spry and energetic, and one of the most loved women of her community. She takes a real interest in those less fortunate than herself, and delights in a charity as simple and unostentatious as she herself is.

**M**RS. R. E. (PHENIE) SMITH of Humble, Texas, has been an active figure in the oil circles of this city and South Texas since 1912. Mrs. Smith is one of the first stockholders of the Humble Oil Company, now the Humble Oil and Refining Company, her first purchase in 1911 being ten shares to which she has gradually added at various times. She has made it a rule always to put her earnings back into the company, and in this manner has acquired a large block of stock. For the greater part of her original stock Mrs. Smith paid \$175 per share, which is worth many times this amount, and she is a rich woman in her own name. The fact that she has made a fortune from her investments with the Humble Oil and Refining Company, inspired others to purchase stock at higher prices, but which has proved to them also a great investment. In addition to her oil stock Mrs. Smith has proved herself to be a good business woman since she came to Humble with her husband more than twenty years ago. She is also a stockholder in the Humble State Bank.

Mrs. Smith was born near Atlanta, Georgia. Her parents removed to Texas more than thirty-five years ago, and settled first in Grayson County, but later removed to Milam County, where they were engaged in farming for more than thirty years. Her father, J. Watson, was a native of Georgia, and a member of a well known family of that state. Her mother, Mrs. Laura (Reynolds) Watson, was a native of Alabama and belonged to a prominent family of that state. Mrs. Smith's education was obtained in the public schools of Tennessee and Arkansas.

Mrs. Smith was married on January 28th, 1891, to Mr. R. E. Smith, a native of Robertson County, Texas. Mr. Smith has been active in the business life of Humble, Texas, since 1904, where he has been engaged in the hardware and grain business and interested in many other enterprises here. He recently entered the hardware business and owns the building in which the store is located. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have two children, Calvert Smith, who owns an oil filling station at Liberty, Texas, and is one of the leaders among the younger business men of that city. He was married to Miss Mattie Dickinson, a member of a pioneer South Texas family. The other child of Mr. and Mrs. Smith is Vivian, now the wife of Mr. C. H. King, one of the successful young business men of Humble, and a member of a well known family of the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Smith are members of the Baptist Church. Mrs. Smith, in addition to looking after her oil interests here, is active in civic matters of Humble and gives of her time and means to further any project for the betterment of this prosperous little city. She is enthusiastic in her praise of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, which she helped finance by her stock purchases in the early days. She has done much for the advancement of Humble and its people, and is regarded as one of its most progressive and public spirited citizens.





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**MISS AGNES F. KATTMANN**, of Houston, is one of the city's best known business women, where she is active president, treasurer and general manager of the A. F. Kattmann Tent and Awning Company. This company are the successors to Kattmann and Kneeland Tent Company, and was incorporated in 1900. They are manufacturers of canvas goods, which includes tents, awnings, wagon covers, tarpaulins, rice and hay covers, horse covers, jail hammocks, coin sacks, cots, flags, banners and badges. They make a specialty of mildew-proof goods for the coast country. The immense business which this firm does is built on the quality and service of their products. They sell in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas and other states. They carry a large and complete stock of about thirty thousand dollars in value at all times. The A. F. Kattmann Tent and Awning Company own the property where their factory is located, and consists of two buildings located on a lot one hundred and fifty feet by one hundred and twenty-five feet in size, and a space where power machines are operated, forty-eight by fifty feet in size. Twenty people are employed in the factory and five in the office and sales department. Other officers of the A. F. Kattmann Tent and Awning Company are R. F. Kattman, vice president, and E. S. Phelps, secretary. C. L. Kattmann, now deceased, was formerly president of the company and greatly assisted Miss Kattmann for many years.

Miss Kattmann was born in New Orleans. Her father, Dr. John Kattmann, was a well known physician in New Orleans, where he practiced his profession for many years and afterward in Houston, where he died in 1883. Her mother was Miss Katherine Rubb, a member of a well known Louisiana family. Miss Kattmann's education was obtained in the public and high schools of New Orleans.

Miss Kattmann has had a wide experience in the line in which she is now engaged. She was manager of the Repsdorph Tent and Awning Company for a number of years and during this period of experience decided that she would enter business for herself, which she started with a small amount of money, but with a great fund of valuable experience. She has had the management of this business since its establishment, and has made it the leading establishment of its kind in Houston; with much money invested and valuable property, all due to the efforts of Miss Kattmann, who is a thorough business woman, and who is known and esteemed throughout the city of Houston and South Texas.

**LORA H. NELSON** has for more than a decade been prominent in Houston as a Teacher of Piano, Harmony and Theory, and is recognized as one of the best instructors in the city. Mrs. Nelson has a large class and a waiting list, and many pupils come from nearby towns in order to obtain instructions from her. Her studio is located at 2912 La Branch Street. Mrs. Nelson is considered a very accomplished woman, and one that is able to instruct others, which accomplishment is not always given to the best educated people of the country.

Mrs. Nelson was born in Minnesota. Her early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Albert Lea, Minnesota, and she commenced the study of music at eight years of age. She later became a pupil of W. H. Sherwood in the

Sherwood School of Music, Chicago, where she remained for one year, and then for several years she studied under Miss Blanche Strong, of Minneapolis. She then went to Berlin, Germany, where she continued her studies for several years, and while there was a pupil of Arthur Schnabel, Marta Malatesta and other teachers of note.

Mrs. Nelson has done much public work, and her services in this line are in constant demand, but she has little time that she may devote to this work, desiring to give her time to her large class. She has a daughter, Olive, who graduated from the Houston High School in the class of 1923, and she is a very accomplished girl, and gives promise of being a wonderful musician. She is at present acting as assistant to her mother, and is preparing to become a concert organist. Mrs. Nelson is a member of the Christ Episcopal Church, and has played the pipe organ at this Church at the early service for the past seven years. She has seen tangible evidence of her success in the work accomplished by the many students who obtained their musical training under her able supervision. Mrs. Nelson has never advertised in newspapers, as her many pleased and accomplished pupils are the best advertisement that a teacher may have. She is popular, not alone in the music circles of Houston, but with all classes, where she is regarded as one of South Texas' most accomplished and successful teachers.

**LORITA BARNELL**, although a recent addition to the music circles of Houston, was well known to Houstonians before locating here in 1922, through the fact that for the past decade she had entertained Houston audiences as a violinist and is regarded as one of the best artists of this generation. She was at the head of the violin department of the Texas College of Music and Art. Lorita Barnell is regarded as a thorough and accomplished teacher as well as talented concert artist. She has been on several continental tours and has appeared in most of the leading cities of the United States and Canada, and is particularly popular in New York City where there is a constant demand for her talent. She has appeared in concert in Berlin, Paris, London, Brussels, Antwerp and many of the other large, music-loving cities of Europe. Lorita Barnell was soloist with the Johnesque Italian Band for two years, during which time she appeared in practically all of the larger cities of the United States and Canada.

Lorita Barnell was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1888. Her father, H. G. Elstro, was a well known building contractor of Cincinnati. Her mother was Miss Anna Harmon, a member of a well known Ohio family. Lorita Barnell has had unusual educational advantages. Her literary education was obtained in the public and high schools of Cincinnati. Before she had finished public school, she was well advanced in her study of music, and entered Notre Dame Academy, where she remained for five years, and then entered the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, where she continued her studies there for four years. She then went to Berlin, Germany, and became a student of the Royal Academy, where she remained for two years, and then to De Vohr at Paris, France.

Lorita Barnell resides in Park Place, Houston, and is exceedingly popular in the music circles of this city.



**A**NNE S. GIEZENDANNER, teacher of dancing and its related arts, has, since coming to Houston in 1910, built up one of the largest classes in Texas, and has established a reputation as a woman of great talent and many accomplishments. Mrs. Giezendanner conducts her classes in her home at 707 Hawthorne Street, and is the leading teacher in Houston and South Texas in the following: dramatic art, expression and the art of dancing, in every department.

Mrs. Giezendanner is opening the first outdoor school of physical education in the South. In fact, there are no such institutions in the country except at Los Angeles and around New York City. For a number of years, Mrs. Giezendanner has devoted much of her time to the physical education of the children of the De Pelchin Faith Home, and recently has given them such instruction out of doors, in the city parks and in her own outdoor studio. She has from two hundred and fifty to three hundred pupils annually and has three able assistants. Her pupils are not confined to Houston but come from many of the towns surrounding the city. Mrs. Giezendanner is regarded as a very thorough and competent teacher, and great care is given to small children at her studio, where she gives instructions in class and private lessons. She does much public work personally, and furnishes pupils for all occasions for public benefits without charge.

Mrs. Giezendanner was born at Greensburg, Indiana. Her father, Russell Sawyer, was a well known stone manufacturer of Indiana, and owned extensive stone quarries in that state. Her mother was Miss Eliza Thayer Stewart, a member of a prominent Indiana family. Mrs. Giezendanner has had unusual educational advantages, particularly in the arts which she teaches. Her early literary education was obtained at private schools in Indiana. She then graduated from the Teachers College at Indianapolis and in addition was granted a diploma certifying that she was equipped to instruct teachers of dancing. She was a student for four years at the New Orleans College of Oratory at New Orleans, and then entered the School of Natural Education in New York City and was a student there for one season. Mrs. Giezendanner has received instruction in dancing under the masters of this art. Among these instructors are Vernon Castle, Kurylo, Vestoff, Kosloff, Mary Perry King, Mrs. Hubble, Ruth St. Dennis, Ted Shawn, Moscogno, Kobeleff and many others.

Mrs. Giezendanner was married in Cincinnati, Ohio, to Charles J. Giezendanner, who is widely known as an expert accountant and auditor, and is now connected with the Texas Company at Houston. His father, William Giezendanner, is a well known manufacturer of crackers and confections in Indianapolis, Indiana. They have four children, Elizabeth Thayer, Stewart Sawyer, Margaret Hendricks and Charles J.

Mrs. Giezendanner occupies a beautiful home at 707 Hawthorne Street in Montrose, where she has a complete studio, modern in every detail, built for the purpose of dancing instruction. In addition to the lessons given in her home, Mrs. Giezendanner has daily classes down town, besides giving lessons at other places. She is a member of the Houston Music Council, the Houston Art League and the Houston

branch of the Theosophical Society, and is very active in these organizations. She is also active in all denominations of the different churches in Houston and gives her time and talent on all occasions, without regard or thought of the denomination. Mrs. Giezendanner is a great civic worker and does much for the upbuilding of art in the different branches which she teaches. She does much charity work and gives hundreds of lessons free to children who are not able to pay for same. Mrs. Giezendanner never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for Houston, which she believes will soon be at the forefront in every line, in addition to being the leading city of Texas in point of population.

**M**ARY WALDO is well known in the social and educational circles of Houston and of Texas, where prior to devoting her time to the Green Mask Players she, with her two sisters, successfully conducted a private school for girls in Houston for more than a decade. For the past year, Miss Waldo has taught French and dramatic art at Kinkaid School, a private school of Houston. Miss Waldo is one of the founders of the Green Mask Players, an organization of upward of three hundred active members in Houston, which is devoted to the writing, producing and acting of the drama, art and kindred subjects. This organization is financed and supported by the leading men and women of Houston. During their season, the Green Mask Players present three to five plays, which are financial successes and are well supported, and form one of the best entertainments for the citizens of Houston that can be found in the city.

A native Texan, Miss Waldo was born in Houston, October 11th, 1879. Her father, Jedediah Waldo, was one of the leading railroad builders and executives of the Lone Star State, having been one of the builders of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad and the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad, and vice president of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad. Her mother was Miss Mary Virginia Gentry, a member of a pioneer Texas family. Miss Waldo has had unusual educational advantages, having attended the Adelphi Academy in Brooklyn, New York, for a period of four years, after which she entered a private school in Cleveland, Ohio, and remained there for four years. She then went to Paris, France, and made a study of the French language for one year, and returned to Houston where, with her two sisters, Misses Lula and Virginia Waldo, she conducted a private school, Miss Waldo teaching English and French from 1904 to 1915. After the Green Mask Players was organized in Houston, she took the leading parts in acting for two years and for the past two years has been directing and producing in this organization, which has gained much public favor.

During the World War, Miss Waldo was active in various parts of the country, giving readings and various other entertainment features for the soldiers, and for the Red Cross, in which work she was also very active. She is a leader in the Little Theater movement in Houston and is an active worker in all civic and social organizations for the good of her city and its citizenship. Miss Waldo resides at 201 Westmoreland, where she has one of the most beautiful homes to be found in Houston, where she is very popular in the educational and social circles.





Anne S. Sigurdson







**ALBERT S. MAIER**, although a comparatively recent addition to the business fraternity of Houston, has been a factor in building up a profitable business. Mr. Maier is president of the Public Laundry, Inc., located at 1320 Congress Avenue, and was established and incorporated in 1921. The Public Laundry, Inc. is equipped with all modern machinery for the purpose of doing the best work, and is sanitary in every detail. It has a dry cleaning plant in connection, in which is installed all modern methods of dry cleaning. The Public Laundry, Inc. has a floor space of twelve thousand five hundred square feet and employs fifty people. Mr. Max Krost is vice president, secretary and treasurer, who, with Mr. Maier takes great pride in the work done by them and in the business, which has increased from the day the laundry was started.

A native Texan, Mr. Maier was born at Palestine in 1894. His father, S. Maier, a native of Strausberg, Germany, came to the United States when a mere boy and was a resident of Palestine for forty-five years. His mother was Miss Lucy Mayes, a native of the Lone Star State, where she was a member of a prominent family of Kyle. Mr. Maier's education was obtained in the public schools of Palestine and he later attended the Ohio State University, graduating from that institution in the class of 1917 with the A. B. degree. Immediately following his graduation, Mr. Maier returned to Palestine and became associated with the Palestine Salt and Coal Company, where he remained for one year. He then enlisted in the World War, and was assigned to the Headquarters Division at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth. He enlisted as a private and was discharged as a sergeant major in July, 1919. All of his period of army service was spent at Camp Bowie. After receiving his discharge, Mr. Maier returned to Palestine and entered the employ of the Guaranty State Bank, where he remained for one year. He then went again with the Palestine Salt and Coal Company, but remained only a short time, when he resigned his position in order to come to Houston and organize the Public Laundry Company, Inc.

In fraternal organizations, Mr. Maier is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in the Palestine Lodge. He is also a member of the B. P. O. E. Character, perseverance, foresight, efficiency, promptness and punctuality have been dominant factors in the success achieved by this young man, who is still in the morning of life.



**CLAYTON LEE** has for the past thirteen years been identified with the plumbing business of Houston and maintains the plumbing establishment bearing his name, at 706 East 20th Street. Mr. Lee came to Houston in 1910, and eight years later established his present business. He is engaged in general plumbing, has a well established business and confines his work mostly to Houston. Mr. Lee has a splendid location and employs five or six people at all times. He does plumbing in residences, stores and apartments, and during the ten years he has been in business in Houston, has built up a splendid reputation for good work, and is regarded as one of the most reliable men in his line of work.

Mr. Lee was born in Paris, Arkansas, in 1883. His father, A. P. Lee, was a land owner and farmer

of Arkansas, and has established a record by living on the same farm for the past fifty-five years. Mr. Lee's education was obtained in the public schools of Paris, Arkansas. He has been engaged in the plumbing business practically all of his business life. He began as a very young man, and worked in various cities and states, and came to Houston in 1910, and for eight years after coming here, he worked as a journeyman plumber, and then established his present business, which has grown steadily from the beginning, and due to Mr. Lee's experience and close attention to the details of the business, has been a success from a monetary standpoint, as well as that of the satisfaction of his many customers.

Mr. Lee was married at Wichita Falls, Texas, in 1910, to Miss Jessie Horry, a daughter of Dan Horry, well known hotel proprietor of Wichita Falls. They have two children—Anna Dorris, seven years of age, and Clayton Lee, Jr., aged two years. Mr. Lee is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Houston Lodge. He is optimistic as to the future of Houston, and considers that her opportunities to become the leading city of the Southwest are far greater than any other city.



**LEON DITTMAN** for a number of years has operated one of the most modern bakeries at Houston and is highly esteemed for his connection with the business life of the city. Mr. Dittman is the owner of Dittman's Bakery, which he established in 1910 as a small bakery, under the name of the Houston Baking Company. Under his management the plant met with rapid growth, and in August, 1924, was moved into a modern new building, designed especially for the bakery, and the name changed to Dittman's Bakery. The building, a brick and hollow tile structure, when completely equipped, represents an investment of around seventy-five thousand dollars, and is one of the most modern bakeries in the city with all facilities for turning out a high class product. Mr. Dittman specializes in bread, selling his product wholesale exclusively, and is turning out around fifteen thousand loaves daily, employing a force of twenty operatives. The plant, located in the eighteen hundred block on Washington Avenue, is a two-story building, fifty by two hundred feet.

Leon Dittman was born in Poland the twenty-fifth of September, 1892, the son of J. Dittman, a native of Poland, where he still lives. The elder Mr. Dittman, a wholesale baker for a lifetime, has recently retired, and is an octogenarian. Mrs. Dittman is also still living. Leon Dittman was educated in the schools of Poland, and as a boy spent a large part of his time in his father's bakery, learning the baker's trade there. When he was sixteen years of age he came to the United States, alone, coming direct to Houston. Here he began in a local bakery, two years later establishing his own small shop. At that time he did the entire work of the shop alone, adding to his equipment, plant and employees as his increasing trade demanded, and today is one of the leading bakers of Houston.

Mr. Dittman was married in Houston, 1919, to Miss Eva Wiener. They reside in Houston. Mr. Dittman belongs to a number of Jewish organizations and has many friends here who regard him as a business man of unusual attainment and a factor in the baking business.



**M**RS. LAURA SLAVENS WOOD, president of the Houston Branch of the Theosophical Society, national lecturer, teacher, organizer and leader, is probably the best known woman connected with the Theosophical Society in the state of Texas. Mrs. Wood has been a resident of Houston for eighteen years, and has been president of the Houston Branch of the Theosophical Society for ten years, during which time it has grown from a feeble beginning to a strong organization, removing antagonisms and stimulating the mental and spiritual life of the city. She has held many offices in other organizations, among them being the Christian Temperance Union, Humane Society and several women's clubs.

Mrs. Wood was born in Lexington, Kentucky, on May 24th, 1865. Her father, Rev. Duke Slavens, was a prominent Methodist minister of his time. Her mother was Miss Mary H. Taylor of Winchester, Kentucky, a descendant of General Zachary Taylor. Mrs. Wood's early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Carrollton, Illinois, where at the age of fifteen years she graduated from the high school and then taught for a number of years.

Mrs. Wood was married in Nebraska City, Nebraska, in 1889 to Edmund Stanford Wood, owner of the Logan Candy Company, of Houston, and well known in the business circles of South Texas. They have one son, Forest Edmund Wood, who is a graduate of the University of Texas, and was a major during the World War. Mr. and Mrs. Wood reside at 1245 Courtland Street. Mrs. Wood is one of the few women of the country who have cared to take up studies in college after their marriage, having entered the University of Texas in 1908 where she graduated in 1912 with the degree of B. A. and was granted the M. A. degree in 1913. She was elected a member of "Phi Beta Kappa," the membership of which is limited to those of extremely high scholarship. Mrs. Wood is a member of the Woman's Club of Houston and the College Woman's Club. She is a staunch member of the Methodist Church. During the World War, Mrs. Wood, as national war secretary of the Theosophical Society, was in charge of Theosophical work in all the army camps in the country, and in this way, through her efforts, many of the soldiers were made acquainted with the wonderful teachings of Theosophy.

Mrs. Wood is devoting her life to the cause of Theosophy and trying to acquaint the public with the vital necessity of an understanding of the great Theosophical truths and their bearing upon the ideals of the future.

The Theosophical Society is an unsectarian body of seekers after truth. Its main object is to form a nucleus of Universal Brotherhood and apply it along all lines that affect humanity, including religion, philosophy and science. It is composed of students of all races and religions whose bond of union is not a common belief, but a common search and aspiration for truth. They extend tolerance to all and see every religion as an expression of the Divine Wisdom and prefer its study to its condemnation, and its practice to proselytism. Theosophy restores to the world the Science of Spirit, teaching man to know the Spirit as himself, and the mind and body as his servants.

**M**ISS CARRIE V. BRADLEY came to Houston, Texas, in 1904 and the following year engaged in the insurance business in this city, first as a partner, but since 1908 has been alone and has met with unusual success. Miss Bradley is the owner and Manager of the C. V. Bradley and Company, Insurance, located at 1109-10 State National Bank Building, having moved from the Stewart Building, where she had her offices for sixteen years. She writes all kinds of insurance except life, and has built up an excellent business. Miss Bradley started her career in the insurance business, which was the beginning of her career in the business world, at Taylor, Texas, and is the third woman in the Lone Star State to engage in this field of activity, and was one of the first to take up commercial life. She is the second woman to engage in the insurance business in this city, and in point of service, is one of the oldest business women of Texas. Miss Bradley has today more years of activity in the insurance business than has any woman of this State. She has built up her business through hard work and fair dealing with the public and holds this business in the same manner, as she says insurance is one of the easiest businesses to lose that there is, and constant work and attention to her clients, with whom she is constantly in touch are the main reasons for her success in her chosen line of work. Miss Bradley is well posted in reference to insurance in the State as she has devoted her entire business life to the study of the different branches of insurance.

Miss Bradley was born at Fayette, Missouri. Her father, George W. Bradley, was a native of Virginia, but lived the greater part of his life in Kentucky and Missouri, and died in Missouri. Her mother, (now deceased), was Miss Dorothy P. Wisdom, a member of a prominent Kentucky family. Her education was obtained in her native State. She came to Texas in 1883 to make her home with a brother who was residing at Taylor, Texas, and soon after coming to the Lone Star State, she conceived the idea of entering the business world. She is today regarded as one of Texas' best business women, and her advice is frequently sought by women who desire to engage in business, and this advice is freely given, with the injunction that in business much labor is necessary, without which no woman or man can hope to succeed. Her life should indeed be an inspiration to the coming generation of business women, who if following in her footsteps can not fail. She is highly regarded by the business men of Houston and South Texas who know that she has always been a steadfast exponent of the highest standards of insurance business. She has for more than a score of years occupied a place of leadership in the business and civic life of Houston, on which she has indelibly impressed the seal of her usefulness and worth to the community.

**M**ARY LEE TRAMMELL, although one of the younger members in the educational circles of Houston, has since beginning to give instruction in her art here, built up a large class and established a splendid reputation among the people in the city of her nativity. Miss Trammell is a teacher of expression, and is one of the leading young teachers in Houston where she has about one hundred pupils and a large wait-



*Laura Slavens Wood*





*Claire J. Sinclair Calahan*

ing list. She has been teaching in the city for more than three years, and has three well appointed studios, a large acquaintance and her work is supported by the most prominent people of the city, where she is regarded as one of the best instructors in her line in South Texas.

A native Houstonian, Miss Trammell was born September 28th, 1900. Her father, Henry Lee Trammell is well known in the cotton and mercantile business in South Texas. Her mother was Miss Carolyn Leverton, a member of a prominent and pioneer Texas family. Her early education was obtained in the public high schools of Houston, after which she entered Baylor University at Waco and remained at this institution for two years. She then went to the Anna Morgan School of Chicago, and graduated from this Institution with a diploma. She then attended Columbia University for supplementary work in 1920. She then spent one season in New York City under the able tutorage of Henry Gaynes Hawn. Miss Trammell studied violin for one year in the Chicago Music College and one season in the Lyceum Arts Conservatory. She then returned to Houston and began teaching and has been unusually successful, and goes to the East and North each summer to study.

Miss Trammell resides at 204 Hawthorne. She is a member of the Baptist Church, and is an active worker in this church. Miss Trammell has a large family connection in Houston, which belongs to the pioneers of the Lone Star State. She has enjoyed unusual educational advantages, has a fine personality, and is altogether a very charming young woman, and her friends predict a wonderful future for her in her chosen field.

**C**LAIRE J. SINCLAIR CALAHAN, a resident of Houston for a quarter of a century has for the past ten years owned and operated the Sinclair Select Business School, and during this period has started many young men and women on the high road to success. Mrs. Calahan has seen tangible evidence of her success in the work accomplished by the many students who have obtained their business training in her school. In the Sinclair Select Business School, all branches are included in the curriculum for a thorough business course. Each department is under the direction of capable, expert instructors who are especially versed in the subject taught, and personal attention is given each pupil. The rooms are especially well lighted and ventilated and constructed throughout with a view of facilitating the work of teachers and pupils. The limit of the number of pupils is fifty and Mrs. Calahan has a large waiting list at all times. Thirty-two typewriters, including all makes, are in use in the school, which is located at 946 Arlington Street, Houston Heights, Houston, and has modern equipment throughout.

Mrs. Calahan was born at Meringo, Ohio on May 30th, 1886. Her father, Ezra L. Whitehead, was a resident of that part of Ohio for almost forty years where he was a land owner and farmer. Her mother was Miss Hattie Clark, a member of a prominent Ohio family. Her early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Meringo, Ohio, after which she came to Austin, Texas and entered the high school there, and later attended the University of Texas for a period of three years. She then went to Chicago where she was a student of the University

of Chicago for a period of four seasons, and obtained a teacher's certificate, and also a teacher's certificate from the Gregg University of Chicago. She returned to Texas and began teaching and has had experience in teaching in both public and private schools of the state, which she continued until she established the Sinclair Select Business School, which is considered one of the best schools of its kind in South Texas and has grown rapidly from the beginning, and has had a waiting list since its establishment by Mrs. Calahan.

Mrs. Calahan has been twice married. The first marriage was in Fort Smith, Arkansas, in 1904, to L. B. Sinclair, who was for many years a prominent merchant tailor, and who died in 1912. They had one son—L. Burton Sinclair, Jr., who is eighteen years of age, and gives promise of a wonderful business man. She was married the second time in 1920 to James Allen Calahan, who was for many years a well known cattle man of Texas, but who is now a member of the faculty of the Sinclair Select Business School. A branch under the same name is operated in Mexia, Texas, and is under the able management of Mrs. Pearl Terrell, and this school like the Sinclair school of Houston, is at all times filled to capacity. Mrs. Calahan is an exceptional teacher, in that she possesses the great art of imparting her knowledge to her pupils and is a wonderful disciplinarian, and has unusual influence over her pupils. In addition to her other accomplishments, Mrs. Calahan is a thorough business woman, and has succeeded in establishing and maintaining one of the best business schools in South Texas.



**M**RS. LAURA F. BROUSSARD has been associated with the floral business at Houston for the past decade, since 1920 operating one of the most distinctive flower shops in the city. The California Flower Shop, which Mrs. Broussard established in 1920, and which she has since operated, is attractive in every way, and she has given careful attention to each detail of this establishment. All the flowers sold in the California Flower Shop are grown by Mrs. Broussard, many of them in her beautiful gardens, and others in her greenhouses. She gives special attention to flowers grown in the open and has been exceptionally successful in this branch of horticulture. Her greenhouses are most complete, and while small, are used to grow all kinds of flowers under glass. Mrs. Broussard gives careful attention to supplying flowers for funerals and weddings and supplies decorations for all occasions. Flowers from the California Flower Shop are featured at many of Houston's social functions and her customers are drawn from the best trade in the city. The shop also has a complete line of hedges and shrubbery and an extensive trade in these two items. The greenhouses are located at 2523 Washington Avenue.

Mrs. Broussard was born at New Orleans, daughter of Judge John H. Ilsley, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court of Louisiana for many years, and Mrs. R. M. Cure Ilsley. Mrs. Broussard was educated in the public schools of New Orleans, graduating from the high school in that city, and also attending a convent there.

Mrs. Broussard was married at New Orleans, in 1900 to Joseph Broussard, well known cattle and stock man. They have four children, Leola, Antoinette, Mae and Joseph. The family make their home at 2523 Washington Avenue.





**MRS. JOHN WESLEY GRAHAM** is recognized as one of the leading music instructors in the South and has the largest music class of any teacher in the State. Mrs. Graham came to Houston in 1910 and established her first class in music, which has grown steadily, as has her reputation as a finished artist and instructor. She teaches piano and voice in her splendidly appointed studio in her home at 703 Dallas Avenue, where she has two assistants and a private secretary. In addition to her classes in voice and piano, Mrs. Graham is a Director in many of the leading music organization of Houston. Numbered among these organizations is the Imperial D. O. K. K. Glee Club, and is the only woman director in the United States; she is the Director of Community Music in Houston and is the Director of the choir of the First Methodist Church, which is the largest choir in Houston, numbering almost three hundred people. She is chairman of the Music Department of the Houston State Fair, rendering three daily musical programs, and is one of the two women in Houston on the Board for the Salvation Army. In her teaching, Mrs. Graham has seen tangible evidence of her success in the work accomplished by hundreds of students who obtained their musical education under her able guidance and supervision. She has turned out some very noted artists, one pupil is now with the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York City; another pupil is engaged at the La Scala Theater in Milan, Italy, and "The Conner Twins," former pupils of Mrs. Graham, are in the Follies in New York City. One of her pupils won the scholarship to the Sherwood School of Music, and he is now touring the United States with the Chicago Glee Club; this pupil was a contestant with one hundred others from various conservatories in the United States.

Mrs. Graham was born at Dahlgren, Illinois. Her father, S. N. Hallowell, was a well known merchant of Illinois. Her mother was Miss Elizabeth Brumbaugh, a member of a prominent Illinois family. Mrs. Graham has had unusual and exceptional educational advantages. Her literary and academic education was obtained in the public and high schools of Mount Vernon, Illinois, private schools of Saint Louis, Boscobel Seminary of Nashville, Tennessee, and Lebanon College for Young Ladies, from which she graduated and then took up her study of music in earnest in New York City, where for two years she studied under Buggi Pecia. She then went to Boston and studied for two years under Madam MacLure, following which she went to Paris, France, and studied for one year under Foresta. She then went to Milan, Italy, and was under Giordanna for one season; she then went to Nice, France, where she was for one season a pupil of Jean De Reski. Mrs. Graham then went to South America, for the study of Spanish music, and while there was a pupil of many noted artists. Following this, she went to Berlin, and then to New York again, where she studied under Stark, and had lessons in the Radio System of teaching voice.

Mrs. Graham was married in Illinois in 1909 to John Wesley Graham, President of the Graham Hat Company of Houston, the only wholesale hat company in the city, and the largest establishment of the kind in Texas. The Graham home is at 703 Dallas Avenue and is one of the most attractive in the city.

Mrs. Graham is a member of the Music Teachers Association of Texas and is a loyal member of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Graham has traveled extensively, and goes abroad each year. Last year she went to South America and during the coming summer she is going to China and Japan. She has a wonderful collection of diamonds, which have been collected from all portions of the world, among this collection are four stones which weigh more than twenty carats. Mrs. Graham is not only very popular in the music circles of Houston, but with all classes, and is held in the highest regard by all who are fortunate in knowing her, and is known as a woman with unusual talent and accomplishments, and a valuable addition to the music circles of the Lone Star State.



**ELLISON VAN HOOSE**, 3617 Main Street, has been a resident of the city of Houston since 1915. During this period he has devoted his time and attention to the teaching of voice and his studio has been the training place for some of the South's best singers.

A noted musician and singer himself, Mr. Van Hoose has an international reputation and is in such demand as a teacher that he has frequently found it necessary to restrict his classes in order to give to his pupils the personal attention he feels is necessary for their proper training. The possessor of a beautiful, remarkably cultivated voice, he is in equal demand for concert and solo work and is always booked many months in advance. His voice is lyric-dramatic and of never failing sweetness and power. He is unquestionably the greatest and best known figure in the musical circles of the South.

Mr. Van Hoose is a native of Tennessee and was born at Murfreesboro in 1869, a son of Azor and Missouri Frances (Daniel) Van Hoose. He obtained his literary education in the public and high schools of Gainesville, Georgia, and his early musical training under his mother, who was a well known piano teacher. After completing high school he attended Howard College at Marion, Alabama, and then took up engineering work, continuing in this line of effort until he was twenty-six years of age. At that time he determined to realize a life time ambition to become a singer and went to New York, where he studied earnestly under Perry Avrill and Isadore Luckston. He went to Europe and continued his studies in Rome with Antonio Cortoni, in Paris under Fidele Koenig and Jean de Reska, and in London under Sir Henry Wood. He appeared with the Queens Hall Orchestra at London but before that time had sung the title roles in Tannhauser with the Damrosch-Ellis Opera Company.

He soon became famous as an opera singer and appeared in grand opera in England, Norway, Germany, Denmark, Sweden and Italy. In 1911 he was made a member of the Legion of Honor for his work in benefit performances for the flood sufferers of Paris.

Queen Victoria summoned him to Windsor Castle on three separate occasions to sing privately and he is the possessor of a beautiful ring tendered him by her in recognition of his work as a musician. He also was presented a ring by the present Dowager Queen of Italy, Marguerite, mother of the present King of Italy.

After returning to America, Mr. Van Hoose appeared for three years in important roles with the



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Metropolitan Opera Company and was also with the Chicago Opera Company the same length of time. He sang for four years with the famous Melba and for two years with Madame Sembrich. He is widely known as a Victor artist and a number of his Red Seal records have had a phenomenal sale.

During his residence in London Mr. Van Hoose was married at Westminster Abbey to Miss Marie Pearce, deceased since 1916. Besides his studio home at 3617 Main Street, Mr. Van Hoose has a lovely summer home on the sea shore where he spends the heated term each year.

Mr. Van Hoose has sung before nearly all the leading clubs of the United States and is a member of the Kiwanis Club of Houston and is director of the Kiwanis Glee Club. He is a member of and director of the music for the First Presbyterian Church of Houston and is director of the Mendelssohn Club at Beaumont.

Intensely interested in development of the musical life of Houston and of the South, Mr. Van Hoose is ever ready to lend his aid to any worthy musical movement. He is absolutely unselfish with both his time and talents and has done much to bring the city of Houston to its present high standing in the musical world.



**MARY ELIZABETH LE CAND**, an established teacher of dancing in Houston, devotes her talents to the training of a large class in the terpsichorean art. Miss Le Cand is a conscientious, as well as highly talented artist, and her work as a teacher, has met with marked success. Her pupils respond to her talent and enthusiasm. The course of study comprises ballet and classic dancing, instruction in bar work, technique and plastique movements, Greek Interpretive, nature dancing, national and folk character, toe, tap and stage dancing, modern ballroom and baby work, giving special attention to physical education and physical expression. Miss Le Cand is thoroughly equipped for her work, as she received her training under the best known dancers in the country. Her work is colorful and finished and shows a rare grace and talent which has many times delighted large audiences. Miss Le Cand is a distinct asset to artist circles in Houston, which is fortunate in having so talented an artist, and so thorough a teacher.

Mary Elizabeth Le Cand is a native of the Lone Star State, her birthplace being the City of Galveston. Her father, Frederick Eugene Le Cand, was born in Natchez, Mississippi. For many years he was a resident of the State of Texas, engaged in the cotton business, spending the latter part of his life in Galveston where he died in 1905. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, and a factor in the commercial and civic activities of the city. In 1896 he married Miss Sue Menard, a descendant of two prominent Galveston families, being a grand-niece of Michel B. Menard, the founder of Galveston, and a grand daughter of Gen. Sidney Sherman of San Jacinto fame. Miss Le Cand was educated in the cities of Galveston and Houston, after which she decided upon a career of dancing as a profession. She is a graduate of the Vestoff-Serova school in New York City, and has also studied under Fokine, Moscagno and Ned Wayburn of New York, and also teaches the methods of Ruth St. Denis and Chalif. Miss Le Cand is a member of the Houston Music Council and

the Woman's Advertising Association. She is interested in both social and civic activities and takes an active part in many public entertainments, her dancing being a feature on various occasions. Her work as a dancing teacher has been given much enthusiastic approval and she is recognized as one of the leaders in the terpsichorean art in Houston.



**U T. HUFFMASTER**, well known musician and teacher of voice, piano and pipe organ, has been closely connected with the musical life of Houston for the past fifteen years, having come to this city and established his studio in 1908. He has a lovely studio-home at 709 Marshall Street, where he conducts classes of select pupils in piano and voice. Numbers of prominent musicians of Southern Texas have been trained under his direction.

Mr. Huffmaster is a native of Texas and was born in Galveston in 1880, a son of James Taylor and Allen Augusta (Hapgood) Huffmaster. The elder Huffmaster was engaged in the banking business in Galveston for nearly fifty years.

After attending the public and high schools of Galveston Mr. Huffmaster entered the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston, where he studied for two years. He then had three years study in the Faelten Piano Forte School and after that was a member of the faculty there for seven years. He studied voice under William W. Whitney for four years and had pipe organ training under the noted George E. Whiting of Boston for five years.

Oratorio and operatic studies were with Emil Mollenhauer for two years and George Henschel for one year. Mr. Huffmaster was organist at Saint James Episcopal Church in Boston for five years and served the church of Saint John in that city in the same capacity for six years. As a concert singer and organist he was in great demand in Boston and throughout the East, where he made many public appearances before large and enthusiastic audiences.

In 1916 Mr. Huffmaster was married at Galveston to Miss Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Thompson. Mr. Thompson is representative of the telegraph company at the Cotton Exchange at Galveston.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffmaster have two lovely daughters, Drusilla Virginia, six, and Ellen Catherine, three.

For two years Mr. Huffmaster was organist and choir director at Saint Paul's Methodist Church at Houston, and is also conductor of the Woman's Choral Club, now in its thirteenth year. For seven years he conducted the Houston Quartette Society and is a past Director of the Houston Festival Association and had 250 voices appearing in conjunction with the New York Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Walter Damrosch, Conductor. For the past thirteen years he has been Organist and Choir Master at Trinity Episcopal Church in Galveston and conducted the Young Women's Christian Association Glee Club there for eight years. For five years he was Director of the Galveston Quartette Society and still gives special teaching lessons in the Island City.

Mr. Huffmaster is a real artist, a charming and cultured gentleman, affable and of pleasing personality and has contributed in no small degree to the development of the musical and cultural life of Houston and Galveston. He is a member of the Rotary Club and of Trinity Episcopal Church.



**M**RS. C. A. BUJAC (Emma J.) was one of the leading Pianists and Piano Teachers in Houston, Texas, where she had lived since 1873, during which period, by her conscientious efforts, she won the respect and esteem of her many pupils and friends. She was also favorably known as a composer. One of her compositions, "Merci," (Thank You), dedicated to Mrs. C. Lombardi of Houston, Texas, has been played by John Philip Sousa at Houston and at Atlanta, Georgia, as well as by the "Fourth Mexican Cavalry Band" at Houston. On these and other occasions when it has been rendered, it has met with an enthusiastic reception. "Les Avants Coureurs" (The Drummers), dedicated to Mr. C. A. Bujac, and the "Commercial Travelling Fraternity," is another of her compositions which has been well received.

Mrs. Bujac received her early education, both general and along musical lines, in New Orleans, Louisiana, her native city. Later she studied piano under Dr. William Mason, Miss K. C. Linn, Messrs. Ernest Hutcheson and Conradi, and theory and harmony under Messrs. Edgar Robbins and Howard Thatcher. Mason's Technique, Hutcheson's Technique and the Progressive Series were used in her piano teaching.

Her scrapbook, covering the years she was before the public, contains a most interesting collection of programs, press notices and the like, giving evidence of much earnest work in public musical affairs. Particularly noticeable was the attention she had given to piano ensemble work. She was a popular organist, and had served terms as organist for the First Presbyterian Church and the Shearn Methodist Church.

Mrs. Bujac was the daughter of Peter Lott and Emilia Catherine Preusch Lott, and a descendant of Peter Lott, who came from New Netherlands in 1653, of Capt. Cornelius Lott, who served in the Revolutionary War, and Col. John Cannon of Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bujac were married in 1875, to whom were given two children, Mathieu Jules Bujac, and Emilia Celeste Bujac, now the wife of Jesse Andrews, a member of the law firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood, with offices in Houston and in Kansas City, Missouri.

With the passing of Mrs. Emma J. Bujac on Saturday, June 14th, 1924, not only the musical circles of Houston, but the entire community lost a valued and beloved member. Mrs. Bujac was loved by hundreds of friends here and it was always said of her that she was ever loyal toward those whom she counted among her long list of friends and acquaintances. Her lovable disposition, cultured musicianship and fine generosity will long be remembered by all who knew her.

**M**RS. GUSTAV STOLZ, one of the most capable of Houston's business women, has achieved a foremost place in the industrial world of her city, and has won distinction in the manufacturing field. Mrs. Stolz owns and operates the Houston Monument Company, a company established in 1922, and which has since built up a large and profitable business in Houston. She is one of the few women operators of such an industry in the state, and displays a real executive capacity and ability to conduct her business along successful lines. Mrs. Stolz owns the property on

which the plant is located, at 2702 Washington Avenue, and is making plans for a new building, affording larger space and better facilities, to replace the old building, which the business is rapidly outgrowing. She employs eight operatives, engaging in monumental work principally, but also does some building construction. Most of the work done by the plant is in marble and granite, and many very superior pieces of work have been turned out under the supervision of Mrs. Stolz. She is thoroughly conversant with every phase of her business, takes a keen delight in her work, and the future promises her a continued prosperity. She is owner and manager of the business, and her daughter, Miss Elsie Stolz, is treasurer.

Mrs. Stolz was born in Germany, and, after receiving her education in that country, came to America, at the age of fifteen years. She was married at Victoria, Texas, in 1884, to Gustav Stolz, whose death occurred in Victoria, in 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Stolz had a family of five children, Charles W. Stolz, Mrs. L. C. Brady, Mrs. P. W. Seffell, Gustav Stolz, Jr., and Miss Elsie Stolz, who is treasurer of the Houston Monument Company.

Mr. Stolz first began in the monument business more than four decades ago, at Victoria, in a plant he had been forced to take over in settlement of a debt. He built up a successful business, and at the time of his death, in 1916, Mrs. Stolz, who had always been interested in the work, decided to operate the business herself. She gave the undertaking the enthusiasm and attention that has marked her career in the business world, and not only ran the plant, but did a constantly increasing business. In 1922 she decided to remove to Houston, a city offering a greater opportunity for expansion and growth, and the plant in this city is the outgrowth of that decision. Since coming here she has had a most prosperous business, and the future looks especially promising. Her daughter, Miss Elsie, is her most able assistant, and, like her mother, displays a remarkable business talent.

**H**ORACE CLARK, musician, composer and teacher, is one of the pioneer musicians of the City of Houston and has been identified with the musical, social and civic life of this city for a number of years. Mr. Clark is a teacher of piano, harmony, theory and composition and his classes are among the largest and most select in the city.

Mr. Clark was born at Independence, Texas, and is a son of Rev. Horace and Martha (Davis) Clark. His father, a well known Baptist minister in the early days of Texas, was president of Baylor Female College for twenty-one years, serving this institution from 1851 until 1871. It was at this institution that Mr. Clark largely received his literary education, being the only boy permitted to attend the school.

After completing his literary studies, Mr. Clark began the study of music in Houston under Mrs. L. P. Grunewald. Later he went to Boston where he was a student at the New England Conservatory of Music for two years and was one of four honor students out of a class of 104. The conservatory offered to pay his expenses for an extended course of musical instruction under the best masters of Europe at the close of studies there, but he decided to remain with the conservatory and become one of its teachers. He returned to Texas and began teaching



Emma L. Bufac.





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there and in 1902 went to Europe where he studied successively under Varetta Stepanoff and the Stern Conservatory in Berlin and the famous Lovengard. Returning to America he was a student of A. K. Virgil in New York for one season and for a similar period under Alvin Cady of Chicago. He also studied in Vermont under Wm. H. Sherwood for a year and was a pupil of Dr. Eugene Thayer, a noted organist.

Mr. Clark is now devoting much of his time to the lecture platform and his lectures on music are in great demand in many of the cities of Texas. He also is selected as judge in many of the musical contests held by universities and colleges of Texas.

Apart from his work as a teacher, Mr. Clark is nationally known as an author and has to his credit many compositions that have attained wide popularity. He has won three medals for compositions, two in Texas and one in Philadelphia. Hynes, Haden and Eldridge, music publishers of New York City, selected Mr. Clark as one of two Texas composers to contribute to their course of music to be used in public education. The course comprises from four to eight years work and is declared by able musicians to be one of the most comprehensive works of its kind ever published.

Mr. Clark is very active in the State Music Teachers' Association of Texas, and is a member of the board of examiners for the standardization of teachers, a movement recently adopted and being carried out by the State Teachers' Association, in the cause of music education.

Mr. Clark maintains his studio at 809 Dennis Avenue which is recognized as one of the musical centers of Houston. A man of marked versatility and magnetic personality, Mr. Clark takes an active interest in the musical life of Houston and has been identified with many of the more important musical organizations and movements here.

RS. C. SHEPHERD, President of Mrs. C. Shepherd, Inc., exclusive ladies' ready-to-wear house of Houston, is well known in the business world at Houston as one of the most successful merchants, as well as successful business women here. Mrs. Shepherd began her business career at Palestine, establishing a ladies' ready-to-wear in her home there in 1916, and shortly afterward moving her business to Houston. Beginning with small capital, Mrs. Shepherd gradually expanded, and now her business ranks as one of the finest and most exclusive ladies' ready-to-wear shops in Houston, with the most modern fixtures, and an attractive shop, at 921 Main Street. The business was incorporated in 1921, with Mrs. Shepherd as President, Mrs. Thomas Irby, Vice President, and Eugene J. P. Shepherd, Secretary-Treasurer. Mrs. Shepherd draws her patronage from Houston's most discriminating women, and has one of the finest showings of women's garments in the city, including complete lines of all ladies' wearing apparel.

Mrs. Shepherd is a native Texan, her birthplace having been the city of Palestine, where she gained her first business experience. Her father, the late J. A. Roussel, a native of Louisiana, was a business man of Temple for many years. Mrs. Roussel, whose maiden name was Eugenia Pool, was a native of Marian, Alabama. Mrs. Shepherd attended the schools of Texas.

Mrs. Shepherd was married at Waco, Texas, the

twenty-third of October, 1901, to Mr. C. M. Shepherd, son of the late J. Gordon Shepherd and Angelina (Foster) Shepherd, both natives of Mobile, Alabama. Mrs. Shepherd resides at 1210 Colquitt Street, and has three children—Eugene James Pool Shepherd, Cora Foster Shepherd and George Mc-Niel Shepherd. Mrs. Shepherd belongs to the Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Altrusa Club and the Episcopal Church, and is a leader among business women of the city.



ALLIE R. PRITCHARD, one of the most discriminating artists and enthusiastic representatives of the terpsichorean art at Houston, has in the several years that she has engaged in the teaching of dancing, built up a large and successful school. Miss Pritchard teaches dancing in all departments, giving special attention to classic dancing, physical culture and physical expression. She has a class of around two hundred pupils, each of whom she makes a special problem, giving attention to his individual needs. Miss Pritchard enters into the spirit of her work as a dancing teacher and inspires her pupils to seek the highest skill. She has received the best professional advantages, and from childhood has displayed a marked talent in her chosen domain of art, her dancing showing a natural grace of interpretation, which is distinctive. In addition to her work as a teacher, Miss Pritchard is in demand for all public entertainments, and has shown herself very generous in contributing to various programs. Her dancing has been for a number of years a feature at Shrine entertainments, as well as on other occasions.

Hallie R. Pritchard was born the twenty-ninth of November, 1905, the daughter of Charles T. Pritchard and Byrona (McKeen) Pritchard. Her father came to Houston when she was a child of two years, and has since been in the rice brokerage business in this city. Mr. Pritchard is one of the veterans in this line, and one of the oldest rice men in the State. Her mother is a descendant of two of the oldest Texas families, the grand-daughter of Col. Henry F. Fisher and Col. A. C. McKeen, and Miss Pritchard is of the fifth generation of native Texans, and also a direct descendant of Thomas McKeen, one of the signers of the declaration of Independence of the United States. Miss Pritchard was educated in the Houston public schools, graduating from the High School here, after which she went to New York, where she studied dancing for two years under Miss Nellie Foglesang, of Long Island, later studying with Vestoff Sorova, of the Russian Ballet. Returning to her home she opened her studio, at 616 Elgin Street, to selected pupils, and, since 1924, has occupied a studio at the corner of Rusk and Louisiana, constructed especially for her use. Miss Pritchard makes her home with her parents at 3406 Travis Street, and attends the Episcopal Church, where she is a teacher in the Sunday School and an active worker in church affairs. She is an honor member of the Conopus Club. Miss Pritchard is always ready and willing to help in any entertainment, and on many occasions has given her aid in staging benefits and other events. As an artist, her work shows an earnestness, happily blended with a real talent, that delights her audiences, and she is one of the most admired dancers in the city.



**L**ILLIAN CULMORE, Teacher of Dramatic Art, Writer and Producer of Pageants, and Club woman, is recognized as one of the leading women of the State in all matters having to do with the education, progress and development of the citizenship of Texas. She has resided in Houston since she was six years of age, and has been teaching here for the past twelve years, and is considered the leading teacher in her line in South Texas. She is now establishing in Houston a school for Dramatic Art covering all branches of the work, and will have capable instructors at the head of each department, and plans to make this the leading school of its kind in the entire Southwest. Lillian Culmore has one of the finest homes in Houston, which will be devoted to the school, and she will maintain a theater and conduct dramas for the benefit of the pupils attending this school. Her pupils are not limited to Houston but many come from the surrounding towns in order to obtain instruction under the able guidance of this talented woman. She has produced seven big pageants in Houston. She wrote and produced the Pageant of Texas History, which had eight hundred people in the cast, and this colossal undertaking was a huge success. Numbering among the many pageants which she has produced are "The Torch Bearers," with eighteen hundred people in the cast; "Blue Crusaders," with six hundred people, and "New Era," with nine hundred people in the cast.

A native Texan, Lillian Culmore was born in San Antonio. Her father, H. P. Reed, a native of Louisiana, was a large land owner and planter of Bexar County. Her mother was Miss Rose Bullock, a member of a prominent Alabama family. Her early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston, after which she entered the Academy of Dramatic Art of New York City as a student under Franklin H. Sargent; and has studied under the famous dramatic teacher, Theodore Ursler Irvine. She then became a student of the University of Chicago in the Department of Oration. She then spent five years under the direction of Marie Ware Loughton, the Director and Manager of the Out Door Players of Boston, after which she attended the Egan Dramatic School at Los Angeles. Beginning in April of 1923 she has been associated with the School of the Theater of New York City.

Lillian Culmore was married in Houston to Mr. March Culmore, capitalist and Vice President of the State National Bank. Mr. Culmore is a member of one of Houston's pioneer families, his father, Charles Culmore, was for many years one of the leading attorneys of Houston. Her home is situated at 401 Pierce Avenue, and is one of the most palatial in the city. Lillian Culmore is a member of the Woman's Club, the Ladies' Reading Club, the Girls' Musical Club, the Woman's Choral Club and the Houston Art League, in all of which she takes an active interest. She is a consistent and earnest worker of Trinity Episcopal Church. She has had many years of experience along the line of dramatic work and is considered one of the best in this section of the country, in fact she is recognized as a finished artist. She is truly a woman of exceptional talent, and has appeared in many of the larger cities of the country, where she has proved to be very popular with the lovers of dramatic art. She was Managing Director of "The Little Theater" in Houston during its active

existence and this organization made wonderful progress under her able guidance. She represented the Texas Federation of Woman's Club in a campaign for the good roads movement, which resulted in the Good Roads Bill being passed by the Texas Legislature. She has the distinction of being the only woman ever to attempt this work. In addition to her many talents, Lillian Culmore is a woman who has rare business ability, is a lover of home, is domestically inclined in every way, and is in fact a woman's woman.

**K**ATHERINE ALLEN LIVELY, teacher and composer of music, has a number of years been engaged in teaching piano, and in the composition of music. Mrs. Lively is one of the best known and most accomplished artists in her line in Houston, being an acknowledged and accepted composer. She made her musical debut in Chicago under Allen Spencer, and has appeared in concert with Nicklia Sokoloff, violinist, in all the largest cities of Texas, and with Bruno Steindel and Hans Letz, violinist, Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Mrs. Lively is a daughter of Captain W. A. Allen, pioneer minister and resident of North Texas; he named the town of Clarendon and founded the Methodist College at that place. He was captain in the Civil War. Her mother was, prior to her marriage, Miss Emma Bangs Carhart, a member of a prominent New York family, very musical and highly educated. Mrs. Lively inherited her mother's musical talent, and at the age of six years played the piano, and demonstrated to her teachers and others that she was a musician by nature. This, with her educational advantages has made of her an exceptional artist. Numbered among the masters with whom she has studied are Allen Spencer of the Chicago Conservatory of Music, Earnest Kroeger of St. Louis, Arne Oldberg of Chicago, Wagner Swayne in Paris, France, Josef Lhevinne, Ernesto Consolo in Europe and William McCoy. After returning from Europe, Katherine Allen Lively was for a period of two years musical editor of the Houston Chronicle and in the same position for the Houston Post for one year. During the period that Mrs. Lively was engaged strictly in teaching, she turned out some very accomplished pupils, both in Houston and the surrounding towns who came to this city in order to obtain her services as an instructor. She does much community work along musical lines, and has played for all the club and societies in Houston. For the past four years Mrs. Lively has given a large share of her time to composition, and has been recognized in New York as one of the coming American composers since 1923. Numbers now being used extensively are, "Within The Walls of China," "LaClavel," "Pekita," and her latest song, published this year "Texas," a patriotic song, published in Houston. Mrs. Lively is the first Texas woman to have a composition accepted for the Ampico. "Within The Walls of China," is now released over this instrument, and is also used in the finer moving picture theaters throughout America.

Katherine Allen Lively is popular, not only in the musical circles of Houston, but with all who have the pleasure of knowing her. She organized the Junior Music Study Club, and is an enthusiastic worker in this organization, and is an honor member of the Salesmanship Club.





Lillian Culmore





**D**R. JOHN L. DICKENS, one of the best known educators, not only of Texas but throughout the country, came to Houston in 1918 and established the Houston Bible Institute, of which he is president and owner, at 511 West Alabama Avenue. The Houston Bible Institute occupies a splendid two-story building of hollow interlocking tile and stucco, which was built for the purpose of this school and is fifty-four feet by sixty feet in size and is one of the most modern establishments in the country devoted to education. It is especially well lighted and ventilated throughout and constructed with a view of facilitating the work of both teachers and pupils. Dr. Dickens owns this building and the ground on which it was erected. This institute was established for the purpose of teaching the Bible, God's word and Christianity. Four teachers, who are especially well versed in Bible history, are employed and one hundred and twenty-five pupils are in attendance. The institute also has one of the largest and most complete libraries to be found in a college of its kind in the country. This is a growing institution and like all others, it takes time in which to acquaint the public with their object and purpose, and Dr. Dickens has succeeded in doing this.

Dr. Dickens was born in Gibson County, Tennessee. His father, Robert G. Dickens, was a farmer and large land owner of that state. His mother was Miss Mary M. Dickey, a member of a well known Tennessee family. Dr. Dickens' early education was obtained in the common schools of Gibson County and the high school at Newbern, Tennessee. He then entered Bethel College at McKenzie, Tennessee, where he remained for five years and graduated from that institution with the degree of B. A. He then became a student at the Lane Theological Seminary at Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained for two years and then entered Cumberland University, where he remained for one year and received the B. D. degree. Dr. Dickens at this time was elected as professor at Bethel College and was later made president of this well known institution and remained with this college for a period of nine years. He then came to Texas as president of the Trinity University, where he remained for one year, and then went to Weatherford, Texas, as president of the Young Ladies College at that place, where he remained for one year. Following this, Dr. Dickens returned to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where he remained for one year; also at Dyer, Tennessee, for two years and then in Kentucky and Mississippi, making a total of five years that he was away from Texas. In 1908, he returned to the Lone Star State and was pastor of a church in Galveston and South Houston for a period of ten years and then established the Houston Bible Institute. Dr. Dickens now has the degree of Ph. D. from Cumberland University of Lebanon, Tennessee, the M. A. degree from McKendric College of Lebanon, Illinois, the L. L. D. degree from Butler College at Indianapolis, Indiana, and degree of S. T. D. from the University of Harriman at Harriman, Tennessee.

Dr. Dickens has been twice married. His first marriage was in Gibson County, Tennessee, to Miss Mattie J. Tiner, who died in Quanah, Texas, in 1893. Dr. Dickens was married the second time in 1895 at Nesbitt, Mississippi, to Miss Mary E. Bridgeforth, a daughter of Oliver Bridgeforth, a prominent cot-

ton planter of Mississippi. Dr. Dickens has two children, J. Ernest Dickens, thirty-two years of age, and Mrs. J. H. Shively. Dr. Dickens is a member of the A. F. & A. M., being a Master Mason of that order. He is a staunch and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Dickens has great faith in the future of Houston and believes that it will soon become the leading city of the Southwest.

**R**OY G. WATSON, former president and publisher of the Houston Post, needs no introduction to the people of Texas, where for a period of eight years he conducted one of the leading metropolitan dailies of the Lone Star State, and during which period of time he was a potent factor in every important issue, political, civic and commercial, which had a bearing upon the development and progress of the South Texas metropolis, which was the city of his birth, and in which he had spent the greater part of his life. A chronicle of the achievements of men of Houston who are deserving of creditable mention in the annals of Houston history would be incomplete without a brief resume of the part which he and his father, J. L. Watson, played in this rapidly growing metropolis. The Houston Post has long been an important institution in the development of this city and has been under the control of the Watson family for over two score years. The Post was first established by J. L. Watson, Professor T. J. Girardeau and Dr. Young in 1885. The two former gentlemen, prior to that time had been proprietors of an afternoon paper known as the Herald, while Dr. Young was the owner of the Chronicle. The two newspapers were consolidated under the name of the Houston Post. This newspaper had its periods of financial tribulations, but due to the efficient management of J. L. Watson, was piloted through to a successful position which it always maintained as Houston's leading morning newspaper.

A native Texan, Roy G. Watson was born in Houston December 27th, 1890. His father, J. L. Watson, who was a newspaper man, came to this city from Kentucky in 1875. His mother, nee Nettie May Phillips, was a member of a well known Louisiana family. Mr. Watson received his elementary education in the schools of Lawrenceville, New Jersey, later attending Princeton University, graduating with the degree of Litt. B. in the class of 1914. He then returned to Houston, becoming associated with the Houston Publishing Company, Inc. He was made treasurer of this company in 1914 and in 1916 became president of the company, which was the publishers of the Houston Post. Mr. Watson, on taking charge of this daily inaugurated many new and progressive ideas. He had ideas and ideals of his own and fearlessly championed any cause which he considered right, irrespective of the consequences. He successfully piloted the Post through a period of political discord and built up a reputation of being one of the cleanest dailies in the country. Mr. Watson sold the controlling interest in the Post in July, 1924 and retired from active newspaper work. He spent a year traveling abroad, combining a pleasure seeking trip with the study of the economic conditions throughout the European countries. He has built a new home in Asheville, North Carolina, where he expects to reside a portion of his time, but still maintains his business interests in Houston.





**MRS. ROBERT L. COX** came to Houston in 1904 and since that time has been active in the music circles of the city, where she was one of the leading teachers of voice, but she is now devoting her entire time to the Treble Clef Club, of which organization she is Musical Director and Director General. The Treble Clef Club was started in 1892 and has about two hundred members. This club has brought to Houston more of the leading artists to appear in public concert than any other organization in the city. Mrs. Cox has been one of the leading teachers in Houston, but has practically retired from teaching and devotes all of her time to the management of the Treble Clef Club, the success of which is largely due to her untiring efforts in enlisting the co-operation of her associates. She became associated with this club twelve years ago and it has, under her able guidance and supervision, become one of the leading musical organizations in the South. In devoting her entire time, efforts and accomplishments to the club, she is doing so without remuneration, but for the good of the club. Mrs. Cox has brought to Houston personally many of the most noted artists of the present day; among this number are Paderewski, John McCormack, Louis Graveure and Erika Marini. The artists that have been brought to Houston for the Treble Clef Club, under the personal supervision of Mrs. Cox are numbered: Schumann-Heink, Nordica, Davis Bispham, Galli Curci, Alma Gluck, Albert Spaulding, Ignaz Friedman, Arthur Middleton, Pasquala Matzenauer, Frances Alda, Mary Garden, Florence Hinkle, Heifitz, Fritz Kreisler, Louis Graveure, Mischa Elman, Paul Alt-house, Frank LaForge, Cyrena Van Gordon, Salvi (the world's greatest harpist), Florence Macbeth and many others. Mrs. Cox is the originator of the Morning Musicales at the Rice Hotel, which were first given under her personal supervision, and have proven to be extremely popular and entertaining.

A native Texan, Mrs. Cox was born at Corsicana. Her father, John Anderson, was at one time one of the cattle kings of Texas, and was widely known, not only in Texas, but in other states as well. Her mother was Miss Linnie Dixon, a member of a well known Texas family, a descendant of Dr. William Dixon, who built the third home in Corsicana and who was the first person to be buried in the cemetery at that place. Mrs. Cox has had an exceptional and unusual education, which began in the public and high schools of Corsicana and later was a student of the Athenaeum School for Girls at Columbia, Tennessee, where she completed her literary and academic courses. She then entered the College of Music at Cincinnati, where she remained for a number of years, studying voice under Lino Mattioli and conducting, in which she has been highly successful, under Frank Van Der Stucken and Tecla Vigna. She then went to London, England, and studied for one season under George Henschel. Following her studies under Henschel, she studied for one season under Ira Aldrich, who is a cousin of the famous Jennie Lind, and one of the foremost instructors in the world. She then spent one season as a pupil of Oscar Seagle and went to Paris, France, where she was for two seasons under Lloyd D'Aubigne, and returned to Chicago, where she spent one season as a pupil of David Bispham.

Mrs. Cox was married in Houston in 1905 to Dr.

Robert L. Cox, who is one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Houston. They have one child, Lavoy Cox. The Cox home is at 1116 Jefferson Avenue, where Mrs. Cox has one of the most attractive studios in the State. Mrs. Cox has always been popular in the music circles of Houston and it is a loss to the music-loving people of the city and the citizenship in general, that Mrs. Cox has retired from active teaching, as she was regarded as one of the best instructors in South Texas, and many of the best musicians of the city obtained their musical education under her able guidance and supervision. One of her pupils is now teaching in New York City, with a studio in the Metropolitan Opera House Building.



**MISS ANN FRANCES SPROULE.** Miss Ann Frances Sproule has for the twelve years past been a resident of Beaumont, Texas, where she is the head of the Sproule School of Dancing, one of the largest and most efficient of its kind in South Texas, and the only one in the city. The studio is at Harmony Hall, Fannin Street, between Orleans and Park.

Miss Sproule is ably assisted by her sister, Judith Trueheart Sproule, who has had the advantages of study under the same famous instructors and is also regarded as a most accomplished artist.

The Misses Sproule go east, each year, and have taught in the Normal School of the American National Society of Dancing Masters and at their conventions, held in Los Angeles, California (1923), Chicago, Illinois (1924), and in Cleveland, Ohio (1925).

The pupils of the Sproule School of Dancing range in age from three and one-half years on up to adults. The attendance is not confined to residents of Beaumont, for many pupils come from other cities and towns, to obtain instruction, under the able tutelage of the Misses Sproule.

Classes in Greek interpretative, classical ballet, acrobatic, American tap, musical comedy and modern ball room dancing are conducted daily.

A native Texan, Miss Sproule was born at Galveston. Her mother, Frances Garland Trueheart, was a member of a pioneer Texas family, one of the most prominent in the state. Her father, Henry Fletcher Sproule, was a native of Liverpool, England, who later became a well known cotton broker of the Island City. Miss Sproule's academic education was obtained in the public and high schools of Galveston and later she studied in England, Germany and France.

Miss Sproule is a member of the American National Association of Dancing Masters and is the state supervisor for this organization.

Among the masters of the art of dancing, under whom the Misses Sproule have studied, are Stefano Mascagno, Fokine, Chalif, Vestoff Serova, Oscar Duryea, Norma Gould of California, Ginner-Mawer and Espinosa, the last two of London.

The Misses Sproule are popular in social circles of Beaumont and throughout the state, where they have a host of friends. They are ardent workers in all civic activities and ever ready to donate their art to charity or for the progress and advancement of their city and state.





**WILLIAM LEWIS SACHTLEBEN** came to Houston in 1911, and since that time has become well-known and popular in the theatrical and advertising circles. At this time he is engaged in advertising pursuits, devoting most of his attention to the publicity of the Palace and Majestic Theaters of this city. For eleven years he occupied the position of manager of the Majestic Theater, now known as the Palace Theater. Here he gained invaluable experience, which is serving him in his present capacity. Being familiar with every department of the theater, he has become successful in his present field, realizing that the success or failure of a theatrical enterprise pretty much depends upon the advertising department.

Mr. Sachtleben was born in Alton, Illinois, on March 29th, 1866. His father, William Sachtleben, was engaged in the mercantile business for many years, but thirty years ago retired from active business pursuits, and died in California at the age of ninety years. His mother was Miss Amelia Ubert, a member of a prominent Illinois family. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Illinois, and later he became a student of Smith Academy of St. Louis, where he remained for three years. He then entered Washington University, where he remained for four years, and graduated from this institution in the class of 1890 with the degree of B. A. After finishing college, Mr. Sachtleben, with a classmate, Thomas G. Allen, started and finished a tour of the world on bicycles, and three years were required to make the trip. On this trip they visited every country in the world and all of the principal cities; many thrilling experiences were encountered on the trip, but nothing of a serious nature happened to these adventure-filled boys. This is on record as the only instance in which a feat of this kind has ever been accomplished. They were entertained by Kings, Noblemen, and people of note in every country. They have written several books on their travels; these books have been published and are sold all over the world. From 1897 to 1899, Mr. Sachtleben was in Alaska, and from 1900 to 1910 in Canada with the Osborne Company, in the advertising business.

Mr. Sachtleben was married in St. Louis in 1903 to Miss Mae Merriman, a member of a prominent Missouri family. Mr. and Mrs. Sachtleben reside at 4819 San Jacinto Street. Mr. Sachtleben is a member of the B. P. O. E. and takes an active interest in this organization. Mr. Sachtleben has made many friends in Houston and in South Texas, where he is recognized as a man of personality. In addition to his having traveled the wide world over, and having seen and experienced it all, Mr. Sachtleben is a linguist, speaking, reading and writing many languages.



**D. A. GREENBLATT** is well known in the theatrical circles of the country and has been engaged in the show business all his life, the greater part of this time as a manager. For about ten years he has been associated with the Saenger Amusement Company, managing various theatres for them. For several years he was the popular manager of the Isis Theatre in Houston. In Monroe, Louisiana, he is taking the same keen interest in giving the people the very best in the amusement line.

Mr. Greenblatt was born at Pine Bluff, Arkansas,

April 24th, 1879. His father, M. Greenblatt, was well known in the business circles of that city. His mother was Miss Carrie Winter, a member of a prominent Pine Bluff family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Shreveport, Louisiana. Soon after leaving school, Mr. Greenblatt entered the theatrical business and for ten years was connected with the Grand Opera House at Shreveport. He then went with Ehrlich Brothers and Coleman, and had ten theatres in Louisiana and Mississippi and managed a theatre at Monroe, Louisiana, for ten years. He was also with Innes Band and other road attractions through the South. In 1916, Mr. Greenblatt went with the Saenger Amusement Company, and in 1918 was sent to Houston as manager of the Isis Theatre, where he made many friends and where he is highly regarded.

Mr. Greenblatt is a member of the B. P. O. E., and takes an active interest in civic affairs.



**CLIFFORD E. DRESCHER**, musician and teacher and owner of the Drescher Studio of Music at 1416 Alabama Avenue, while one of the youngest of Houston's prominent musicians, has established a wide reputation as a teacher and director since coming to this city in August, 1919. Mr. Drescher is a teacher of the saxophone, flute, violin and banjo and has over one hundred pupils studying these various instruments. He also has a large orchestra which is available for special occasions.

Mr. Drescher was born at Spencer, Indiana, in 1889 and is a son of Francis E. and Stella (Martin) Drescher. His father has been engaged in business at Spencer for a number of years, controlling a large furniture and undertaking establishment there.

After receiving his literary education in the public schools and the high school at Spencer, Mr. Drescher entered the Metropolitan School of Music at Indianapolis, Indiana, where he studied for three years. He studied the flute under P. L. Montani and the violin under Walter Coffey and Albert Chevrot, the latter a first prize graduate of the Conservatory of Music at Paris, France.

Enlisting in the United States army in June, 1918, in the air service, Mr. Drescher was assigned for training at Camp Dick, Dallas, and shortly after was transferred to the band, becoming a member of the famous Camp Dick musical organization which attained wide prominence during the war. He was in service for nine months and received his discharge at Camp Dick in February, 1919. In August of that year he came to Houston where he has been actively engaged in teaching since.

Among the notable achievements of Mr. Drescher was the organization of the Houston Saxophone Club, an organization composed of over sixty members and constituting the largest saxophone club in the South. This is one of the best musical organizations in the city and under the directorship of Mr. Drescher has achieved a wide reputation and met with wonderful receptions on every public appearance.

Mr. Drescher is intensely interested in development of the musical life of Houston and is ever ready to lend his aid to any movement in this direction. He is unmarried and is very popular in musical and social circles of the city. He is a member of the Musician's Union.





**K. C. BARKLEY** was born in Hill County, Texas, his birthplace being the little town of Itasca, and his birthday being September 27th, that was in the year 1880. When he was a small child his family removed to Cherokee, in San Saba County, Texas, where he received the rudiments of an academic education at the West Texas Normal and Business College, of which F. M. Behrns was the head.

With this equipment young Barkley began to make his own way, and he has been doing that ever since. When 16 years of age he began teaching school, alternating his employment in the summer months with the occupation of cowboy. He continued to double time, teaching in the winters and working on the ranches in the summers, until he reached the age of 22. All during these years he saved his earnings, he saved them because he had an objective. That objective was a law degree from a university. His opportunity came in 1902, when he entered the University of Texas, graduating from the law department in June, 1904.

In the early part of 1905 he moved to Houston, and is now one of the most prominent members of the bar of that city. While he is now but 43 years of age, he has taken high rank in his profession. Among the many large and important cases in which he has participated with distinction may be mentioned the Red River boundary litigation between the States of Oklahoma and Texas, which went to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Probably no member of the Houston bar has had a more varied legal experience than Mr. Barkley. He is a tireless worker, which, added to a naturally keen intellect, has made his opinions regarding complicated legal questions much sought after, his rugged honesty has added to the respect that is paid to them by the other members of his profession. In a large measure his success has been due to the fact that he always appreciated the value of work, and no man has received more handsome dividends from this same hard work than has Mr. Barkley. But work, like most taskmasters that are able to pay rewards, never pays a dividend until a dividend is due. By this rule it may be safely said that the dividends of hard work are now due to K. C. Barkley, because he is receiving today dividends in the shape of a splendid law practice, the respect of his fellow men, and the rewards of success. All this may be traced back to the determined work began when he was a 16-year-old boy, which effort has never decreased.

Twenty years ago the young law student came to Houston. With the passing of those twenty years has passed the youngster who was inexperienced, and his place has been taken by a man whose intellect has ripened until today he is able to successfully unravel the legal knots that tie themselves around the affairs of men.

His father's name is J. N. Barkley. He now lives in Denver, Colorado. His mother's maiden name was Laura McCorkle; she has been dead many years.

Mr. Barkley was married at Houston, in 1909, to Miss Nellie Bryant. They have three children—Ruth, Frances and Keitt, Junior. Mr. Barkley was a Sigma Nu Phi, at the University of Texas, is a member of the University Club and the Houston Club, and fraternally is a Mason, 32nd degree, Scot-

tish Rite, and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He is active in religious and educational life at Houston, and is a member of the Baptist Church.



**MRS. K. C. BARKLEY** is well known in the social and club circles of Houston and throughout the state, and is past president of the Treble Clef Club, one of the oldest and best known musical organizations in the city. The Treble Clef Club was organized in 1894, and has for its object the development, education and promotion of the Art of Music, and is supported, both morally and financially by the best people of Houston. Many of the great artists have been brought to Houston to appear in concert under the auspices of this club, and owing to the large seating capacity of the City Auditorium the prices of these concerts were much cheaper for the public, than in other cities. Mrs. Barkley was president of this club from 1922 to 1924, and during this period the club accomplished wonderful things, under the able guidance of its accomplished and hard-working president.

Mrs. Barkley was born in Tennessee, but has been a resident of Houston since her early girlhood. Her literary education was obtained in the public and high school of Houston. For many years she has studied music under able teachers, and is still a student of music. Mrs. Barkley is an accomplished vocalist, and according to the great artists, has a wonderful voice.

Mrs. Barkley was married in Houston to Keitt Carson Barkley, a prominent attorney of Houston. They have three children—Ruth, Frances Marion and Keitt Carson Barkley, Jr. She is a member of the Girls' Musical Club and of the Heights Woman's Clubs. Mrs. Barkley is a consistent member of the Christian Science Church and for many years has been a solo singer in this church. Mrs. Barkley has always been an active worker for the education and development of music in Houston, where she is very popular, not only in the music circles of the city, but with all who are fortunate enough to know her. She is active also in all matters having to do with the civic improvement of Houston, and gives liberally of her time and accomplishments to all public entertainments for the good of her city.



**WILLIAM H. HOGUE** is well known in the financial and manufacturing circles not only in Houston, where he is general manager of the Magnus Company, Inc., but in the entire state, and Louisiana, where for the past fifteen years he has had charge of this territory. The Magnus Company, Inc., are makers of railroad locomotive brass and bronze castings, car journal bearings, logging car bearings, and brass and bronze equipment of all kinds. The plant of the Magnus Company, Inc., located at 1415 Hardy Street, was established in Houston in 1908, although the headquarters of this company remained in Chicago and New York City. The Houston plant was small at first, but the business grew rapidly from the beginning, and they now have substantial buildings with sixteen thousand square feet of floor space and thirty thousand square feet of ground on which the buildings are located, making the Magnus Company, Inc. the largest plant of its kind in the South. In







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addition to their manufacturing department, they have a complete laboratory and testing department, and have in their plant between six thousand and seven thousand patterns. They have their own railroad switch trackage into their plant, and employ sixty-five people, many of whom are very high class artisans.

Mr. Hogue was born in Columbus, Indiana, in 1877. His parents, Frank O. Hogue and Louise Hogue, were well known citizens of Columbus, where his father was for many years engaged in the drug business. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Columbus, graduating from the latter in 1897. After leaving school, Mr. Hogue began his business career with the Vandalia Railroad, where he remained for five years. He then spent one year in the office of the assistant general superintendent of the Illinois Central Railroad, after which he went to St. Louis where he entered the employ of the Commonwealth Trust Company and remained with this company for two years. He then became associated with the Magnus Company, Inc. in their St. Louis office, and remained there for two years. In 1909 he came to Houston as general manager of the Magnus Company, Inc. plant here.

Mr. Hogue was married in Houston in June, 1914, to Florence Marion Kent. The Hogue residence is at 5511 Jackson Street. Mr. Hogue is a member of the York Rite body of the A. F. and A. M. and is a member of Arabia Temple. He is associated with the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, is past president of the Rotary Club, and holds membership in the Houston Club. Mr. Hogue is a staunch and consistent member of the Episcopal Church. He is prominent in all activities that are projected for the civic betterment, advancement and progress of Houston, which he believes is destined to be the leading city of the Southwest.



**JOHN H. ROACH**, a resident of Houston for a number of years, has been a factor in the insurance business here, his constructive policies building up one of the largest insurance agencies in the city. Mr. Roach is the owner of the insurance business conducted under the name of John H. Roach & Company, a business established in 1919, as Gantt, Roach and Means. In 1922 Mr. Roach bought out the interests of his associates, changing the name to John H. Roach & Company, and has since operated the business alone. Mr. Roach represents six established insurance companies, writing fire, casualty, surety, bonding, tornado, and other forms of insurance. His business is exclusively local, and he annually writes a large volume of business on the books of the companies he represents. Mr. Roach has his offices in the Mason building.

John H. Roach was born at Kahoka, Missouri, the second of October, 1885, the son of James H. and Hattie (Martin) Roach. The father, James H. Roach, a native of Illinois, engaged in the mercantile business at Kahoka for a number of years, later entering the real estate and insurance business, in which he was active until 1909, when he retired and moved to Houston. Mrs. Roach is a native of Kahoka. John H. Roach attended the public schools of Keokuk, Iowa, and, after leaving school, went with his father in the real estate and insurance business, receiving his early business training under him. Later

he engaged in the construction and engineering business for a year and a half. In 1908 he came to Texas, going to Matagorda County, where he was secretary to John E. Pierce, one of the biggest cattlemen of Texas. Later he went with the Blessing State Bank, of which Mr. Pierce is the largest stockholder. He was associated with Mr. Pierce until 1914, during these years handling insurance on the side. In 1914 Mr. Roach entered the insurance business in Matagorda County, giving his time exclusively to this work, and in 1916, went to New Orleans, where he spent one year with an insurance firm of that city. In 1917 he came to Houston, and was connected with various insurance firms here until 1919, when he went in business for himself.

Mr. Roach was married at Austin, Texas, the eighth of December, 1915, to Miss Maude S. Clark, a native of Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Roach reside in Houston, at 1407 Nebraska Avenue, and have five children, Hattie Maud, John H., Jr., Mary Stella, Charles Elmore and Leone Roach. Mr. Roach is a member of the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree, the Knights of Columbus Luncheon Club, and the Salesmanship Club.



**HERBERT BARTELL** has for more than a quarter of a century been identified with the business interests of Houston, where prior to the establishment of the Bartell Warehouse Company, Inc., he was for many years engaged in the real estate business in the city. Mr. Bartell is president and general manager of the Bartell Warehouse Company, Inc., and is engaged in moving and handling and storage of all kinds, but pays special attention to the moving and storage of household goods. They have four large trucks and five two-horse wagons in use in their work, and employ from twenty to thirty people at all times. Their commodious storage warehouse is located at Williams and Sterrett Streets. This business, located at 1105 Franklin Avenue, was established under the name of Scanlan and Bartell in 1897, and was incorporated and changed to the present name in 1917. Other officers of the Bartell Warehouse Company, Inc., are S. H. Green, vice-president, (inactive) and I. J. Howth, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Bartell was born in Denver, Colorado, August 21st, 1880. His father, A. H. Bartell, also a native of Colorado, came to Texas and to Houston in 1893 and resided here until his death. His mother was Miss Mary Branscomb, a native of Iowa. The public schools of Denver and Houston supplied the foundation for Mr. Bartell's education, and a course in a Houston business college provided him with his early business training.

Mr. Bartell began his business career in 1897 when seventeen years of age, in the real estate business with P. E. Scanlan, where he met with success and became well known as a practical real estate dealer. Later with Mr. Scanlan he engaged in the present business, and this partnership continued until 1915. The business was conducted independently for a period of two years, and then incorporated under the name of the Bartell Warehouse Company, Inc. Mr. Bartell has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Houston, and is interested in all agencies having to do with the progress and advancement of this city.



**L**EWIS R. BRYAN, senior member of the law firm of Bryan, Dyess and Colgin, of Houston, through his activities and success in the handling of noteworthy cases in the courts of the country, is one of the best known attorneys in Texas. Mr. Bryan was admitted to the bar in 1880 and immediately began the practice of his profession. The law firm of Bryan, Dyess and Colgin, located on the eighth floor of the Second National Bank Building, is engaged in a general civil practice and are considered among the leading law firms of the state. Mr. Bryan has been identified with many cases of interest and value to the profession.

A native Texan, Mr. Bryan was born in Brazoria County in 1858. His ancestors, both paternal and maternal, were among the very early settlers of the Lone Star State. His father, Moses Austin Bryan, came to Texas from Missouri in 1831. He was a nephew of Stephen F. Austin and was with General Sam Houston at San Jacinto and acted as interpreter for General Houston when the Mexican General Santa Anna was brought before him. His grandfather, Moses Austin, obtained permission from Mexico to colonize Texas with Anglo-Saxons in 1820. After his death, this work was carried on by Stephens F. Austin. His mother was Miss Cora Lewis. Her family came to Texas in 1831. Her father, Colonel Ira Randolph Lewis, was an attorney and was a member of the Consultation Committee in 1835. Mr. Lewis, with T. J. Chambers, was selected to endeavor to raise volunteers to come to the aid of Texas.

Mr. Bryan's education was obtained in private schools, and later he attended Baylor University, graduating from that institution in 1877 with the B. S. degree. Mr. Bryan studied law under the law firm of Shepard and Garrett at Brenham, also under General John Sayles and Judge James E. Shepard. After his admission to the bar in April, 1880, he immediately took his place with ambitious beginners and able, seasoned advocates who already had made their mark. Mr. Bryan selected the town of La Grange in which to begin the practice of his profession, where he remained for two years. He then returned to Brenham where he practiced law from 1882 to 1890. From 1890 to 1901 Mr. Bryan was engaged in his practice at Velasco and Angleton and in January of 1901 removed to Houston, where in addition to his profession he has been closely connected with the commercial interests of the city and is president of the Colonial Land and Loan Company.

Mr. Bryan was married in Brenham in 1891 to Miss Mattie Shepard, a native of Washington County and a member of a prominent pioneer Texas family. Her father, Chauncy B. Shepard, came to Texas in 1837. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan have three children, L. Randolph Bryan, Jr., who is assistant vice president of the Second National Bank; Mrs. Paul G. Bell, wife of Lieutenant Paul G. Bell, of the regular army, and Miss Cora Louise Bryan, at home with her parents. At the Diamond Jubilee of Austin College, Sherman, Texas, the degree of L. L. D. was bestowed upon Mr. Bryan by the trustees of that institution.

The Bryan home is located at 802 Dennis Avenue.

Mr. Bryan served as president of the State Bar Association in 1902-1903 and afterwards of the Har-

ris County Bar Association. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar Association and the Houston Bar Association.

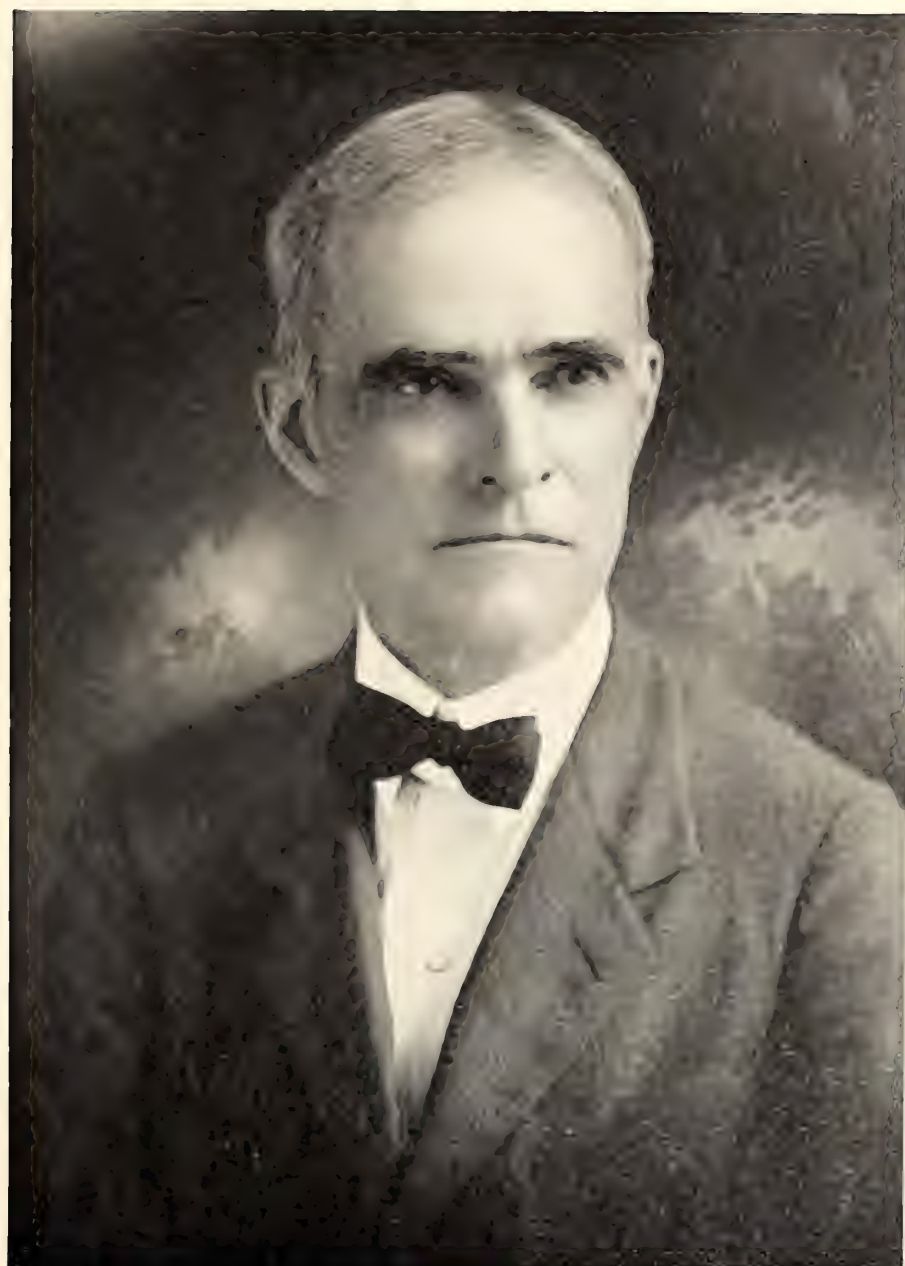
His belief is in the Episcopal faith. Mr. Bryan's mature experience, wise counsel, sterling qualities of character, and high ideals have ever been an inspiration to his friends. Genial, companionable, unselfish, kind, his life has been delicately interwoven into the fabric of the good fellowship of Houston, where he is loved and respected by the entire citizenship.



**D. DYESS**, Attorney at Law, a member of the well known firm of Bryan, Dyess & Colgin, is one of the younger members of the legal fraternity of Houston and in coming to this city in 1917 added an element of strength and purpose to the upbuilding of legal forces of the city. Mr. Dyess brought with him an experience gained as prosecuting attorney of Bell County and at once took his place among the men whose activities are advancing the city's importance. The firm of Bryan, Dyess & Colgin are attorneys for the Texas Gulf Sulphur Company, Empire Gas and Fuel Company, Finnegan Estate, Farmers Life Insurance Company and many of the leading citizens and commercial interests of Houston, and is regarded as one of the leading law firms of the city.

A native Texan, Mr. Dyess was born at Holland, Bell County, October 23rd, 1885. His father, J. B. Dyess, was a well known merchant of Holland, Texas, and Mr. Dyess' grandfather came to Louisiana after the Battle of New Orleans. His mother was Miss Lula Geneva Stone, a native of Mississippi. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Holland, Texas. He has the distinction of having entered Baylor University at the age of sixteen years, and graduated from that institution in the class of 1906 with the Ph. B. degree; he graduated from Yale in 1908 with the A. B. degree, and from the University of Texas in 1910 with the degree of L. L. B. During the same year of his graduation from the law department of the University of Texas, Mr. Dyess established his home and office in Temple, Bell County, Texas, and began the practice of his profession alone, and continued a general civil practice of law there until 1912, when he entered the office of prosecuting attorney and served in this office until 1916, when he again entered private practice. He continued his private practice at Temple for one year when he came to Houston, becoming associated with the present firm which at that time was called Hutcheson & Bryan. In 1918 the firm name became Hutcheson, Bryan & Dyess and remained so until June, 1922, when Captain Hutcheson retired, and the firm took its present name.

Mr. Dyess was married in Houston on October 17, 1912, to Miss Nellie Rucker, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of W. G. Rucker, prominent in the real estate circles of Houston. They have one son—A. D. Dyess, Jr. Mr. Dyess is connected with many of the commercial interests of the city and is a director in the Houston Building and Loan Association, and also of Doullot & Williams, Inc., contractors and engineers. Mr. Dyess holds membership in the State Bar Association, the County Bar Association, the Houston Country Club, the University Club, the Yale Alumni Association and several other organizations and fraternities.



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**FRANK H. HURLEY**, pioneer business man of Southeast Texas, and for around two decades a factor in the insurance business at Houston, has attained the highest esteem of his associates, and is regarded as one of the most experienced insurance men here. Mr. Hurley is a member of the insurance firm of Raphael Brothers, Inc., a firm established at Houston by the late Raphael Brothers, in 1886. Later, Mr. Hurley came with the firm, and after the death of Mr. Raphael, in 1916, Mr. DeWitt A. Jones also joined the firm. Offices are in the Woolworth Building, the firm of Raphael Brothers representing six large insurance companies at Houston. This covers all forms of insurance, including life. The business handled is largely local, both Mr. Hurley and Mr. Jones being real producers and writing a large volume of business annually on the books of the insurance companies represented.

Frank H. Hurley was born at Galveston, Texas, the ninth of May, 1871. His father, C. W. Hurley, came to Texas before the Civil War, running the blockade out of Galveston during Civil War days. He was one of the early mayors of Galveston, and his name figures prominently in the history of that city, where he took a leading part in shaping and directing civic development until his removal to Houston in 1884. Frank H. Hurley's mother was before her marriage Miss Sue Roselle, also a member of a prominent Texas family. Frank H. Hurley received his early education in the schools of Galveston, later attending the public schools of Mobile, Alabama, in which city the family spent several years, and graduating from the Houston High School. He then went with the William D. Cleveland Wholesale Grocery Company, remaining with that firm for sixteen years in various capacities. He was for five years travelling salesman for the firm. He then went with the Galveston Wholesale Grocery Company, representing that firm on the road for three years, after which he came to Houston and became associated with the mercantile brokerage business for five years. This was followed by an interval spent at Beaumont as manager of the shipping department of the Hezig-Norvell Wholesale Grocery Company, and three years later, in 1908, Mr. Hurley returned to Houston, entering the insurance business, first with E. H. Dumble, and later with the firm of Raphael Brothers, with which he has since been associated.

Mr. Hurley was married at Houston, the twenty-sixth of April, 1894, to Miss Clara Hauptman, a native of Washington, D. C. Mr. and Mrs. Hurley have three children, Sue Rozelle, Clara Pearl, and Frank H. Hurley, Jr., the family residing at 424 Emerson Avenue. Mr. Hurley supports the Methodist denomination in religious belief, and is active in civic and welfare work at Houston.



**UDOLPH H. HAFNER**, cotton merchant and exporter, has for a quarter of a century been engaged in the cotton business and shipped many bales of the fleecy staple to the merchants and mills of Europe. Mr. Hafner came to Houston in 1916, where he remained until 1918, and in 1920 returned to the South Texas Metropolis, where he has since resided. For fifteen years he was engaged in the cotton business in Liverpool, England, and came to America in 1915. Mr. Hafner's office is conveniently located at 1002

Cotton Exchange Building.

Mr. Hafner was born at St. Gall, Switzerland. His father, J. H. Hafner, is now retired from active business pursuits. His education was obtained in the public schools, and through travel and practical experience. Soon after leaving school, Mr. Hafner started his business career in the commission business in his native country, but later went to Burgundy, France, then to Paris, and after a few years to Liverpool, where he engaged in the cotton business and remained there until coming to the United States.

Mr. Hafner was married in London, England, on October 4th, 1907, to Miss Mary Darlington Fisher, a native of Liverpool. Mr. and Mrs. Hafner reside at 1403 Cleburne Avenue. Mr. Hafner is a member of the Houston Cotton Exchange, in which he is greatly interested. He is a member of the Episcopal Church. He has been successful in his business since coming here and has nothing but words of praise for the South Texas Metropolis and its citizenship.



**BERNARD HEROD**, one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, has since becoming associated with the Black Bros. Furniture Company, Inc., been active in the business circles here. Mr. Herod has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Black Bros. Furniture Company, Inc., since 1916, and in January, 1922, was made Manager of the store located at 710-12 Milam Street; this in addition to the offices in the company already held by him. This store has three floors, each 100 by 100 feet, also a large warehouse at 2308 Commerce Street. The Black Bros. Furniture Company began business in Houston in 1913, and in 1919 moved into the present store managed by Mr. Herod. This store ranks among the finest and best furniture stores in Houston, and carries a large and complete stock of all classes of furniture from the average kind to the very finest and most artistic to be purchased. Other officers of the Black Bros. Furniture Company, Inc., are Albert H. Black, President, C. A. Herod, Vice-President and John B. Black, General Manager.

A native of Kansas, Mr. Herod was born at Chanute in 1898. His father, H. B. Herod, is a native of Illinois, but lived many years in Missouri previous to coming to Texas in 1913. He is an expert auditor and is now in the employ of the United States Internal Revenue Department. Mr. Herod's education was obtained in the public schools of Joplin, Mo., and the Houston High School.

Mr. Herod began his business career in 1915 when seventeen years of age as bookkeeper for the Black Bros. Furniture Company, Inc., in September, 1916, he was made Secretary and Treasurer of this firm and in January, 1922, was made Manager of their store located at 710-12 Milam Street. Mr. Herod is a nephew of Messrs. Albert H. and John B. Black of the Black Bros. Furniture Company, Inc. Mr. Herod was married in Houston in 1920 to Miss Eileen McNeil, a native of Colorado. They have one child, Elizabeth Eileen. Mr. and Mrs. Herod reside at 1215 Milby Street. Mr. Herod is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Temple Lodge No. 4 of Houston. He is also a member of the Chapter of this order. Mr. Herod is active in the social organizations of Houston, and is interested in all agencies working for the greater development and civic improvement of his city.





**JUDGE PRESLEY K. EWING**, Attorney at Law and pioneer among men of his profession, for more than two score of years, has been handling noteworthy civil and criminal cases, and besides being one of the leading attorneys of South Texas Judge Ewing is one of the ranking orators of the country. He is special attorney for the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company, the American Sulphur and Royalty Company, and many other corporations of this magnitude. Judge Ewing is said by his profession to have pioneered or developed more, or as many, great judicial principles as any lawyer of the entire South. He represents very few clients except on special occasions when he is called in for much of the leading litigation of this section of Texas. Judge Ewing came to Houston in 1882 and engaged in a general practice of law, but has made a special record in litigation over land and commercial interests and in the equity field or jurisprudence. For many years, Judge Ewing was associated with George Goldthwaite in a partnership under the firm name of Goldthwaite and Ewing, and later was in partnership with Henry F. Ring as an addition to the firm which was known as Goldthwaite, Ewing and Ring, and still later was an associate of John Lovejoy.

Judge Ewing was born in La Fourche, Louisiana, July 21, 1860. His father, Dr. Fayette Clay Ewing, was a well known physician of Louisiana. His mother was Miss Eliza Josephine Kittredge, a descendant of a prominent New England pioneer family. Judge Ewing was educated at the University of Mississippi, graduating from that institution in 1881 with the L. L. B. degree, being first honor man of this class and receiving in addition the Ph. B. degree. He is an enrolled attorney of the Supreme Court of the United States. Judge Ewing represented before the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress at Wichita, Kansas, in May, 1899, the plan of government appropriation for the deep water Gulf outlet from Houston; this was a turning point in the effort of the progressive citizens of Houston to attain the dream of having the world's commerce brought by ocean-going vessels to her doors, that is today a reality. In 1905 Judge Ewing was commissioned and served as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, and campaigned in the East in successive Presidential campaigns for the Democratic National Committee.

Judge Ewing was married in LaFourche, Louisiana, February 10, 1885, to Miss Mary Ellen Williams (deceased since April 1, 1919). She had won a prominent place in "The Texas Women's Hall of Fame" for her entire life had been filled with deeds of public and philanthropic service, acts of patriotic devotion, and sympathetic helpfulness to the weary of foot and the saddened of heart. She was truly one of Texas' noted women whose life was devoted to welfare work in the interest of mankind. In her death, Houston and Texas lost a great leader for good. Judge Ewing has two daughters, Josie Vesta, now Mrs. Carleton W. Veatch, and Gladys, now Mrs. Albert C. Combes. Both daughters received their early education in the Houston schools, after which they attended the Finch School for Girls in New York City, and are graduates of that institution, with post-graduate diplomas. Both are socially popular in Houston, and in the East and West. On June 12, 1923, Judge Ewing was married at Christ

Church, Houston, to Miss June Throckmorton, a grand-niece of former Governor Throckmorton of Texas.

In 1914, on the death of Justice Lurton, and shortly after, in 1916, at the death of Justice Lamar, and the resignation of Justice Hughes of the United States Supreme Court, Judge Ewing was endorsed for the Justice of that Court. Perhaps no man was ever more strongly or widely indorsed for that position. Among those urging his appointment were Justices from four State Supreme Courts, including that of his own State, and the Senate of Texas was unanimous for his appointment, and he would have received the appointment if the President had given either to the South. At that momentous time, one of Texas' greatest statesmen, who at that time was a member of Congress, said: "He would make one of the illustrious judges on that exalted bench, whose labors would make not only for establishing justice but also for the abiding glory of the Supreme Court, as the finest arbiter under the Constitution of questions affecting or determining the ultimate result of our system of free government." The Houston Post published the following: "He is a man in the prime of life and activity; he is recognized wherever he is known as one of the South's most eminent jurists, and his high personal character would splendidly accord with traditions of the august tribunal which his friends believe he would adorn."

In fraternal and social organizations Judge Ewing is a member of the A. F. and A. M., being affiliated with Holland Lodge No. 1 of Houston, is a Knight Templar and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine; B. P. O. E.; the College fraternity, Beta Theta Pi; American Bar Association; Texas Bar Association, and was President of this organization in 1899. Judge Ewing is an author of note, having written various legal treatises and other articles of merit. Judge Ewing is one of the most progressive and helpful citizens of Houston and of Texas, where his influence is felt and known for the upbuilding of his city and State.



**A. ADAMSON**, for nearly two decades one of the members of the Houston bar, has enjoyed the esteem of his fellow citizens, and as an attorney has earned distinction in the field of civil law, to which his practice is limited. Mr. Adamson began his law practice in Harris County and Houston, in 1905, since which time he has steadily advanced in his chosen vocation, and has a lucrative practice confined to civil law. The first year he was associated with his brother, C. H. Adamson, whose health failed at the end of the year, when he left Houston. Later L. A. Adamson formed an association with Lane-Wolters and Story, which lasted until the first of January, 1916, since which time he has practised alone. Mr. Adamson has his offices in the Chronicle Building and is well equipped professionally for any demands on his talent.

L. A. Adamson was born in Boone County, Iowa, fifty miles north of Des Moines, the eighth of March, 1881, the son of Robert Adamson, a native of Ireland who came to New York City in 1868, three years later coming to Iowa, where he was a farmer and stockman until his retirement in 1905. At that time the elder Mr. Adamson came to Texas, on account of the fine climate here, and has since made his home in this state, residing at the present time



at Houston, where he is honored as an octogenarian. L. A. Adamson's mother, whose maiden name was Miss Ruth E. Kerr, is also a native of the Emerald Isle, and like the father, makes her home in Houston. L. A. Adamson spent his boyhood on his father's farm in Iowa, attending the rural schools near his home for a time. Later he studied under his brother, and also took correspondence courses in law, a profession for which he early showed great aptitude. When his father, Robert Adamson, came to Texas in 1905, L. A. Adamson also came to this state, taking the bar examinations here, and was admitted to practice in 1905.

L. A. Adamson makes his home at 1008 Polk Avenue. He is a Mason, 32nd degree Scottish Rite, belonging to Temple Lodge No. 4 and to Arabia Temple Shrine. Mr. Adamson is one of the younger professional men of Houston, and takes a great interest in the development of this city.



**FRANK C. JONES**, Attorney at Law, has for more than a quarter of a century practiced before the Houston Bar and has a host of clients who have found him a valued and loyal counsellor and champion. Mr. Jones is a member of the law firm of Gill, Jones, Tyler and Potter, which is recognized as one of the leading law firms of South Texas; their office is located at 204 First National Bank Building, and are engaged in a general civil practice. This firm are General Attorneys for the Independent Oil Producers Association, and are retained by the Humble Oil and Refining Company and various oil operators, The Fidelity Deposit Company of Maryland, Trezevant and Cochran, Continental Casualty Company, Pierce Oil Corporation, Texas Gulf Sulphur Company, The Guiberson Corporation and many other companies and business people. Mr. Jones began the practice of law in Houston in 1896 under the firm name of Allen, Watkins and Jones, and continued under this name for several years, when Mr. A. C. Allen went on the bench, and the late Governor James S. Hogg came into the firm in 1905, the name was changed at that time to Hogg, Watkins and Jones. In 1907 Governor Hogg died and W. H. Gill came into the firm when Edgar Watkins moved to Atlanta, Georgia, and later went with the Interstate Commerce Commission; the firm was then under the name of Hogg, Gill and Jones. Hugh L. Stone came into the firm and later went to Pittsburg as General Counsel for the Gulf Oil Company. Wallace Tyler took Mr. Stone's place, and the firm then became Hogg, Gill, Jones and Tyler. The firm retained the name of Governor Hogg at the request of Mike Hogg, his son, and the other members of his family; Mike Hogg, at that time, worked for the firm on a salary, and when Mike Hogg left, the firm became Gill, Jones and Tyler. Hugh M. Potter, a man of strong personality and a graduate of Harvard, came into the firm on a salary, and later became a member, with name of firm as it is today, Gill, Jones, Tyler and Potter.

Mr. Jones was born at Kingsville, Johnson County, Missouri, April 2, 1873, and was brought to Texas by his parents when an infant three months old. His father, Frank Jones, (deceased since 1905) was a well known lumber man of Texas, where for many years he was head man for William Cameron, and later was engaged in the lumber business for himself at Bonham, Texas. His mother was Miss

Nannie E. Hunt, a native of Missouri and a member of a prominent family of that State. His early education was obtained in the Bonham High School, from which he graduated. He later attended Fannin College at Bonham for two years, and graduated from this institution; he then became a student of Richmond College, Virginia, and graduated from this college in the class of 1892 with the B. A. degree. He then entered the University of Texas and graduated from this institution in the class of 1896 with the L. L. B. degree. During this same year he entered actively into the practice of his profession at Houston, where he has since continued. Mr. Jones, while attending college, was engaged in the lumber business with his father at Bonham during the summer vacations and it was during these periods that he learned every feature of the retail lumber business.

Mr. Jones was married at Bonham, Texas, November 26, 1902, to Miss Bessie Baker, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of Frank C. Baker, famous as an explorer, and well known as a physician, and who died in South America. They have two children, Margaret, who is a Junior in Wisconsin University, and Frank C. Jones, Jr., who graduated in June, 1923, at Wentworth Military Academy, Lexington, Missouri. Mr. Jones is one of the leading Masons in Texas, being Past Master of Holland Lodge No. 1 of Houston, which is the oldest Masonic Lodge in the State, and Past Master of all Masonic bodies of Houston, both York and Scottish Rites. He is Past Grand Master of Texas and Past Grand Commander of the Knights Templars of Texas, and is Past Potentate of the Shrine of Galveston and Houston, and is Imperial Oriental Guide and is expected to become Imperial Potentate in 1928, and has been a 33rd Degree Mason since 1909, and was appointed officer of the Supreme Council, 33rd degree, Washington, D. C. In other organizations he is a member of the Rotary Club, having been Vice-President of this organization; Beta Theta Pi, college fraternity; American Bar Association; State Bar Association and was President of this organization in 1917; Chairman Ninth Region of the Boy Scouts and member of National Council, New York, and is also a local officer of this organization. Mr. Jones is a member of the Baptist Church, and is one of the Trustees of this church, which is erecting a new building at a cost of \$1,000,000.00 when completed; he is a Director of the Baptist Hospital, and is one of the building committee, which is erecting a building at a cost of \$400,000.00. Mr. Jones does a great deal of civic club and fraternal work, and gives a large portion of his time to helping others. He is one of the most popular men of Texas and is known throughout the United States, where there are Shriners. He looks after the business end of the law firm, employing principles that are used by any other business man. He does a great deal of trial work, in which he is very successful, especially with juries. He is loyal to the city of his adoption, which had a population of less than thirty thousand people when he came here, but he is extremely optimistic as to the future of "The Deep Water City" and believes it will soon become the leading city of the entire Southwest. Mr. Jones has always been a leader in all fraternal and civic work in Houston, where he is regarded as one of the city's most progressive and public spirited citizens.





**WILMER SPERRY HUNT**, lawyer and business man of Houston for the past three decades, is a lawyer whose years of experience qualify him to speak with authority on legal matters, and especially on surety litigation, in which field he and his firm have specialized for many years. Mr. Hunt is senior member of the firm of Hunt and Teagle, with offices in the Union National Bank Building, and do a general civil practice in the state and federal courts. Mr. Hunt was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States in 1902.

Mr. Hunt was born at Ripley, Mississippi, the son of Dr. E. N. Hunt, a practicing physician of that state and a resident of Mississippi all of his life. His mother, whose maiden name was Katherine Sperry, was a native of Winchester, Virginia, whom Dr. Hunt met and married in Virginia during the Civil War while he was serving as surgeon with the Second Mississippi Regiment. After the war they returned to Mississippi to make their home.

Mr. Hunt, the subject of our sketch, was educated in the public schools of his native state and later entered the University of Texas, where he took his degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1894, immediately moving to Houston to begin the practice.

Mr. Hunt was married in Houston in 1902 to Miss Lucy Sherman Brady, daughter of Col. John T. Brady, an attorney who for fifty years took a prominent part in the professional and financial life of the city. Col. Brady was the first citizen to devote his time and money to the development of the Houston Ship Channel, which is today the greatest asset of the city. Mrs. Hunt is the granddaughter of General Sidney Sherman, who raised a company in Kentucky in the year 1836 to fight for the independence of Texas and led the left wing of the Texas army at the battle of San Jacinto.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunt make their home at 2020 Crawford Street and have three children, a son, Wilmer B. Hunt, now a senior at Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., and twin daughters, Lennie Estelle and Lucy Catherine, also away at school.

Fraternally Mr. Hunt, at college, belonged to the Kappa Sigma fraternity, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, a Knight Templar, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He belongs to various social and civic clubs, such as the Houston Club, Houston Country Club, University Club and the Shrine Club. He takes an active part in the Harris County Bar Association, of which he is past president, and is now a member of the Committee on Ethics. He is also a past president of the Lawyers Library Association and is president of the Lawyers Luncheon Club and trustee of the Houston Art Museum.

Mr. Hunt is recognized as one of our leading lawyers and public spirited citizens.



**JUDGE ROBERT A. JOHN**, attorney at law, has for almost two score of years practiced his profession before the Texas bar, where he is regarded as one of the beacon lights of the legal profession. Judge John came to Houston in 1908 and is the general attorney for The Texas Company and president of the Texas Pipe Line Company. He first came with The Texas Company as trial lawyer, and from 1911 to 1914 was chief attorney, and at that time became gen-

eral attorney for The Texas Company and has continued in that capacity, and is regarded as one of the chief authorities on oil matters in the state. Judge John has two assistants in his office and ten lawyers in his department, where the increasing complexities of modern business have tended to increase the value and importance of the legal work incident to a large oil company.

A native Texan, Judge John was born in Bastrop County, September 7th, 1864. His father, Rev. Isaac G. John, (deceased since 1889) was a well known Methodist minister, founder of the Christian Advocate and editor of this magazine for nineteen years, was born in Indiana and came to Galveston, Texas, in 1856. His mother prior to her marriage was Miss Ruth Eblen, a native of Bastrop County, Texas, and a daughter of John Eblen, who came to Texas from Missouri in 1833, but was a native of Germany. His education was obtained in Crawford Academy, and the Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, where he graduated in 1884, with the A. B. degree. Francis A. Mood was president of the college during the period when Judge John was a student, and was recognized as a great teacher and a wonderful man, a genius in his line, and left his impression on each student who was fortunate enough to come in contact with him. After leaving college, Judge John taught school for one year and read law a portion of this time, and then went in the law office of the firm of Fisher and Townes, composed of S. R. Fisher and John C. Townes, who later became professor of law and dean of Texas University. Judge John was admitted to the bar in 1885 and immediately established his home and office in Georgetown, where he continued his practice until 1899, and during this period he was city attorney of Georgetown, and county attorney of Williamson County for five years. In 1899 Judge John was appointed assistant attorney general of Texas by Governor Joseph D. Sayers, and served in this office during Governor Sayers' administration. In 1903 Judge John removed his practice to Beaumont, Texas, which presented a larger and more promising field, and remained there until 1908, where he succeeded his brother in a law firm there, and was later a member of the firm of Duff and John, and represented the Santa Fe Railroad. While in Beaumont Judge John was a candidate for the office of justice of the court of appeals, but was defeated by Judge John N. Henderson, who was on the bench at the time. In addition to being general attorney for The Texas Company, Judge John is president of the Texas Pipe Line Company, which has 2,777.58 miles of pipe lines, 89 per cent of which is in Texas.

Judge John was married at Georgetown, Texas, in 1887, to Miss Margaret Houston Morrow, a daughter of Captain J. C. S. Morrow, who was in the Civil War and now resides at Quanah, Texas. Her mother was Miss Nannie E. Houston, a daughter of General Sam Houston. They have nine children and ten grandchildren. The children are: Alfred M. John, a well known lawyer of Houston; Miss Margaret E. John, a teacher; Mrs. F. F. Baldwin, wife of a well known Houston attorney; Mrs. Ruth J. Seale, a graduate trained nurse; Mrs. Griffith C. Evans, wife of the professor of mathematics at Rice Institute; Miss Roberta A. John, teacher in Houston High School; Edward B. John, with the



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*D. Edward Greer.*

Texas Company; George O'Brien John, a student at the Allen Academy at Bryan, Texas, and Elizabeth John, at home with her parents. Judge John is a member of the A. F. and A. M., the Knights of Pythias, State Bar Association, Harris County Bar Association and the Glenbrook Country Club. Judge John is truly a dignified lawyer and gentleman of the old school, and has added an element of strength and purpose of fine capacity, and of judicial ability to the upbuilding legal forces of Houston and of the State of Texas.



**JUDGE D. EDWARD GREER**, during his practice of more than two score of years before the Texas bar, is recognized as one of the outstanding lawyers of this day. Judge Greer is general attorney for the Gulf Companies in Texas and Louisiana, and has been identified with much of the important oil litigation that has come before the courts of Texas. Judge Greer came to Houston in 1916 from Beaumont, and has in his Houston organization eleven lawyers, with offices on the 10th floor of the Gulf Building. The Gulf Companies have in their legal department at Fort Worth two lawyers, John G. Gregg and R. E. L. Batts, and in their legal department at Shreveport two lawyers, J. S. Atkinson and Frederick E. Greer; these offices are under the jurisdiction of the Houston office.

Judge Greer was born in De Sota County, Mississippi, April 25, 1856. His birth place was near the Tennessee line, ten miles from Memphis. His father, James Madison Greer, a native of Tennessee, was a great Democrat, a prominent lawyer and politician. His mother was Miss Mary Autry, an aunt of the late Judge James L. Autry, and a daughter of Micajah Autry, who was one of the early settlers of Texas, having removed to this State from Jackson, Tennessee, in 1835. He came first to New Orleans and there joined a band of volunteers for service in Texas' revolution against Mexico. He joined Travis' command at the historic town of Nacogdoches, Texas, and marched from that point in East Texas through San Antonio on the old Spanish Trail, and fell at the siege of the Alamo in 1836. He was a lawyer and had planned to practice law in Texas. Judge Greer's education was obtained in the common schools of Mississippi, and after coming to Texas, studied law in the office of Judge Sam R. Frost, of Corsicana. He came to Corsicana in 1875 to look after a large grant of land in Navarro County that was given to Micajah Autry. Judge Greer was admitted to the bar in 1880 and began the practice of his profession in Corsicana and remained there until 1888, when he removed to Dallas. He practiced his profession in Dallas until 1904, when he removed to Beaumont, and was retained by the Gulf Company until 1907, since which he has devoted his entire time to their interests.

Judge Greer was married in Corsicana in May, 1883, to Miss Hallie Read, a native of Virginia, and a daughter of Judge F. N. Read, a Judge of one of the courts of Virginia. The Read family is one of the oldest and most prominent in the State of Virginia, and through this family connection, Judge Greer's wife is a member of the Colonial Societies. They have six children, Emma, now Mrs. H. L. Holman, of Beaumont; Mary, now Mrs. W. B. Pyron; Lena, at home with her parents; Hallie Read, now Mrs. R. E. Hardwicke; Frederick E., Attorney with

the Gulf Companies, and Oden S., a student in New York. H. L. Holman is Assistant Treasurer of the Magnolia Petroleum Company. W. B. Pyron is Vice-President of the Gulf Production Company, and of the Gulf Pipe Line Company; and R. E. Hardwicke is Attorney for the Venezuela Gulf Oil Company, with headquarters at Caracas. Judge Greer is associated with many of the Houston enterprises, and is a Director of the Houston Building and Loan Association. The Dallas Companies, of which he is a Director, are: The American Trust Company; the Fidelity Union Insurance Company, and the Employers Casualty Company. He is a member of the American State and County Bar Association, the Houston and the River Oaks Country Clubs, and the Episcopal Church. Judge Greer is a pioneer among men of his profession, and is a true type of the lawyer of the old school and a Southern gentleman. His ancestors were members of the legal fraternity and he comes of a great legal family. His cousin, the late James L. Autry, was a great lawyer and a man who was beloved by all classes. Judge Greer is highly regarded as a lawyer and a citizen and is one of the leaders of the Bar of Texas. In the field in which he has specialized for over fifteen years, namely, oil and gas law, he is considered an authority and his articles contributed to the "Texas Law Review" and the "Central Law Journal" are frequently quoted.



**ROBERT H. KELLEY** is a member of the firm of Andrews, Streetman, Logue and Mobley, attorneys at law, and one of the largest legal firms at Houston. He joined this firm in 1910, at that time engaging in general practice, but of recent years limiting his work almost exclusively to railroad practice. Mr. Kelley's firm is retained by the Gulf Coast Lines and the Houston Belt and Terminal Railroad as general attorneys, handling both office and trial work.

Mr. Kelley is a native Houstonian, having been born in this city the twenty-fifth of July, 1888. His father, R. E. Kelley, a native of Virginia, came to Houston in 1885 and was a newspaper man here and in Beaumont until his death in 1900. His mother, before her marriage, was Miss Maria Hamilton, a native of Washington, D. C., and now makes her home in Houston. Mr. Kelley attended private schools at Houston until he entered Georgetown University. He took the B. A. degree at the Catholic University of America in 1908, after which he entered the University of Texas, in the department of law, having the L. L. B. degree conferred on him by that institution in 1910. He returned to his home in Houston and entered the firm of Andrews, Streetman, Logue and Mobley.

Mr. Kelley was married at Lynchburg, Virginia, the twelfth of October, 1911, to Miss Mary Elizabeth Young, a native of that city and the daughter of Dr. C. B. Young, a prominent physician of Lynchburg. Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have an attractive home at 2516 Commonwealth Avenue, in Hyde Park. They have three daughters, Anne, Mary Elizabeth, and Frank Andrews. Mr. Kelley is a Knight of Columbus, fourth degree, a member of the Houston Club, the Houston Country Club and the Harris County Bar Association, the Texas Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. In civic matters, he takes a deep interest, and has been identified with the various movements directed toward the development of the city.



**S**AM R. MERRILL, one of the recent recruits to the legal fraternity at Houston, came here a number of years ago, after around two decades of practice in Texas, and has established an enviable reputation for his knowledge of law and procedure, and is regarded as one of the most able attorneys of Houston. Mr. Merrill is a member of the law firm of Ball and Merrill, one of the foremost law firms of Houston, and composed of Mr. Merrill and Col. Tom H. Ball. The firm of Ball and Merrill was established the first of January, 1922, since which time it has handled a large general practice, and has offices in the First National Bank Building. Mr. Merrill came to Houston in 1912, at that time forming a partnership with H. H. Cooper under the firm name of Cooper and Merrill. This firm lasted until July, 1921, from which time until the first of January, 1922, when he became associated with Colonel Ball, he practiced alone.

Sam R. Merrill was born in Collin County, on the twenty-fourth of December, 1876. His father, M. E. Merrill, a native of Texas, moved to the western part of the state in 1878, and has been a ranchman and cattleman at Lubbock for many years. Sam R. Merrill spent his boyhood on his father's ranch, attending the public schools of Plainview, and after finishing his public school work, entered the University of Texas, in the law department, taking the L. L. B. degree in 1902. He then went to Amarillo, beginning his practice in that city as a member of the law firm of Bowman and Merrill. In 1904 he was elected county judge, serving until 1908, when he formed an association with H. H. Cooper and A. A. Lumpkin. The law firm of Cooper, Merrill and Lumpkin lasted until Mr. Cooper and Mr. Merrill removed to Houston, opening an office here as Cooper and Merrill. Later Mr. Merrill left the firm, practicing alone until 1922, when he entered the law firm of Ball and Merrill.

Mr. Merrill was married at Fort Worth, Texas, the twenty-sixth of April, 1906, to Miss Dela Triplett, a native of Hale County, and who was reared on her father's ranch in Western Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill reside in Houston, at 910 West Main Street, and have five children, Sam A., Mildred, Frank L., Bruce R., and Helen Joyce. Mr. Merrill is a member of River Oaks Country Club, the Houston Club, and the Elks Club, and fraternally is a Mason, Temple Blue Lodge, 32nd degree Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine, at Houston. Mr. Merrill is interested in the beautification, development and growth of Houston, and since coming here has entered heartily into the spirit of progress that has made Houston the leading city of Southeast Texas.

**J**ESSE R. STONE, one of the prominent attorneys of the Harris County Bar, and for upwards of a decade a resident of Houston, has taken an active part in the civic and professional life of this city, and is one of the best known and most accomplished patent lawyers here. Mr. Stone came to Houston in 1917, and has since been associated with the firm of Andrews, Streetman, Logue and Mobley, a firm handling a general civil practice. Mr. Stone specializes in patents, and has charge of this department of the firm's practice. The legal firm is one of the largest in Houston, and, in addition to Frank Andrews, Judge Sam Streetman, John L. Logue and John A. Mobley, the

members of the firm, has seven highly trained specialists, of whom Mr. Stone is one. The firm has offices in the Union National Bank Building. Prior to coming to Houston, Mr. Stone practiced law in the District of Columbia, where he was admitted to the Bar in June, 1915, specializing in patents. Up to the time of his admittance to the Bar there he had been in the Patent Office at Washington, D. C., for three and a half years, and was a recognized expert in this work. His brilliant record in Houston as a patent lawyer has brought him into more than local prominence, and he is considered a real authority on this phase of legal work.

Jesse R. Stone was born at Madison, Wisconsin, the thirteenth of September, 1881, son of W. W. Stone, a farmer, who still makes that state his home, and Elizabeth Tripp Stone. He attended the public schools of Horicon, Wisconsin, until graduating from High School, after which he entered the University of Wisconsin, from which he graduated with the A. B. Degree, in 1899. He then went to Washington, where he was in the patent office, and attended George Washington University, taking the LL. B. Degree in 1915.

Mr. Stone was married at Washington, D. C., in 1906, to Miss Mildred Ruser, of New York City. They now make their home in Houston, at 1414 Castle Court Boulevard. They have two children, Raymond and Catherine. Fraternally, Mr. Stone is a Mason, and takes a deep interest in Masonic activities. He belongs to the University Club, and is a popular member of the social and civic cliques of the city. Mr. Stone's present recognition as a leader in his field of legal work, with his mental ability, poise, and distinction of character, suggests a future wherein he will attain a place among the most successful and widely known patent lawyers of the country.


**M**E. KURTH has been prominently identified with law and business affairs of Houston for upwards of a decade, and his name carries a prestige in the Harris County Bar that is a distinct asset to the city, with which it is associated. Mr. Kurth is a member of the law firm of Andrews, Streetman, Logue and Mobley, one of the leading law firms of Houston, and one that has had a remarkable growth since its establishment. The firm occupies the twelfth floor of the Union National Bank Building, and in addition to the members of the firm has a large legal staff, making it one of the largest law firms in this part of the country. Mr. Kurth specializes in banking, commercial and industrial matters, and handles a large part of the work in this field for his firm. He was admitted to the bar in 1913, becoming connected with the firm of Andrews, Streetman, Logue and Mobley at that time, and has since been with this firm, steadily advancing to a favorable position among the members of his profession in Houston and South Texas.

M. E. Kurth was born at Keltys, in Angelina County, Texas, the twenty-fourth of July, 1890. His father, J. H. Kurth, a native of Germany, came to the United States and Texas as a young man of twenty, and engaged in the lumber business for many years, until his recent retirement. He still, however, looks after his lumber interests. M. E. Kurth's mother, who before her marriage, was Miss Hattie Gleam, was a native of Montgomery County,



Texas, and is now deceased. Mr. Kurth was educated in the public schools of Keltys and Lufkin, later going to Washington and Lee University, where he took the A. B. degree in 1911, after which he entered the University of Texas, taking the L. L. B. degree in 1913. Mr. Kurth then came to Houston, beginning his practice here in July, 1913, and practicing alone until the following November, when he went with the law firm of Andrews, Streetman, Logue and Mobley, with which he has since been associated.

Mr. Kurth was married at Houston the twenty-eighth of February, 1917, to Miss Isabel Fowler, a native of Texas, and the daughter of John Fowler, for many years a resident of this State, but now of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Kurth have a very attractive home at 1603 North Boulevard, Edgemont Addition, and have two children, Mary and Aurelia. Mr. Kurth is a Director of the University Club, and a member of the River Oaks Country Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, Temple Lodge No. 4, Thirty-Second degree, Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. His present recognition, in keeping with his advancement in the past decade, suggests an unusually brilliant future for Mr. Kurth.

ENRY J. DANNENBAUM, Attorney at Law, Houston, Texas, was born in the town of Columbia, on October 30th, 1871, of German-Jewish parentage. The family moved to Seguin in 1879. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools there, and in 1887 went to Emory & Henry College at Emory, Virginia, from which he graduated in 1890. Returning home, he read law in the office of Judge J. B. Dibrell and was granted a license to practice his profession in May, 1892. In the fall of that year he located at Houston, where he has since resided.

Mr. Dannenbaum has always found time to engage in public and communal activities in which he felt an interest. He participated from the beginning in the affairs of the local Jewish community. His activity in the Independent Order B'nai B'rith, an international Jewish organization of benevolent activities, culminated in his election as president of District No. 7, of the order, composed of seven Southern States. While holding this position in 1911, he accepted a temporary appointment under Attorney General Wickersham, and directed the enforcement of the federal white slave law, known as the Mann act, throughout the United States. During this period of four months Mr. Dannenbaum had his headquarters in New York City.

Locally, Mr. Dannenbaum has served as president of the school board and of the Civil Service Commission. For four years, 1915 to 1919, he was judge of the Sixty-first Judicial District of Texas, from which he resigned to resume the practice of law. During the war, by courtesy of the bar which monthly chose one of its members to occupy the judicial office during his absence, Mr. Dannenbaum was enabled to serve as chief of the enforcement division of the Federal Food Administration in Texas.

As previously indicated, Mr. Dannenbaum feels a deep interest in the welfare of his race. This led him to go to New York City in the fall of 1921 and take charge of the campaign conducted there to raise funds for the rebuilding of Palestine as the

Jewish National Homeland. After a stay of six months, he returned home, but broken in health, which he did not recover for some time.

Mr. Dannenbaum reopened a law office in Houston in October, 1923, and is enjoying a satisfactory practice. His wife, to whom he was married in 1897, and their six children all live in Houston. He is not a member of any club or fraternal order, but is wedded to home life, his profession and literature. He enjoys a good anecdote and tries to tell one, with poor results.



JUDGE JOHN T. ADAMS, an honored resident of Orange for about three decades, began the practice of law here shortly after his arrival in the city, and has continued to follow this vocation to the present time, steadily advancing to a position among the foremost lawyers of this section. Judge Adams is a member of the law firm of Adams and Bruce, which was established in 1920, and which is composed of himself and Judge E. L. Bruce. The firm handles a general practice, and has an imposing list of clients, including among the number some of the leading firms and individuals of the city. Offices are in the Petty Building. Judge Adams came to Orange in 1895, establishing his practice here at that time and served two terms as county attorney, later becoming a member of the firm of Adams and Huggins, with W. O. Huggins as his partner. This firm continued until Mr. Huggins removed to Houston. Later he became a member of the firm of Bisland, Adams and Bruce, which continued until Mr. Bisland left the firm, when it became known as Adams and Bruce. During Judge Adams' years of practice at Orange his standing as a lawyer has been stamped with the approval of the people by his election and appointment to several public offices. In 1907 he was elected to the state legislature, where he served with distinction, was appointed and served several months as county judge, and later, in October, 1919, he was appointed district judge, to fill an unexpired term. In the latter part of 1920, at the expiration of his term and without being a candidate to succeed himself, he left the bench and entered private practice.

Judge Adams was born in Jasper County, Texas, the fifth of April, 1874. His father, R. F. Adams, a native Georgian, came to Jasper County in 1843, and has been a stockman and farmer in that county to the present time. His mother, whose maiden name was Mary Goodman, is a native of Florida. John T. Adams attended the public schools of Jasper County, later studying law in the office of K. B. Seale, at that time a member of the state senate. He was admitted to the bar in 1894, and after looking over the state decided to come to Orange, establishing his practice here, and so continuing to the present.

Judge Adams was married at Orange in January, 1899, to Miss Mary Thomas, a native of Wales, England. They have one child, Mattie, the widow of C. L. Adams, who has two children, John T. and Mattie Lee. Judge Adams is a Mason, a member of the Blue Lodge at Orange, Knight Templar at Beaumont, and is an Odd Fellow. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Orange Country Club, and is a leader in civic work in this city.





**WHARTON E. WEEMS**, for around a decade identified with the legal fraternity at Houston, is held in high esteem by the bench and bar, and is a leader among the younger professional men. Mr. Weems is a member of the law firm of Vinson, Elkins, Sweeton and Weems, one of the largest law firms in the state and one that has had a remarkable growth. Mr. Weems has been connected with this firm since 1919, and was made a member of the firm in 1921, since which time has looked after much of the business end of the large practice handled by this firm, and has also handled a general law practice. Mr. Weems has made a splendid record as a lawyer, and his career is regarded as one of unusual promise. Aside from his professional activities, Mr. Weems is actively identified with the business life of Houston. He is vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company, president of the Guaranty Realty and Investment Company, president of the Houston Company, president of the North Side Realty Company, secretary and treasurer of the Ship Channel Industrial Site Company.

Wharton E. Weems was born at Houston, Texas, the sixteenth of November, 1889, the son of Major B. F. Weems, a native of Virginia, who came to Texas as a young man and was a banker, insurance man and real estate man at Houston until his death in 1923. Major Weems was one of the Terry Rangers and served on the staff of General John A. Wharton throughout the Civil War, and was a well known pioneer in the development of Houston. His mother was Maria Nash (Carrington) Weems, a native of Virginia, whose death occurred in 1921. Wharton E. Weems received his early education in the public schools of Houston, later entering the University of Virginia, where he took the B. A. and M. A. degrees in 1912, after which he entered the law department of the University of Texas, taking his L. L. B. degree in the class of 1914. While in the University of Virginia, Mr. Weems became a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and while at the University of Texas he was elected to the honorary legal fraternity, Phi Delta Phi. Mr. Weems then returned to Houston, beginning his law practice here in association with K. C. Barkley and John E. Green, remaining with them until he entered the Army, in October, 1917. Mr. Weems was commissioned first lieutenant in the Aviation Signal Corps, and sent to Washington, D. C. and later to Camp Dick, at Dallas, at the time that camp was opened, helping organize the camp and serving as executive officer, practically in charge of Camp Dick, until October, 1918. He was commissioned captain at that time and transferred to Washington, D. C., and assigned to the General Staff and sent to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in charge of that district. He was discharged in December, 1918, returning to Houston, and in the early part of 1919 going with the firm of Vinson, Elkins, Sweeton and Weems.

Mr. Weems was married at Houston the second of November, 1918, to Miss Mathilda Booth, daughter of Horace Booth, traffic manager of the International and Great Northern Railroad, and one of the most prominent railroad men of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Weems reside at 4301 Mount Vernon Avenue, and have two children, Elizabeth Virginia and Benjamin F. Mr. Weems is a member of the Houston Club, the Houston Country Club and the River Oaks Country Club.



**JUDGE ROY F. CAMPBELL**, for many years a well known lawyer of Houston and South Texas, was appointed special judge of County Court at Law No. 2 of Harris County in 1916 and served in this capacity until 1918 when he was elected to this office and was re-elected in 1920 and again in 1922. In 1924 he was elected judge of the Eightieth District Court, which position he now holds.

Judge Campbell was born in Houston on March 6th, 1885. His father, Eli F. Campbell, a native of Ohio, came to Texas in the early 70's and was with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad as foreman of their shops here until his death in 1899. His mother was Miss Sophia E. Bohn, a native of Germany, and came to the United States as a girl and was reared and educated here, where she resided continuously. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Houston, after which he worked his way through the University of Texas, where he was a student during the years of 1906 and 1907. He returned to the University of Texas in 1912 where he remained for a few months and passed the examination prescribed for admission to the bar of Texas. After his admission to the bar, Judge Campbell returned to Houston and formed a partnership with Senator Charles Murphy and this partnership continued for a period of three years, when he became associated with George C. Scott in the practice of law and continued with Mr. Scott until his appointment to the bench in 1916.

Judge Campbell was married in Houston June 10th, 1916, to Miss Nellie Meyer, a native of Ellinger, Fayette County, Texas, and a daughter of O. A. Meyer, for many years a resident of the Lone Star State, where he was well known in the business circles. They have one daughter, Helen Elizabeth. Judge and Mrs. Campbell reside at 2208 Dunlavy. Judge Campbell is a member of the A. F. & A. M. with membership in Gray Lodge No. 329 of Houston, and is a member of the Houston Chapter Rose Croix and is also a 32nd degree Mason. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Dokeys and the Woodmen of the World. Judge Campbell has great faith in the future of the city of his nativity and believes that the time is near at hand when Houston will be the leading city of the Southwest.



**ROBERT F. CAMPBELL** is a member of the law firm of Andrews, Streetman, Logue and Mobley, one of the leading law firms of Houston, occupying the entire twelfth floor of the Union National Bank Building, and one of the strongest law firms of Texas. Mr. Campbell handles insurance and railroad matters coming to the firm, and represents a number of the railroad and insurance companies at Houston in a legal capacity. Mr. Campbell became associated with the firm of Andrews, Streetman, Burns and Logue in 1914, at which time he was admitted to the Bar, and has been with them since that time, having been made a member of the firm in January, 1922.

Robert F. Campbell was born at Cleburne, Texas, the twenty-fifth of June, 1890, the son of Clark C. Campbell, a native of Louisiana, who came to Texas as a young man, and after many years as a railroad man was connected with the Internal Revenue Office. Mr. R. F. Campbell's mother, who was before her marriage Miss Annie Fariss, a native



Wharton C. Weems





Frank J. Breaker

of Alabama, has continued to make her home at Austin since her husband's death. Mr. Campbell was educated in the public schools of Austin, later entering the University of Texas, in the law department. After his admission to the Bar, in 1914, Mr. Campbell came direct to Houston, entering the law firm of Andrews, Streetman, Burns and Logue at that time.

Mr. Campbell was married at Fort Worth, Texas, the twelfth of March, 1918, to Genevieve Carver, daughter of E. B. Carver of Fort Worth and Wichita Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell make their home at the McVea Apartments, and have one child, Robert F. Campbell, Jr. Mr. Campbell is a member of the River Oaks Country Club, the Houston Club, and is a Mason, belonging to Blue Lodge, Temple, No. 4.



**FRANK J. BREAKER**, of Houston, Texas began his career in the business world with the Harris County Abstract Company and with the exception of the time spent in the World War, has been associated with this company since that time. Mr. Breaker is manager of the Harris County Abstract Company and secretary of the American Title Guaranty Company, Inc., and in these capacities represents two of the most progressive business institutions of Houston. The Harris County Abstract Company was founded in 1885 by Mr. Breaker's father, Mr. George H. Breaker, who is now the president of this institution, and L. F. Fox is vice president and treasurer. The American Title Guaranty Company, Inc., started business here in 1916 and these two firms employ twenty-five people, many of whom are experts in their particular lines. The abstract work is confined to Harris County but the title work extends to all portions of the Coast country and has built up a large business in this line of work, which is largely due to the accuracy and efficiency of this company. The offices of both companies are located on the third floor of the Union National Bank Building. After finishing his education, Mr. Breaker returned to Houston and entered the abstract business of his father in 1911 and worked in every branch of the business in order to become familiar with its every phase. He continued with this firm until he enlisted in the World War in July, 1917, and was assigned to the 111th Field Signal Corps of the 36th Division and received his training at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas. He went to France with this division and remained with it throughout his activity in France, returned with the same division and was discharged on June 19th, 1919, when he immediately came back with the Harris County Abstract Company and in 1920 was made manager of same and has continued in this capacity.

A native Houstonian, Mr. Breaker was born on June 13th, 1893. His father, George H. Breaker, a native of South Carolina, came to Texas in 1877. He is the founder of these firms and is still active in the business. His mother (now deceased) was Miss Lillie Trapp, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Houston, after which he attended Washington and Lee University. Mr. Breaker was married June 24th, 1924, to Miss Margaret Chamberlain, a native of Houston and daughter of Mr. Chamberlain, proprietor of the Houston Optical Company and resident of Houston for thirty years.

Mr. Breaker, who is regarded as one of Houston's most progressive young business men, is interested in many of the city's business projects and is a director in the American Building and Loan Association. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M. with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1 of Houston. He is also a member of the Exchange Club, the Conopus Club and many of the social organizations of the city. He resides at 3617 Burlington Avenue. Among the business men of Houston, Mr. Breaker is recognized as a leader in his particular sphere.



**JUDGE J. A. PLATT**, attorney at law, during his practice of almost a score of years before the Texas bar, has established a place of marked distinction among the people of the state, together with a creditable record in the esteem of the legal fraternity. Judge Platt came to Houston in January, 1921, from Trinity County, and is vice president and general attorney for the West Lumber Company, South Texas Lumber Company, Fort Terrett Ranch Company, West Production Company, South Texas Hardwood Company, West Building Company and the Trinity Valley and Northern Railroad Company. Judge Platt is in charge of the legal department of these companies and this work takes him into the various courts of the state. He devotes his entire time to his own companies.

Judge Platt was born at New Iberia, Louisiana, April 17th, 1884. His father, B. A. Platt, a native of Georgia, was for many years engaged in business in Trinity County, Texas, but is now a resident of Houston. His mother was Miss Felicia Mignes, a member of a well known family of Louisiana. Judge Platt's early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Groveton, Trinity County, graduating from the latter in the class of 1900. He then entered the University of Texas and graduated from that institution in 1904 with the L. L. B. degree. Immediately following his graduation in law in 1904 Judge Platt established his home and office in Groveton and began the practice of his profession. In 1908 he was elected to the office of county attorney of Trinity County and served in this office until 1912. In 1914 he was elected to the office of district attorney of the Twelfth District and served in this office from 1914 to 1918. In 1919 he was appointed to the office of district judge of the District Court of the Twelfth District, and served in this office in 1919 and 1920 when he resigned in order to come into the present work, to which he has given his entire time.

Judge Platt was married in Groveton, Texas, in October, 23rd, 1913, to Miss Maude Dudley, a native of Trinity County and a daughter of J. E. Q. Dudley (deceased) a prominent lumber man of Trinity County and a native of Georgia. They have one son, J. A. Platt, Jr. In fraternal, social and technical organizations, Judge Platt holds membership in the A. F. and A. M. of the Royal Arch degree, Houston Club, Country Estates Club, and the State Bar Association. He is a loyal member of the Methodist Church. Judge Platt is optimistic as to the future of Houston and believes that this city will have attained a population of not less than five hundred thousand within the next decade. Judge Platt is a true type of the southern lawyer and gentleman, in which are mixed the southern gallantry, together with the aggressive, purposeful and constructive business instincts of the modern South.



**Y**ORICK D. MATHES began the practice of law in Houston in 1916, and has continued to follow his vocation here to the present time, with the exception of eighteen months, while in the army during the World War. Mr. Mathes is associated with the firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood, one of the strongest and best known law firms of Texas, both in point of prestige and volume of practice. Mr. Mathes began with this firm shortly after being admitted to the bar, at that time handling justice court cases, and like matters. He is now specializing in insurance and tort litigation and some admiralty. The firm occupies a suite of offices in the Commercial National Bank Building and its members represent some of the finest legal talent in the state.

Y. D. Mathes was born in Tampa, Florida, the fourth of January, 1891, the son of George M. Mathes and Lena Boyce (Mays) Mathes. George M. Mathes, army man and newspaper writer, spent most of his life in travel, and took a part in a number of interesting expeditions. Many accounts of his travels, and stories were a feature of the magazines of his day. He was a student at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, but resigned shortly before the Civil War and served as a captain in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. His death occurred in Florida in 1906. Mrs. Mathes, a native of Tennessee, now resides in Chicago. Y. D. Mathes attended the public schools of Florida, later entering the University of Chicago, where he took the L. L. B. degree in 1916. He came direct to Houston, beginning his law practice at that time. In 1917 he enlisted in military service and was sent to the officers training camp at Leon Springs, where he was commissioned second lieutenant and sent to Ellington Field, near Houston, where he was on the staff. He was later made first lieutenant. He was demobilized in February, 1919, and now holds the commission of captain, Reserve Corps, Judge Advocate Department. He re-entered law practice at Houston with the same firm he was with before the war.

Mr. Mathes was married at Houston the second of February, 1918, to Miss Cora Prudence Carr, a native of Illinois, who was reared in Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Mathes have one child, Mary Boyce Mathes. Mr. Mathes is a member of the American Legion and is vice commander of the American Legion, Department of Texas, to which he devotes a great deal of time, being a member of the district rehabilitation committee of the American Legion, for the 14th district, which embraces Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas.

**G**ROVER REES, attorney-at-law at Houston, has attained an enviable reputation in his profession since beginning his practice here in 1916. Mr. Rees, who began the practice of law at Houston in the early part of 1916, has his offices in the Scanlan Building. Prior to beginning his practice alone Mr. Rees was with Hutcheson & Hutcheson, a well-known Houston law firm, from the time he was admitted to the bar until February, 1917. At that time he went with the law firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood, one of the most prominent law firms of the state, and was with this firm until May, 1917, when he enlisted in the service as a private in the field artillery of the regu-

lar army at Fort Sam Houston. Mr. Rees was later sent to the Officers Training School, where he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, then assigned to the Twenty-first Field Artillery, Fifth Division, and went overseas with this division, serving in France. He was retired in December, 1918, as Captain, and in 1923 was made Major of Artillery in the Reserve Corps. Returning to Houston after leaving service, Mr. Rees again went with the law firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood, remaining with them until September, 1919, when he became a member of the firm of Hutcheson, Bryan and Dyess, and remained with that firm until 1924, when he began practice alone.

Mr. Rees was born at Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, on October 31st, 1891, son of Charles Rees and Ophelia Hardy Rees. He received his early education in the public schools near his home, later entering Louisiana State University, where he obtained his B. A. Degree in 1912. In 1912 he entered Harvard Law School, where he attended three years, receiving his LL. B. Degree in the class of 1915. On being admitted to the bar he came to Houston, establishing his first practice in this city, and has so continued to the present, steadily advancing to a position among the leading lawyers of the city.

Mr. Rees was married August 11th, 1924, to Miss Consuelo Broussard, daughter of A. E. Broussard, of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana. Mr. Rees takes a deep interest in the civic accomplishments of Houston, and is regarded by his associates as one of the most promising of the younger attorneys of this city.

**K**EMPER W. STEPHENSON, attorney at law, resigned the position of district attorney in January, 1922, in order to come to Orange, Texas, to become a member of the firm of Dies, Stephenson and Dies, with offices in the Bancroft Building. This law firm was established in January, 1922, by Martin Dies (deceased), Kemper W. Stephenson and Martin Dies, Jr., and is engaged in a general practice of law. When Mr. Stephenson joined this firm, he brought with him an experience as an attorney extending over a period of almost a decade, during which time he had handled many noteworthy cases. Following his graduation from the law department of the University of Texas in 1913, Mr. Stephenson established his office and began the practice of his profession at Center, Texas. He continued his practice at Center until 1916, when he removed to the historic town of San Augustine, Texas, where he was engaged in a general practice of law until 1919 when he was appointed to the office of district attorney of this district, which he later resigned.

A native Texan, Mr. Stephenson was born at Center on May 22nd, 1886. His father, James Stephenson, a native of Georgia, came to Texas as a young man, was admitted to the bar and became one of the leading attorneys of the Lone Star State, and continued to practice his profession until his death, which occurred at Center, Texas. His mother (also deceased) was, prior to her marriage, Miss Donna Rushing, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Center, Texas, where he graduated from the latter. He then entered the University of Texas and graduated from that institution in the class of 1913 with the LL.B. degree.



Mr. Stephenson, being loyal to the traditions of his native state, established his office in the town in which he was born and where he achieved his first successes.

Mr. Stephenson was married at Shelbyville, Texas, on July 31st, 1916, to Miss Marguerite Kenna, a native of Mississippi and a member of a well known family of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson reside at 910 Seventh Street. They have one son, Ward Stephenson. Mr. Stephenson is a member of the Lions Club and is active in this organization. He also holds membership in the various bar associations. Mr. Stephenson never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for his city and his state and believes there are opportunities for development along every line in Texas. As a leader in one of the most honorable professions of men and as a champion of every worthy civic move, Mr. Stephenson is one of the foremost citizens of his city.

**S**TANLEY BEARD, in the decade and a half of his law practice at Houston, has secured and maintained a high position in his profession, enjoying the esteem of the bench and bar of Harris County, and has entered into the life and spirit of Houston in a commendable way indicative of the interest he takes in the development of this city. Mr. Beard has a large and well-established general practice, taking him into all the courts of Harris County, and with excellent professional training is well equipped for any professional demands. He practices alone, maintaining his offices in the Republic Building. Mr. Beard was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law at Houston in 1910, engaging in practice here until 1917, when he entered the army. He had been elected to the State legislature in 1914, and re-elected in 1916, and was the first man to resign from that body to enlist in service when the United States entered the world war. Since his discharge from military service, Mr. Beard has returned to Houston, resuming his law practice, and in every way living up to the indications noted at the beginning of his career for a brilliant future in the law.

Stanley Beard was born at Vicksburg, Mississippi, the 26th of April, 1886. His father, T. G. Beard, a native of England, came to the United States in 1885, and to Houston in 1889, and is one of the veteran railroad men of this city, having been with the Southern Pacific Railroad for many years. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Corinne David, is a native of New Orleans, but has resided in Houston for many years. Stanley Beard attended private schools at Houston and was a student in the Welsh Academy here, and also in Austin Academy, at Austin. He then entered Washington and Lee University, where the LL. B. degree was conferred on him in June, 1909. Mr. Beard then returned to Houston, where he was admitted to the bar in August, 1909, beginning his practice here the early part of 1910. In 1914 he was elected to the State legislature, and was serving his second term there when he resigned to enlist with the United States Marines the 4th of April, 1914. He was sent to New Orleans, Louisiana, remaining there for six months, when he was sent to Norfolk, Virginia, and later to Quantico, Virginia, where he remained one year. He was commissioned lieutenant and sent to Paris Island, South Carolina, and

after three months sent back to Norfolk, Virginia, as judge advocate. Six months later he was sent to Rhode Island, receiving his captain's commission while on duty there, and receiving his discharge from that State, after which he returned to Houston and resumed his law practice.

Mr. Beard is an Elk, and is one of the most public-spirited of the younger professional men of Houston, taking a deep interest in the welfare and advancement of this city, and contributing generously to all organized work toward this end.



**B**ATES F. WILSON, Attorney at Law, although a comparatively recent addition to the legal fraternity of Houston, Texas, has established a reputation as one of the leaders among the younger lawyers of this city. Mr. Wilson is engaged in a general practice of civil law, the greater portion of his time being devoted to title work and kindred lines for the Damon Wells Real Estate Company of Houston. He began his practice here in 1922, and has been associated with large real estate firms, specializing in title work. He has his office conveniently located at 826 Chronicle Building. Mr. Wilson inherited his taste and talent for the legal profession from his father, who is regarded as one of the most able lawyers of his State, where he has been identified with many of the most important cases which have come before the courts of Missouri.

Mr. Wilson was born at St. Charles, Missouri, on December 20, 1893. His father, C. W. Wilson, also a native of Missouri, has been a leader in the profession of law of St. Charles for many years. His mother was Miss Julia Prayser, also a native Missourian, and a member of a well known family of that State. His early education was obtained in the schools of St. Charles, Missouri, and Westminster College, Fulton, Missouri, after which he pursued the study of law in his father's office for a brief period, when he moved to Houston, where he again took up the study of law in his spare time until he was admitted to the bar. He first began a general practice of the profession, but since removing to Houston, has devoted practically all his time to title and kindred work.

Mr. Wilson was married at Houston on November 15, 1922, to Miss Margaret Gillespie, a native of Houston and a daughter of J. J. Gillespie, one of the city's old and well known citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson reside at 2205 Rosewood Avenue. Since coming to Houston Mr. Wilson has become imbued with the Houston spirit and at all times wields his influence for a greater and better Houston. Mr. Wilson has made a host of friends here, and is popular, not only in the legal circles of the city, but in the business and social circles as well. In his work as a lawyer, along his chosen branch of the profession, although he is among the younger men who have specialized in this particular line, he is regarded as an authority on title and kindred law. He has done a great deal of this work for non-residents and in this way he has become well known outside of the Lone Star State, as well as within its bounds. Mr. Wilson is a firm believer in the ethics of the profession, and is a worker for and a steadfast exponent of its highest standards, and is regarded as one of the most progressive young lawyers of the State.





**EDWARD S. BOYLES** has for a number of years past been identified with legal activities at Houston, where his masterly handling of corporation problems and his legal ability have won the highest esteem of bench and bar. Mr. Boyles is senior member of the firm of Boyles, Brown and Scott, succeeding Moody, Boyles, Walker and Scott. Mr. Boyles' practice is of a general civil nature, largely corporation work, and he is retained by many of the large firms of Houston. He personally handles all work for the First National Bank of Houston and was during the latter part of the war general attorney for the Texas food administration. Mr. Boyles concentrates his attention on civil work, especially in corporation matters, in which he has shown talents of a special order. Mr. Boyles has his offices in the First National Bank Building and is associated with L. D. Brown, J. T. Scott, Jr., Russell Scott, E. F. Gibbons and Pat N. Fahey, under the name of Boyles, Brown and Scott.

Edward S. Boyles was born at Houston the eighteenth of April, 1889, the son of Dr. J. M. Boyles, for three decades one of the outstanding medical men of Houston, and Margaret Campbell Boyles. Mr. Boyles was educated in Houston, attending Prof. Welch's Academy and the Houston high school. After a three years' academic course at the University of Texas he entered the law school there and took his LL. B. degree in 1911, since which time he has practiced in Houston.

Mr. Boyles was married at Yorktown, in DeWitt County, Texas, the thirtieth of October, 1918, to Miss Constance Weldon, daughter of S. E. Weldon, a cattleman and rancher of that county. Mr. and Mrs. Boyles reside at the Burlington Apartments. Mr. Boyles is active in commercial enterprises, controlling the A. B. C. Stores of Houston. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, of which Dr. Jacobs, well known divine, is pastor, and was for many years chairman of the board of trustees. The legal firm of which he is a member belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Real Estate Board and is active in civic advancement. Mr. Boyles is a member of the Houston Country Club, the Glenbrook Country Club and the University Club and belongs to the Delta Chi college fraternity, Austin chapter. Notwithstanding the exacting demands of his professional career, Mr. Boyles takes a deep interest in the development of Houston and has contributed to the success of most of the civic movements in recent years.



**JUDGE CLAUDE POLLARD**, Ex-President of the Texas Bar Association, and formerly Assistant Attorney General, has practiced before the Texar Bar for a period of over thirty years. He is a member of the firm of Pollard, Fisher and Gaines, who have offices on the 8th floor of the State National Bank Building, Houston, Texas. Other members of the firm are Judge Lewis Fisher and George C. Gaines, Jr., all three members of the firm having had a long experience in practicing before the bar of Houston. The firm engage in a general civil practice, and number among their clients many of the large corporations and representative citizens of Houston.

Judge Pollard has long held a noteworthy place in the legal fraternity of Texas. He was admitted to the bar in 1895, when he was twenty-one years

of age. He immediately began the practice of law at Carthage, and was shortly after elected County Attorney of Panola County, holding this position for four years until 1899. In 1901 he was elected District Attorney of the Fourth Judicial District, comprising four counties, of which Carthage was the headquarters. He held this position until 1905, when he was appointed Assistant Attorney General by R. V. Davidson, who was Attorney General at that time, and served as the Counsel for the Railroad Commission, also handling tax matters and prosecuting important cases against the railroads, retiring from the office of Assistant Attorney General he accepted the appointment as General Attorney for the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad Company, with headquarters at Kingsville, Texas, serving in this capacity until 1917, when he came to Houston and became a member of the firm of McMeans, Garrison and Pollard. In 1925 he organized the present firm. Throughout his legal career Judge Pollard has taken a potent interest in public matters, and has contributed a great deal to matters pertaining to civic progress. Judge Pollard was the organizer of Kleburg County and wrote the bill, which was enacted into a law by the Legislature, making it a county. He also wrote the bill creating the South Texas State Teachers College at Kingsville, Texas. He has contributed articles of merit to many of the law journals, and among interesting articles from his pen is a history of the Texas Bar Association for the Encyclopedia of Texas.

A native of Texas, Judge Pollard was born at Carthage, Panola County, February 14, 1874. His father, Hamilton Pollard, a native of South Carolina, came to Texas in 1854, and was for a period of twenty-five years County Clerk of Panola County. His mother was before her marriage, Miss Sarah Jane Davis, a native of Alabama, and came to Texas with her parents before the Civil War and was among the pioneer settlers of Texas. Judge Pollard received his education in the schools of Carthage, and when but eighteen years of age began the study of law, while he was working on a farm and in a country store, and later teaching the country school until he took the law examination and was admitted to the bar.

Judge Pollard was married in Fannin County December 27, 1897, to Miss Julia Newton, a daughter of S. M. Newton, a native of Tennessee, who came to Texas before the Civil War, and was a well known farmer, ginner and business man of Panola County. Mr. and Mrs. Pollard have two children, Loraine and Claude Pollard, Jr. Judge Pollard is a Scottish Rite Mason, Knight Templar, and member of the Arabia Temple Shrine. He also holds membership in the Houston Club, Conopus Club, Traffic Club, the Harris County Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Texas Bar Association, having served as President of the Texas Bar Association during 1920 and 1921, and Vice-President and member of Board of Directors for several terms prior to that date. Judge Pollard has taken a keen interest in educational matters and during his residence at Kingsville was on the Board of Education, serving for a period as President of that body, and a member of the Board of Education of the city of Houston. Since coming to Houston he has kept his hand on the pulse of public matters, and has taken an active interest in local, political and civic affairs.



Edward O. Boyle





*W. Scott Jr.*

**JOHN T. SCOTT, JR.**, native Houstonian, began his professional career in Houston in June, 1920, as a member of the firm of Moody, Boyles, Walker and Scott. January 1, 1922, Mr. Edward S. Boyles and Mr. Scott, of this firm, together with Mr. L. D. Brown, of La Grange, Texas, organized the present firm of Boyles, Brown and Scott, with whom are also associated at this time Mr. Russell Scott, Mr. E. F. Gibbons and Pat N. Fahey. This firm enjoys an extensive general civil practice, representing the First National Bank and numerous other institutions.

Mr. Scott, in the several years of his practice in this city, has won the respect of the bench and bar and has attained a splendid reputation as a general practitioner.

John T. Scott, Jr., was born at Houston the 13th day of June, 1894. He is the only son of John T. Scott, well known banker of this city, and Mattie Campbell Scott. He received his early education at the Houston Academy, after which he entered the University of Texas, graduating in 1916 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the Law School of the University of Texas, receiving his L. L. B. degree in 1920, after an absence from the University of two years, while in military service.

Mr. Scott was married at El Paso the 6th of September, 1921, to Miss Sadieruth Aldridge, the daughter of W. H. Aldridge and Frances Wooten Aldridge. Mr. Aldridge was a well known lumberman of East Texas, who moved to El Paso in 1916. Mr. and Mrs. Scott live at No. 4 Waverly Drive, and have one child, Elizabeth Aldridge Scott. They are members of the First Methodist Church, where Mr. Scott is serving on the official board.

Mr. Scott takes a live interest in the development of Houston, and is connected with a number of new business enterprises of this city, among them the Houston Dispatch, of which he is Secretary, Damon Wells Company, Wademan's, Rettig's, The Gables, and Castor Oil Products Company, of which organizations he is a director. He is past President of the Glenbrook Country Club, a member of the Houston Country Club, and the River Oaks Country Club. He is President of the Exchange Club of Houston, Vice-President of the City and County Club, and a member of the University Club, where he served as Treasurer and Director for several years. Mr. Scott is a member of the Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Phi and Sigma Delta Chi, college fraternities, the Harris County Bar Association, the Texas Bar Association and the American Bar Association; a Mason, being affiliated with Holland Lodge No. 1, Washington Chapter No. 2, Ruthven Commandery No. 2, and Arabia Temple Shrine; and an Elk, belonging to Houston Lodge No. 151.

During the World War Mr. Scott served at home and overseas as a First Lieutenant with the 344th Field Artillery, 90th Division. In May, 1919, he was detailed with the British University Detachment, where he attended the University of Edinburg, and was discharged from the service in August, 1919. Mr. Scott is a member of the American Legion and of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and holds a Reserve Commission in the Judge Advocate General's Section, O. R. C.

Mr. Scott is recognized as a leader of the young men of the city, and believes in Houston as "The city of opportunities for the young man."

**TIS MEREDITH.** Mr. Meredith is a member of the firm of Carlton and Meredith, an association which was formed in 1919, shortly after Mr. Meredith entered the bar. The firm is composed of Mr. Meredith and L. A. Carlton, one of the foremost oil attorneys of Texas, and has offices in the Humble Building, at Houston. The practice handled by the firm is chiefly limited to oil matters.

Mr. Meredith was born at Hillsboro, Texas, the third of June, 1894. His father, W. J. Meredith, died when he was a small boy. His mother, who was Miss Carlton before her marriage, and a sister of L. A. Carlton, Mr. Meredith's associate in his law practice, lived subsequently at Beaumont and Houston, and Mr. Meredith received his early education in the public schools of these cities. After finishing at the Houston High School, he entered the University of Texas, in 1912, attending at intervals until 1917, when he enlisted in the Naval Air Service, volunteering in June of that year. He was sent to Seattle, Washington, and later Key West, and served for one year after the close of the World War as a naval reserve officer. Mr. Meredith then re-entered the University of Texas, in the law department, taking his L. L. B. degree in 1919, after which he came to Houston and formed the partnership with L. A. Carlton, with whom he has since been associated.

Mr. Meredith was married at Brenham, Texas, the twenty-second of March, 1922, to Miss Mary Wilkins, a native of Galveston. They reside at 909 Branard Avenue, and have one child, Mary Meredith. Mr. Meredith is a leader among the younger attorneys at Houston, and is active in the civic life here.

**THOMAS B. BLANCHARD**, attorney at law, has for the past decade practiced his profession before the bar of Houston, and has been identified with some of the most prominent cases that have come before the courts of South Texas. Mr. Blanchard is a member of the firm of Wolters, Blanchard, Woodul and Wolters, one of the leading law firms of Houston, and personally looks after trial work. He came to Houston in 1913 and since that time has been engaged in a general practice of law, with office located at 818 Chronicle Building. The firm of Wolters, Blanchard, Woodul and Wolters represents the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad in several counties, the Texas Company in various matters, the Pullman Company, Houston Chronicle and various other industries, companies and local concerns and individuals.

Mr. Blanchard was born at Boyce, Louisiana, February 2nd, 1889. His father, F. A. Blanchard, belongs to a well known Virginia family and is a planter, residing at Boyce, Louisiana. His mother was Miss Sarah D. Barrett, a native of Nacogdoches, Texas, and a member of a pioneer Texas family. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Boyce, Louisiana, graduating from the latter in 1907. He then became a student of the Louisiana State University and later the University of Texas in a pre-legal course, and graduated from this institution in the class of 1913 with the degree of L. L. B. During the same year of his graduation from college, Mr. Blanchard came to Houston and began the practice of his profession with the firm



of Lane, Wolters and Storey, and has continued through the changes in the personnel of this firm, and the present firm was organized in 1925.

Mr. Blanchard was married at Boyce, Louisiana, December 16th, 1918, to Miss Edna I. Kelsoe, a native of Boyce and a daughter of E. H. Kelsoe, a pioneer merchant of Boyce, Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Blanchard reside at 1421 Hawthorne Avenue. Mr. Blanchard is a member of the York Rite body of the Masonic fraternity, the Houston Club, Texas Bar Association and the Harris County Bar Association. He is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church. The name of Blanchard has been familiar to several generations in Louisiana, where the several members of this family have won distinction and honor. His uncle, Newton C. Blanchard, held various offices in Louisiana up to the United States Senate, having served as congressman, governor of the state, justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, both houses of the state Legislature and died in 1922, and his memory will be honored by the citizenship of the state of Louisiana for many generations to come. Other members of the Blanchard family have been active in the political, social and business life of Louisiana. While yet a young man, Mr. Blanchard has gained considerable prominence as a lawyer, and is also one of the ranking orators of the state.

**R**OY L. ARTERBURY, Attorney at Law, of Houston, Texas, has been a member of the well known law firm of Garrison and Watson of this city since 1921, and does much of the work connected with the trial of cases handled by the firm, which is composed of John I. Garrison and Q. U. Watson. With offices located in the State National Bank Building, this firm is engaged in a general practice of law, and a large portion of their work is along the various classes of railroad practice. Mr. Arterbury was admitted to the bar in 1920, and shortly afterwards located in Houston, where he began the practice of law with the firm with which he is now connected.

A native Texan, Mr. Arterbury was born at Bonham on October 10th, 1892. His father, John E. Arterbury, a native of Mississippi, came to Texas in 1881, and is a resident of Fort Worth, where for many years he has been engaged in the contracting business, and is one of the leading contractors of his city. His mother was Miss Ellen Jones, a member of a prominent family of Pennsylvania. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Bonham, Texas, after which the family removed to Fort Worth and he became a student of the high school there and is a graduate of that school. He then entered Vanderbilt University and was a student of that famous institution from 1912 to 1917, where he pursued a straight academic course. He then returned to Texas and entered the Law Department of the State University and graduated from that institution in 1920 with the L. L. B. degree, when he began the practice of his chosen profession, and in which he has been successful.

Mr. Arterbury was married at Austin, Texas, on August 3rd, 1918, to Miss Hazel Platt, a native of Trinity County, Texas, and a daughter of B. A. Platt of that county, who is one of best known and beloved citizens of that portion of the State. They have one son, Bryant Platt. Mr. and Mrs. Arterbury reside at 1113 Kenwood Avenue. Mr. Arterbury is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is active in

this organization. He is also a member of the various social organizations of Houston, in which he is very popular. Among the younger lawyers of Houston, there are none who take a more active interest in their city, than does Mr. Arterbury, who gives of his time and means to every project having as its object the civic improvement and betterment of his city. In his work as a lawyer he is recognized as one of the coming young men in his profession.



**W**ALLACE HAWKINS, one of the younger recruits to the legal profession, has attained an enviable reputation as a trial lawyer. Mr. Hawkins is connected with the legal department of the Magnolia Petroleum Company at Dallas, recently going there from Houston, where he was a member of the firm of Campbell, Simmons and Hawkins, one of the strongest legal firms of Houston. Mr. Hawkins specialized in trial work and achieved the reputation of being one of the best trial lawyers in the city.

Wallace Hawkins was born at Brookhaven, Texas, the twenty-fourth of July, 1896, son of W. P. Hawkins and Mattie (Meek) Hawkins. W. P. Hawkins, a native of Mississippi, came to Texas in the early '80s, settling in Goliad County, and later removing to Runnels County, where he has since been engaged in the mercantile and banking business. Mrs. Hawkins is a native Texan. Wallace Hawkins attended the public schools of Runnels County, later entering Stamford College, and still later the University of Texas, following his work there with post-graduate work at Ann Arbor, Michigan. The following two years he was principal of the Dublin, Texas, high school, resigning this position on his election to the thirty-fifth legislature. While serving as legislator the United States entered the World War and Mr. Hawkins resigned his place and entered the army in August, 1917, attending the First Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs, where he was commissioned second lieutenant. He was sent to Columbus, New Mexico, attached to the Twenty-fourth Infantry, Regular Army, and commissioned lieutenant, and later transferred to Oklahoma, and still later to Georgia, where he was engaged in training men and companies until he was demobilized in February, 1919, ranking as captain at that time. He then returned to Austin, attending the University of Texas, where he took his LL.B. degree in 1920. He was made assistant attorney general under Attorney General Cureton, holding that office from January, 1920, until 1924. During this time much of the work handled in the attorney general's office was banking and insurance, and also the famous Red River boundary case, on which Mr. Hawkins spent one year and a half. In 1924 he resigned his position as assistant attorney general and came to Houston, joining the law firm of Campbell, Myer, Simmons and Hawkins at that time being organized, remaining with this firm until making his present connection with the legal department of the Magnolia Petroleum Company at Dallas.

Mr. Hawkins was married at Austin, Texas, the fifth of August, 1921, to Miss Frances Booth, a native of Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Hawkins have two children, Patricia and Harriet Hawkins. Mr. Hawkins is a member of the Dallas County Bar Association and the Texas Bar Association, and is regarded as a young attorney with a very bright future.



Wey L. Arterbury





*Colonel B Gamwood*



**ALVIN B. GARWOOD**, one of the very able members of the Houston Bar, is associated with the law firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood, the largest law firm in the South. He joined this firm shortly after being admitted to the bar in 1920 and is associated in the railroad department. The firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood occupies the sixth floor of the Commercial National Bank Building and has in addition to the four members of the firm a staff of highly trained legal specialists, and is not only the strongest in the South, but one of the most prominent law firms in the entire country.

Calvin B. Garwood was born at Bastrop, Texas, the twenty-sixth of March, 1894, the son of Judge H. M. Garwood, a member of the law firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood, and one of the foremost attorneys of Texas. Judge Garwood contributed the interesting sketch of the bench and bar of Houston appearing in this work. Mr. Garwood received his early instruction at St. Thomas School at Houston, later entering Georgetown College, at Washington, D. C., and later the University of Texas, in the department of law. He left college in 1916 to enter military service, volunteering as a private in the infantry, with the Second Texas National Guard. He was later commissioned second lieutenant in this organization, and, after the Second Texas National Guard was made a part of the 141st Infantry, U. S. A., he went to France with them, serving overseas until 1919. He was discharged the fifth of July, 1919, as first lieutenant, and is now major of the Fifty-sixth Machine Gun Company, Texas National Guards. Returning from overseas, Major Garwood re-entered the University of Texas, in the law department, taking his L. L. B. degree in 1920. He then came to Houston, going with his present firm.

Mr. Garwood was married at Houston, the twenty-ninth of June, 1921, to Miss Christie Moore, a native of San Antonio, and the daughter of U. C. Moore, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Garwood reside at 901 Rosalie Street, and are leaders among the younger social set. Mr. Garwood is a member of college fraternities, and belongs to the University Club, and the American Legion, and is one of the most promising of the young attorneys at Houston.



**GEORGE A. HILL, JR.**, has been engaged in the practice of law since his admission to the bar in 1911 and today is one of the best known members of the legal profession in Southern Texas. His office is at 906 Scanlan Building, where he is a member of the law firm of Kennerly, Lee and Hill, one of the strongest firms of legal talent in Houston. He became identified with this firm in 1917 when the style of the firm was Kennerly, Williams, Lee and Hill. Judge Williams retired from the firm in 1921 when the name was changed to Kennerly, Lee and Hill. The firm does a general civil practice in both the state and federal courts and appears as counsel for some of the leading concerns of the South.

Upon completion of his studies at the University of Texas in 1911, and receiving his license as a member of the bar, Mr. Hill engaged in general practice until 1917 when he was appointed assistant general attorney for the International and Great Northern Railway Company. For a few months of the same year he was connected with the law firm of

Bryan, Hill and Bryan before making his present connection.

Mr. Hill is a native of Texas and was born at Corsicana on January 12, 1892. He is a son of George A. and Julia (McHugh) Hill and received his preliminary education in the public and high schools of Austin and Houston. From 1903 to 1905 he attended the West Texas Military Academy and from 1907 to 1911 was a student at the University of Texas, at Austin, doing two years of academic work and two years in the law department.

Mr. Hill comes of a family of prominent Texans. His father, a native of the state, now retired from active business, is a son of James M. Hill, who was in the battle of San Jacinto, the conflict that won for Texas its freedom from Mexico. He later was chairman of the commission that purchased the famous battle grounds for the state of Texas and made possible beautiful San Jacinto Park, a few miles from the city of Houston.

James M. Hill, with his father and brothers, came to Texas from Georgia, about 1828 or 1830, and settled in Washington County, where they played important parts in the early history of the state. Benjamin Harvey Hill, a member of the same family, was a member of the Confederate cabinet and later was United States Senator from Georgia.

George A. Hill, Sr. was for many years engaged in the cotton business in Galveston and was also in the wholesale grocery business in Corsicana. He was president of the Austin Dam and Suburban Railway Company, manager of the Hogg-Swayne Syndicate and later land and tax commissioner for the B. S. L. and N. Railway and president of the Houston Transfer and Carriage Company. He is now retired and living in Houston.

On June 24, 1916, Mr. Hill was married at Victoria, Texas, to Miss Mary Vandenberg, daughter of J. V. Vandenberg, president of the Levi Bank and Trust Company and a member of the well known law firm of Proctor, Vandenberg, Crane and Mitchell, of Victoria. Mr. and Mrs. Hill are the parents of two interesting children, Joanne Vandenberg and George A., III.

In 1918 Mr. Hill entered the United States army as captain of Troop C of the Seventh Regiment Texas Cavalry and received his training at Leon Springs. He served with the Seventh Texas during the war.

While doing a general civil practice, Mr. Hill has specialized in federal tax matters and has a large clientele which he represents in matters pertaining to federal taxes. His clients include Sanger Brothers and the Perkins Dry Goods Company, two of the largest wholesale concerns of Dallas. He has recently been named by Judge Hutcheson of the Federal District Court as attorney for the receiver for the Wilson-Stewart Farm Mortgage Company, the W. E. Stewart Land Company, Edinburg Irrigation Company and the Rio Bravo Irrigation Company. Between 300 and 400 cases are involved in these various receiverships and the properties in control of the receiver aggregate in value four million dollars.

Mr. Hill is a member of the American Bar Association, State and County Bar Associations, Houston Country Club, Houston Club, University Club, Kappa Alpha and Dhi Delta Phi fraternities. He is a communicant of the Episcopal Church.





**WILLIAM FULTON TARVER**, attorney at law, has for almost a quarter of a century practiced before the Houston bar, and during this period has been identified with many of the most prominent cases which have come before the courts of South Texas. Mr. Tarver was admitted to the bar in 1900 and immediately became associated with the law firm of Burt and Griggs of Houston, which was composed of Col. F. S. Burt and George B. Griggs, and remained with this firm for one year, after which he became a member of the firm and the name was changed to Burt, Griggs and Tarver. A year later, Mr. Griggs retired, and the firm became Burt and Tarver, which continued until the death of Col. Burt in 1910. Since that time, Mr. Tarver has practiced his profession alone. He has well appointed offices in the West Building, and was the first tenant to occupy offices in this building after its construction by Mr. D. R. Beatty.

Mr. Tarver is a native Houstonian, born in this city on September 25th, 1880. His father, Thomas Cary Tarver, a native of Tennessee, was brought to Texas by his parents at the age of five years, and has continued to make the Lone Star State his home since that time, and is essentially loyal to the customs and traditions of his adopted state. For many years he was one of the leading cotton men of South Texas, after which he became associated with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, and remained with this railroad until he retired from active business pursuits in 1903, and removed to Liberty, Texas. His mother was Miss Fannie Ada Fulton, also a native Houstonian, and a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of this city. She was born at the old Fulton homestead, at the corner of La Branch and Rusk. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston, where he graduated from the latter. After leaving school Mr. Tarver began the study of law, at spare times while regularly employed by day, and pursuing his law studies at night, and continued his studies along this line until he was admitted to the bar.

Mr. Tarver was married at Austin, Texas, on June 24th, 1908, to Miss Annie Franklin, a native Texan and a member of a well known family of Brenham. Mr. and Mrs. Tarver have adopted two nieces, Margaret and Vivian Tarver, and to whom they have given the parental love and care. Mr. Tarver is known as one of Houston's most active citizens along all civic lines, and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for the city of his nativity. He regards the legal profession as being peculiarly fitted for service to the public, and his future will be one of service to his city and state.



**RALPH W. PLUMMER**, well known Lawyer, has been a factor in the business circles of this city for many years, being associated with Judge K. C. Barkley in the practice of law.

Mr. Plummer was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on August 2, 1886. His father, F. H. Plummer, also a native of Massachusetts, was engaged in the manufacturing business all his life and was for many years in the Chair Manufacturing industry in Arkansas City, Kansas. His mother was Miss Elsie Griffin, a member of a prominent Massachusetts family. His early education was obtained in

the public schools of Boston, and later studied law for a number of years.

Mr. Plummer came to Houston in 1908 and for several years did accounting work, and was recognized as one of the best in his line. Later, he organized the Keystone Tire Company of Texas, and was Vice-President of this company, which was engaged in the sale of the Keystone Tires and Tubes at wholesale, and later merged that company with the organization, which was known as the R. W. Plummer Company, Inc. Mr. Plummer was married in Houston in October, 1913, to Miss Verda Davis, a native of Michigan, and a member of a prominent family of that State. They have two children, Dorothy and Ralph W. Plummer, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Plummer reside at 1312 Willard Street. Mr. Plummer is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1, of Houston, and is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite of that order, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine, and for one year was a member of the Arabia Patrol. He has participated in a most substantial and active manner in all moves and enterprises that have had for their object the upbuilding of the city of Houston and its citizenship. Mr. Plummer is popular in both the business and social circles of the city, and is regarded as one of the leading young professional men of the South Texas Metropolis.



**LUDLOW CALHOUN**, attorney at law of Beaumont, Texas, has for nineteen years been engaged in a general civil practice of law in this city, and is known as one of the beacon lights of the legal profession. Mr. Calhoun, with offices located at 323-325 V. Weiss Building, has always practiced his profession alone, and has been associated with many of the most prominent cases which have come before the courts of South Texas since beginning the practice of law here. He was elected to the office of justice of the peace in Beaumont in 1908 and served in this capacity until 1910, when he was elected to the office of city attorney and held this important office for four years and established an enviable reputation in the manner in which he represented the city, during his regime. Mr. Calhoun has always been a loyal booster for Beaumont, and has confidence that this city will eventually be one of the largest of the Southwest, and this belief forms the foundation for loyal and beneficent service to his city and state.

A native Texan, Mr. Calhoun was born at Sandy Point, Brazoria County, on November 23rd, 1882. His father, B. F. Calhoun (deceased), came to Texas from South Carolina in 1866 and was a practicing physician at that time. He first settled in Brazoria County and in 1883 came to Beaumont and continued the practice of medicine here until his death on January 15th, 1922. Dr. Calhoun was one of the most prominent physicians of his day in the Lone Star State, and was a pioneer in his profession in Texas, and was the oldest physician here at the time of his decease, being seventy-two years of age, but active at that time. His mother (also deceased), was Miss Mattie Baughn, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a prominent family of Fayette County. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Beaumont, where he graduated from the latter. He then entered the University of Texas, where he first pur-



sued a literary course and later became a student of the law department and graduated from this institution in the class of 1906 with the L. L. B. degree, after which he immediately established his office at Beaumont and began the practice of his chosen profession, and has met with unusual success.

Mr. Calhoun was married at Waco, Texas, on December 8th, 1910, to Miss Ladie Pearl Olive, a native of Hardin County, Texas, and a daughter of Sidney Olive, well known in the business circles of East Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Calhoun reside at 1880 Broadway. Mr. Calhoun is popular in the business and social circles of Beaumont, and throughout the state. As a leader in one of the most honorable professions of men, and as a champion of every worthy civic move, Mr. Calhoun is regarded as one of the foremost citizens of Beaumont and has a sure place among the leaders of his state.



**EDWARD TILGHMAN CHEW**, attorney at law of Houston, has practiced his profession in Texas for more than a quarter of a century and is well known at the bar of this state. Mr. Chew is engaged in a general civil practice of law, with offices in the Kress Building, and has occupied offices in this building since it was constructed. He began the practice of his profession in the year 1899 with his father, F. F. Chew, under the firm name of F. F. and E. T. Chew, and this partnership continued until his father's death in 1907, since which time he has practiced alone. Mr. Chew has a large practice and is regarded as an executive in addition to being a successful lawyer.

A native Houstonian, Mr. Chew was born on September 3rd, 1876. His father, F. F. Chew (deceased since May 6th, 1907) was a native of Mississippi and a graduate of the university of that state, class of 1858, and a member of the Delta Psi fraternity. He came to Texas with his brother, John C. Chew, in 1859 and settled on the Brazos River, where they owned a large plantation. Mr. Chew continued to reside on and operate this plantation until the outbreak of the Civil War, in which he was a participant. After the close of the war, he came to Houston and was one of Houston's first newspaper men and was a writer of note. He was connected with the old Houston Telegraph and was a writer on this early day paper and later became assistant editor and the circulation of this paper was largely due to his work. He later began the practice of law and for many years was one of the most prominent lawyers of this part of the state. In addition to being one of Houston's foremost attorneys, he was one of the builders of this city and was at all times at the head of all civic moves, and much of the work which has been carried out in Houston along the lines of civic improvement was started by Mr. Chew. He was closely identified with the social and commercial life of the city also and exerted an influence for good throughout a wide range of the city's activities. The mother of E. T. Chew was Miss Julia A. Fuller and was born in Houston in the old Fuller homestead at the corner of Smith and Preston. Her father, Nathan Fuller, came to Houston in 1843, and was the third mayor of this city. He was also a pioneer in the business and civic life of the city and was prominently identified with Houston's early growth and advancement. Mr. E. T. Chew's early education was obtained in the various schools of

Houston, after which he entered the law department of the University of Texas and graduated from that institution in 1899 with the L. L. B. degree, when he immediately joined his father in the practice of law in this city, where he has since remained.

Mr. Chew was married on August 10th, 1911, to Miss Bessie Atkeison, a native of Conway, Arkansas, but who was reared and educated in Missouri and is a graduate of Central College of Lexington, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Chew reside at 424 Hathaway Avenue. Mr. Chew is a member of the River Oaks Country Club and other social organizations of the city and of the college fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Among the practitioners of civil law, Mr. Chew is one of the ablest in the Houston bar.



**JOHN B. YORK**, one of the highly esteemed attorneys of Houston, has had a wide and varied experience during his years of practice here, and is well versed in both civil and criminal procedure. Mr. York is head of the law firm of York and Neeld, a firm handling a general civil and criminal practice, and one which has made a splendid record since its establishment in 1922. The firm of York and Neeld is composed of John B. York, the subject of this sketch, and H. H. Neeld, and has offices in the Kress Building. Mr. York has engaged in practice at Houston since his admission to the Bar in 1908, and the recognition accorded him by his contemporaries and clients alike is only in keeping with his demonstrated ability as an attorney.

John B. York was born at Giddings, Lee County, Texas, the third of October, 1884, the son of Milton G. York, a native of East Texas, who came to Texas as a young man and was a farmer in Lee County for many years, and Matilda Ann (Heck) York, a native of Texas. Mr. York attended the public schools at Giddings, later entering the University of Texas, in the law department, and taking the LL.B. Degree in 1908. After taking his degree and being admitted to the Bar Mr. York came direct to Houston, beginning his practice alone. A year later, in 1909, he formed an association with T. W. Menefee, the resulting firm being known as Menefee and York. This firm continued three years, at which time Mr. Kinard came with the firm and the name was changed to Kinard, Menefee and York, continuing until Mr. Kinard's death two years later, when it again became Menefee and York. Three years later this partnership was dissolved and Mr. York formed an association with Mr. VanVelzer which lasted until Mr. VanVelzer removed to California, when he formed the present firm of York and Neeld. Mr. York is a director of the Universal Land Company, a director of the Mutual Construction Company, a director of the Peoples Home Investment Company, and a director of the Central State Bank. He formerly served for eight years as City Attorney of Magnolia Park, a suburb of Houston, and at present a trustee of the Harrisburg Independent School District.

Mr. York was married at Houston the first of August, 1912, to Miss Katie Hall, a native of East Texas. They reside at 6917 Avenue "C" and have two children, Kathryn, and Marion Adele. Mr. York is a Mason, Blue Lodge, a Knight of Pythias, and a Dokey, and is a thoroughly public spirited citizen, interested in the growth of Houston.



**J**UDGE ROBERT HAMILTON WARD of Houston, Texas, for half a century has been an active member of the legal fraternity of Texas, and is well known in the bench and bar circles of this state, with offices in the Keystone Building, is engaged in a general civil practice. Judge Ward was formerly general attorney for the Kirby Petroleum Company of this city, and occupied that position since the organization of this company. In 1921, at the time the Kirby Petroleum Company was organized, it took over the Bass Petroleum Company, of which Judge Ward was general attorney with offices in Wichita Falls, Texas, and had been located in this North Texas city since 1919. In 1922, the offices of the Kirby Petroleum Company were moved to Houston and are located in the Great Southern Life Building here. Mr. John H. Kirby, capitalist and one of the leading lumber men of the United States, is president of the company. Judge Ward read law in various law offices in Austin, Texas, and was admitted to the bar on February 4th, 1874, and immediately began the practice of his profession at Austin and continued there until 1900. He then removed to San Antonio, Texas, and practiced law there until 1919, when he became general attorney for the Bass Petroleum Company and removed to Wichita Falls, Texas, the headquarters of this oil company. While Judge Ward was engaged in the practice of law at Austin and San Antonio, Texas, he was identified with many of the most important cases which came before the courts there. He had as partners in these cities some of the most able lawyers of the Lone Star State, who with Judge Ward became well known as the strongest law firms of the Southwest. Judge Ward has occupied many positions of honor and trust at the hands of his fellowmen, and was a member of the 24th and 25th Texas Legislatures from Travis County, and was for a time first assistant attorney general under Attorney General Tom Smith in Governor Sayers' administration. Judge Ward was district judge at San Antonio of the 73th Judicial Court for some time, and his decisions are known as just and true at all times, while serving in the bench of this high court. Judge Ward was special counsel for the state of Texas in the celebrated boundary suit between Oklahoma and Texas in the Supreme Court of the United States.

Judge Ward was born at Warrenton, Virginia, on December 27th, 1852. His father, Dr. John Ward, was one of the pioneer physicians of his day and was a surgeon in the United States Navy until the outbreak of the Civil War when he became a naval surgeon of the Confederacy. He continued in this capacity until the Confederate Navy was blown up and he then went into the Army branch of the service where he served until the close of the war. A native of Virginia, Dr. Ward returned to his native state after the close of the war and remained there until his death. His mother, Mrs. Mary Grace Dalton (Hamilton) Ward, was a native of Maryland and a member of a prominent family of that state. Judge Ward's early education was obtained in the schools of Warrenton, Virginia, and after the close of the Civil War he came to Austin, Texas, where he had relatives residing, and as a very young man began to study law. Judge Ward was in Texas during the days of rehabilitation following the Civil War, and remembers the regime of Texas' carpet-bagger gov-

ernor and many incidents which happened during this period which have never been recorded in history.

Judge Ward has been three times married. His first marriage was at Austin, Texas, to Miss Annie de Cordova, a native of the capital city and a member of a pioneer Texas family. Of this union, four children were born: Louise, now the wife of L. P. Clarkson of Houston; Grace Hamilton, now the wife of Lee Ransom of San Antonio; Addie, the wife of Shelby P. Robbins of Lubbock, Texas, and Robert Hamilton Ward Jr. of San Francisco, California. His second marriage was in Austin to Mrs. Eva de Normandy, granddaughter of John M. Swisher, a San Jacinto veteran. Judge Ward was married the third time to Mrs. Ammie Ruth Jameson, widow of Joe Lee Jameson and he has two stepsons, M. R. Jameson, a lieutenant in the United States Navy, and House Baker Jameson, an actor residing in New York. Judge Ward is a member of the Houston Club and the various bar associations, in which he takes an active interest. Judge and Mrs. Ward reside at 1419 Hawthorne Street, Houston. In a career dedicated to the law, Judge Ward has attained a dignity and reputation that easily rank him with the able men of the bar and bench of Texas.

**J**UDGE BENJAMIN F. WILSON, judge of the County Court at Law, No. 1, Harris County, since his election to office has entered upon his duties with enthusiasm, and it is already evident that he possesses those qualities that go to make a fair and careful judge. Coming to Houston in 1915, shortly after his admission to the bar, he engaged in the general practice of civil law, and is well known throughout the state. He is deeply interested in association work, and served as Secretary of the Texas Bar Association for several years.

Benjamin F. Wilson was born at Walnut Springs, Texas, the twelfth of March, 1891. His father, Benjamin F. Wilson, a native of Alabama, came to Texas as a boy of fifteen years. He was a railroad man for many years, having been connected with the Gulf Coast Lines for a long time prior to his death. His mother, also a native of Alabama, now resides at Houston. Mr. Wilson attended the public schools of Houston, graduating from the high school here, after which he entered the University of Texas and after two years academic work entered the law department of the University of Texas. Later he went to Virginia, but did not finish there, returning to Texas in 1915, and taking the bar examination at San Antonio, Texas, and being admitted to the bar there. Mr. Wilson then came to Houston, beginning his practice here, making a splendid professional record.

Judge Wilson was married at Houston, the eleventh of August, 1921, to Miss Frances Hulen, sister of General John A. Hulen, who served in the World War as a general, and who is now the receiver for the Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroad. Judge and Mrs. Wilson reside at 1313 West Alabama Avenue, and have one child, Frances Wilson. Judge Wilson is a member of the various bar associations, and is a Mason, Holland Blue Lodge, No. 1, Washington Chapter, Ruthven Commandery, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. Judge Wilson's career has attracted much favorable comment from his confreres.



*R. H. Ward*





*John Garrison*



**JOHN T. GARRISON**, whose name represents one of the most prominent attorneys in the Southeast Texas bar, in the three decades of his practice in Texas has advanced to a position among the foremost legists of the state, and at Houston, where he has engaged in practice for around two decades, he is held in high esteem for his masterly handling of corporation problems and his eloquence as a trial lawyer. Mr. Garrison is head of the law firm of Garrison and Watson, of which firm Senator Q. U. Watson, who concentrates his attention to legislative problems, is a member. In addition to Mr. Garrison and Senator Watson, three younger attorneys, R. L. Atterbury, C. E. Coolidge and M. Satterwhite, are associated with the firm, which occupies offices in the State National Bank Building. Mr. Garrison gives special attention to corporation practice, and is retained as counsel by many of the larger corporations at Houston. He is division attorney for the Southern Pacific Railroad, looking after all legal work for this road. Mr. Garrison is equally able as a trial lawyer, his natural eloquence, his ability as a lawyer, his poise, and his ready perception of the fundamental facts of a case winning the admiration and respect of the bench and bar, as well as his clients.

John T. Garrison was born at Macon, Georgia, the first of March, 1866. His father, T. S. Garrison, a native of Georgia, came to Texas in 1868, and was a banker, merchant and farmer of East Texas until his death. As a boy Mr. Garrison had few opportunities to attend school, for in that day few public schools had been established in East Texas, and he was largely self educated. Later he entered the law department of Vanderbilt University, and after one year there entered the University of Texas, where, in one year's residence, he took the LL. B. degree in 1891, and the following year began the practice of law in Shelby County, Texas. After three years in Shelby County, Mr. Garrison went to Nacogdoches County, as offering broader opportunities, and was for fourteen years one of the leading attorneys there. Mr. Garrison came to Houston in 1908 and became associated with the law firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood, as representative for the Southern Pacific Railroad, holding the position of division attorney. After a number of years with Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood, Mr. Garrison left that firm, going with the firm of McMeans, later Garrison and Pollard, later becoming Garrison, Pollard, Morris and Berry, and still later coming with his present firm, Garrison and Watson, as head of the firm.

Mr. Garrison was married in Shelby County, Texas, in 1892, to Miss Minter Hicks, a native of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Garrison reside in Houston, at 300 Webster Avenue, and have two children, Jessie, wife of Dr. C. P. Harris, one of the leading physicians of Houston, and Pauline, wife of Ralph Feagan, an attorney, associated with the firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood, at Houston, and one of the most promising younger attorneys of the city. Mr. Garrison is a Mason, Blue Lodge and Chapter. Mr. Garrison's standing as a lawyer is in just proportion to his ability and his years of practice, and many tributes have been paid to his ability and fine character by his friends and associates at Houston.



**CLYDE A. SWEETON**, Attorney at Law, although a comparatively recent addition to the legal fraternity of Houston, Texas, prior to locating here in 1924, had practiced his profession for more than a quarter of a century, and his reputation as a lawyer had preceded him to this city. Mr. Sweeton is a member of the law firm of Vinson, Elkins, Sweeton and Weems, and is composed of William A. Vinson, James A. Elkins, Clyde A. Sweeton and Wharton Weems, and is one of the strongest law firms of Houston. Mr. Sweeton handles the legal work of the oil branch of the firm, and is known as an authority on law as it pertains to oil in its various branches. The well-appointed offices of Vinson, Elkins, Sweeton and Weems, are located on the second floor of the Gulf Building. After finishing his academic course in college, Mr. Sweeton was employed at Sulphur Springs, Texas, and while working, studied law in several of the law offices there, and was admitted to the Bar in 1899. He then established his office at Sulphur Springs and began the practice of his profession, where he met with success and continued his practice until 1913, when he was appointed to the position of Assistant Attorney General under Ben F. Looney, and served in this important position from January, 1913, to April 10th, 1917, when he resigned in order to enter the private practice of law again. He went to Greenville, Texas, and with L. A. Clark, well-known North Texas attorney, formed a partnership under the name of Clark and Sweeton, and this partnership continued until Mr. Sweeton came to Houston and became associated with the present firm of well-known South Texas lawyers.

Mr. Sweeton was born in Rhea County, Tennessee, on December 7th, 1876. His father, J. M. Sweeton, also a native of Tennessee, and a well known minister, came to Texas over two-score years ago, and is now a resident of Wichita Falls, Texas, and is a superannuated member of the North Texas Conference. Before retiring he served as Presiding Elder and preacher, in charge of a number of stations of the North Texas Conference. His mother was Miss Cordelia Locke, a member of a well-known Tennessee family. Mr. Sweeton's early education was obtained in the public schools of Hunt County, after which he became a student of the Southwestern University at Georgetown, where he pursued a straight academic course, where he graduated with a B. S. degree in the class of 1898.

Mr. Sweeton was married at Sulphur Springs, Texas, on June 11th, 1899, to Miss Rowena Eastman, a native of Arkansas, and a member of a prominent family of that State. They have one daughter—Evorine, who is now a graduate of Ward-Belmont Seminary, and a student of the University of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeton reside in Houston. Mr. Sweeton is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in the Blue Lodge of Sulphur Springs, where he is also a member of the Chapter, and is a Knight Templar of the Commandry at Greenville, Texas. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of the World, in both of which he takes an active interest. He is also a member of the Houston Club, Lions Club and the Methodist Church.





**B. COLGIN**, Attorney at Law, has for a score of years practiced his profession before the Houston bar. Mr. Colgin is a member of the well known law firm of Bryan, Dyess & Colgin, with office at 809 Second National Bank Building, and are engaged in a general civil practice. Mr. Colgin has had unusual success with personal injury and land cases. He also does a general office and court work, and being an able speaker and excellent court room lawyer, he has met with success in the various cases he has tried, and enjoys the confidence of a substantial clientele. The firm of Bryan, Dyess & Colgin represent some of the large corporations of Houston and South Texas and many of the leading citizens of this portion of the State.

Mr. Colgin was born in New Iberia, Louisiana, September 9th, 1879. His father, George T. Colgin (deceased) was a native of Virginia, and a member of an old family of that State. After removing to Louisiana, he was engaged in farming on a large scale. His mother was Miss Celina Mary Segura, a native of Louisiana. His early education was obtained in New Iberia, Louisiana, under a private tutor, he later attended Spring Hill College, and graduated from that institution with the degrees of A. B. and A. M., and received the highest honors in the class in which he graduated. He then became a student of Georgetown University, and graduated from this college with the degrees of A. M. and L. L. B., and delivered the oration when the A. M. degree was conferred from this institution. Mr. Colgin was admitted to the bar in 1902 and in 1903 began the practice of his profession alone, but after a short time he became associated with Charles Guynes in February, 1903, and this association continued until January, 1922, when he became a member of the firm of Bryan, Dyess & Colgin.

Mr. Colgin was married in Galveston, October 25th, 1921, to Miss Lillian Calevoix, a daughter of N. L. Calevoix, a well known citizen of Missouri, who is now deceased. They have one son—Edmund Randolph Colgin. Mr. Colgin is a member of the Texas Bar Association, the Harris County Bar Association, and the Knights of Columbus. He is a consistent member of the Catholic Church, with membership in the Annunciation Church of Houston. Mr. Colgin has been a successful lawyer and has very few of his cases reversed on appeal. He has never ceased to be a student of law, and is a leader among the younger men of this generation.



**A. C. WOOD**, during the decade of his residence at Houston, has attained a commendable reputation as an attorney at law, and has won recognition as one of the leading corporation and insurance lawyers in Southeast Texas. Mr. Wood has practiced alone since 1924, at which time he severed his connection with the firm of Vinson, Elkins, Wood and Sweeton, with whom he had been associated since 1918. Mr. Wood is particularly able as a trial lawyer, his eloquent platform manner, his masterly presentation of facts, and his ability to gain an insight into a problem on proper presentation of fact, as well as his knowledge of law and procedure winning the admiration and respect of the bench and bar of the State of Texas. Mr. Wood gives special attention to insur-

ance practice and to negligence cases, and has come to be considered an authority in these fields, as well as in the general practice of law. He occupies a well appointed suite of offices in the State National Bank Building.

A. C. Wood was born at Huntsville, Texas, on the fourth of October, 1884. His father, J. E. Wood, a native of Alabama, came to Texas as a young man, locating near Huntsville, and is one of the substantial citizens in that section. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Anne Cox, is a native of the Lone Star State, and a member of one of the old Texas families who for many years have been prominent in and around Huntsville. Mr. Wood received his early instruction in the schools of Huntsville, attending the public schools there through high school. He then entered Sam Houston Normal, at Huntsville, graduating there in 1905 with honors. Mr. Wood then matriculated at the University of Texas, in the law department, where he took his degree and was admitted to the bar in 1909. He returned to his home in Huntsville, beginning his practice there, and one year later went to Fort Worth, where he became associated with the firm of Spoonts, Thompson and Barwise, one of the most prominent law firms of that city. He remained at Fort Worth and with that firm until 1916, when he came to Houston and was with the law firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood until 1918, at which time he went with Vinson, Elkins and Wood as junior member of the firm.

Mr. Wood was married at Huntsville, Texas, in 1913, to Miss Jessie Felder, a native of Texas and a member of one of the pioneer families of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Wood have an attractive home at 1620 South Boulevard, and have one child, Mildred. Mr. Wood supports the Baptist denomination in religious belief, belonging to the Baptist Church at Houston. He is a member of the Houston Club, the River Oaks Country Club and the Harris County Bar Association, and is regarded as not only one of the most brilliant of the younger lawyers, but as one whose career offers unusual promise.



**WILLIAM J. ARMSTRONG**, for around two decades one of the members of the legal fraternity of Houston, has attained a commendable reputation as an attorney, and has been active in civic and welfare work for many years. Mr. Armstrong came to Houston in 1904, establishing his practice here in that year, and has secured and maintained a high position in his profession, building up a very large practice. His practice is of a general nature. Mr. Armstrong has a well appointed suite of offices in the Union National Bank Building. With the exception of three years, during which time he was associated with Mr. T. G. Britton, Mr. Armstrong has engaged in practice alone.

William J. Armstrong was born at Salem, Virginia, the twelfth of May, 1877. His father, the late D. G. Armstrong, for many years a merchant of Salem, Virginia, was a native of West Virginia. His mother, now deceased, was before her marriage Miss Hannah Gibson, of West Virginia. Mr. Armstrong began his education in the public schools of Salem, Virginia, and after graduating from the high school there he entered Roanoke College, at Salem, Virginia, where he attended four years, taking the



A. B. degree from this institution, in 1897. Following his graduation, Mr. Armstrong went to Georgia, making that state his home for a number of years during which he pursued the study of law at nights and in his spare time. In July, 1904, Mr. Armstrong took the bar examinations before the Georgia bar and was admitted to practice. The following September he came to Houston, to which city his brother, Dr. E. M. Armstrong, one of the leading physicians of Houston, had preceded him, and has since been a resident here.

Mr. Armstrong was married at Roanoke, Virginia, the sixth of November, 1912, to Miss Mattie Taylor, a native of North Carolina, who was reared in Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong make Houston their home, and have one child, Mattie Williams Armstrong. During his years of residence at Houston, Mr. Armstrong has acquired various business interests here, and is one of the directors of the Universal Land Company. He is a member of the University Club. Mr. Armstrong has for many years contributed generously to the various charities of the city and has taken a deep interest in all welfare work. He has also been active in his support of various civic measures.



**ABE W. WAGNER**, in the decade of his practice of law at Houston, has attained a place of high standing in the Harris County Bar, and is regarded as one of the most capable jurists of this section of the state. Mr. Wagner is a member of the law firm of Wagner and Wagner, one of the most important law firms of Houston, and one of the strongest, both in point of practice and prestige. The firm occupies the third floor of the Union National Bank Building, and in addition to the members of the firm, has a number of legal experts composing the legal staff. Mr. Wagner was admitted to the bar in 1915, beginning his practice at Houston, and at that time forming an association with his brother, Myer C. Wagner, which continued until 1919 as the law firm of Wagner and Wagner. In that year William G. Love came into the firm and it became Love, Wagner and Wagner. When Mr. Love retired from the partnership, it continued as Wagner and Wagner. Tamp W. Grobe is associated with the firm.

Abe W. Wagner was born at Columbus, Texas, the twentieth of April, 1891. His father, I. Wagner, a native of Galicia, came to the United States as a young man, around four decades ago, coming direct to Texas. After one year at Houston, Mr. Wagner went to Columbus, Texas, where he engaged in business for more than a decade, and then returned to Houston, establishing a mercantile business here which he operated for many years. He has since entered the real estate and investment business, and is one of the best known realtors at Houston. Abe W. Wagner attended the public schools of Houston, and as a young man began to work in law offices, studying law at the same time, and receiving a large part of his legal training under such prominent lawyers as Sam Bradley, Mr. Fogle, and Colonel Thomas H. Ball. He was admitted to the bar in 1915, beginning his practice at Houston at that time, and has been active in this profession since.

Mr. Wagner was married at Houston, the eighth of January, 1916, to Miss Helen Maier, a native of

Palestine, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Wagner reside at 104 Avondale, and have two children, Dorothy Lucille, and Abe W. Wagner, Jr. Mr. Wagner is a member of the Salesmanship Club. He is a prominent Mason of Houston, belonging to Holland Blue Lodge No. 1, and is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, an officer in the Scottish Rite bodies, and belongs to Arabia Temple Shrine. Mr. Wagner is also an Elk and a trustee in the Houston Lodge. He has many friends among the professional men of the city, and is a leader among the younger element here.



**MEYER C. WAGNER**, one of the ablest lawyers of Houston and the Lone Star State, has dignified the profession by two decades of practice in this city, and has earned noteworthy prominence for his masterly handling of corporation matters and his connection with a number of important cases. Mr. Wagner is a member of the firm of Wagner and Wagner, one of the leaders of the Houston bar. For several years it was known as Love, Wagner and Wagner, but when Mr. W. G. Love retired from the partnership it continued as Wagner and Wagner. Associated with Mr. Wagner is his brother, Abe W. Wagner. Prior to the organization of this firm, Mr. Wagner had practiced alone in Houston, since being admitted to the bar in 1904. The firm maintains a well appointed suite of offices in the Union National Bank Building, and handles a large practice of a general civil nature. They are the attorneys for the Houston National Bank, and other large corporations and take a leading part in legal activities at Houston. Mr. Wagner is one of the most able attorneys of his day, and has intellectual talents of a high order, which, combined with a convincing platform manner, have been factors in his rapid advancement in his profession. He has a thorough understanding of economic and constructive policies, and notwithstanding the exacting professional and business demands on his time, has taken an active interest in public affairs.

Meyer C. Wagner is a native of Houston, in which city he was born the twenty-fifth of January, 1883. His father, I. Wagner, came to Houston around 1880, and although foreign born, was one of the most loyal supporters of American ideals in this city, and a man who took a deep interest in civic advancement. His mother was before her marriage Miss Bertha Nussbaum. Mr. Wagner removed to Colorado County as a boy and attended the public schools of that county and early formed the intention of making the law his vocation. After finishing the schools in Colorado County, Mr. Wagner went to Washington, D. C. and entered Columbia University, where he graduated in 1904 with the L. L. B. degree. He returned to his native city, where he was admitted to the bar in 1904, and where he has since practiced, steadily advancing in his profession to one of the leading lawyers of the Lone Star State.

Mr. Wagner was married at Houston in 1917 to Miss Josie Kahn, of Lafayette, Louisiana. They now make their home at 1610 Richmond, and have one child, Meyer, Jr. Mr. Wagner is a Kappa Sigma, belongs to the University Club, the Glenbrook Country Club, the Concordia Club, and attends Beth Israel. He has made a record in his profession that needs no commentary, but is the fulfilling of the predictions made during the early years of his career by his associates.





**JOHN M. KING**, one of the foremost lawyers of Houston, has been engaged in general practice since April 1, 1923, at which time he retired as General Attorney for the I. & G. N. Railroad, and is highly regarded as an attorney, whose success and prestige in his profession have been in proportion to his four decades of practice in various Texas cities. Mr. King is senior member of the law firm of King and Battaile, a firm established the first of January, 1924. Offices are maintained in the Bankers Mortgage Building. John F. Battaile, an attorney of recognized ability, is junior member of the firm.

John M. King was born in Aberfoyle, Pike County, Alabama, 1863. His father was Shepherd W. King of Alabama, well known cotton broker, and merchant of that State, and later of Texas. His mother was Miss Antoinette Ford of Alabama, daughter of a well known planter. Mr. King's early education was obtained at Union Springs Academy, Alabama, and Marvin College, Waxahachie. After finishing his education Mr. King taught school at Pilot Point, Texas, for a period of three years and studied law at the same time. He was admitted to the bar in 1886, beginning his practice at Waxahachie the same year. He remained at Waxahachie until 1896, demonstrating qualifications which caused much favorable comment. In 1896 Mr. King came within one vote of being nominated for Congress as a dark horse. In 1896 he was appointed Assistant Attorney General of Texas, serving until January, 1899, under Attorney General M. M. Crane. The same year Mr. King went to Navasota, remaining there until 1905, during this period he engaged in private practice. In 1905 he was given an invitation to become Assistant General Attorney of the I. & G. N. Railroad by Judge N. A. Stedman, who was at that time General Attorney for the railroad. He accepted this position and upon the resignation of Judge Stedman in 1906 he was appointed General Attorney for the railroad and served as such with a brief intermission until April, 1923.

Mr. King has been married twice, his first wife having been Miss Lizzie McAdoo, to whom he was married in 1891 at Ennis, Texas, and whose death occurred a year later. To this union was born one child, John B. King, now an attorney at Wichita Falls. Mr. King was married the second time to Miss Mary McAdoo, a sister of his first wife. They were the daughters of Judge John D. McAdoo, former Justice of Supreme Court of Texas and for many years a resident of Brenham, Texas, and uncle of William G. McAdoo. To this second union one child, Leon McAdoo King, was born. Mrs. King's death occurred at Paris, France, August, 1923. Mr. King is a Knight of Pythias, belonging to the Navasota Lodge, having been affiliated with this order since 1888. During his early career he was elected to the Twenty-Third Legislature, from Ellis County, serving one term.



**JUDGE J. WILL WOODS**, senior member of the well known law firm of Woods, King and John, has for fifteen years practiced his profession in Houston, and during this period has been identified with many of the most important cases which have come before the courts of South Texas. This firm, as established in 1908, was Woods and Graham, and continued under this

name until January, 1911, when it was changed to Woods, Graham and Harris, and this firm name continued until October 1st, 1912, when Mr. Graham withdrew and the name was changed to Woods and Harris. This firm continued until April 1st, 1914, when it became Woods, Harris and King. In January, 1915, Mr. Harris withdrew and the firm became Woods and King, which continued until January 1st, 1916, when Mr. John entered the firm, and the name was again changed, and has continued since that time under the present name—Woods, King and John. This firm is engaged in the general practice of law, mostly civil work, and many damage cases are numbered among their large clientele. Woods, King and John are attorneys for the Citizens State Bank, Burge Manufacturing Company and many of the leading manufacturers, companies and individual interests of Houston, Harris County and South Texas. Their office is located at 1104 Union National Bank Building.

A native Texan, Judge Woods was born in Robertson County December 11th, 1873. His father, J. A. Woods, was also born in Robertson County and for many years was engaged in farming in that county; his father, John Woods, came to Texas about 1845 and was among the pioneer settlers of the Lone Star State. His mother was Miss Fannie Parker, a native Texan, and a member of a prominent family of Washington County, where she was born. Her family came to Texas in the pioneer days. Judge Woods' education was obtained in the public schools and later he attended a business college at Austin, Texas. Judge Woods studied law in the office of C. F. Cohron at Franklin, Texas, and was admitted to the bar in July, 1896, and immediately began the practice of his profession at Bremond, Texas, and continued his law practice there until November, 1900, when he was elected county attorney of Robertson County, and removed to Franklin, which is the county seat. From 1898 to 1900, Judge Woods served as assistant county attorney at Bremond, Texas. He served as county attorney of Robertson County from 1900 to 1904, when he was elected to the office of county judge of Robertson County, and served with distinction in this office until November, 1908. During this same year, he removed to Houston and began the practice of his profession, and has continued since that time, although the personnel of the firm and the name has been changed several times. One member of this law firm saw active service during the World War. In May, 1917, Mr. John entered the Army, and on September 1st, 1918, K. C. Barkley entered the firm and the name was changed at that time to Woods, Barkley and King, until Mr. John returned from the Army and in September, 1919, came back with the firm, but the name of the firm remained the same until January 1st, 1921, when Mr. Barkley left, and the firm returned to the present name. Since coming to Houston, Judge Woods has been closely connected with the commercial interests of the city, and is chairman of the Board of Directors of the Citizens National Bank and was one of the organizers of this institution. He is a director in the Burge Manufacturing Company and many other companies and industries of Houston. Judge Woods has been the recipient of many positions of honor and trust at the hands of his fellow men. Among these are numbered the fact that in November, 1918,



*John M. King*





*Paul J. Ryan*

he was elected presidential elector (Democratic) of the Sixth Congressional District. He has served his state and country in many ways, and during the World War, he served on the Legal Advisory Board, and was an ardent worker in many organizations.

Judge Woods was married in Robertson County, Texas, February 12th, 1899, to Miss Lena George, a daughter of W. R. George, a well known farmer of Robertson County. They have three children, Roy W. Woods, twenty-four years of age; Bessie, seventeen years old, at school in New York City, and Joe Woods, aged fourteen years. In fraternal and professional organizations, Judge Woods is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World, Texas Bar Association and the Harris County Bar Association. He takes an active interest in all matters having to do with the civic improvement of Houston, and he stands in the esteem of the Houston citizenship as a champion of civic righteousness.



**JOHN G. LOGUE**, attorney and counselor at law, and one of the leading practitioners before the Bar of South Texas, has been actively identified with the legal profession in the City of Houston for over twenty years.

Mr. Logue was admitted to the Bar in 1904, and came to Houston in that year from his former home at Columbus, Texas, and became associated with the law firm of Andrews, Ball and Streetman. In 1911 he became a member of the firm, the name of which was later changed to Andrews, Streetman, Logue and Mobley, now one of the leading law firms of Texas.

A native of Texas, Mr. Logue was born at Columbus, in Colorado County, on May 16th, 1882, a son of Lyle J. and Hattie T. (Cook) Logue. His father was an able attorney of the old school and at the time of his death in 1884 was serving as county and district attorney of Colorado County. He had formerly lived in Galveston where his father settled before the Civil War.

Mr. Logue attended the public schools of Columbus, and later was a student at Baylor University and the University of Texas, graduating from the latter institution with the class of 1904 and receiving the degree of Bachelor of Laws.

On December 19th, 1906, Mr. Logue was married at Weimar, Texas, to Miss Kate Holloway, native of Colorado County, and a daughter of J. J. Holloway, pioneer merchant, planter and banker of that section. They have one daughter, Kathryn Lyle.

Mr. Logue is a member of the Delta Tau Delta, college fraternity, being a charter member of the chapter at Austin. He also is a Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite to the eighteenth degree, a member of the American Bar Association, Texas, and Harris County Bar Associations, the Houston, Lumbermen's and University Clubs, the Houston Country Club, and the River Oaks Country Club. He is a director of the Kirby Lumber Company and also a director of the San Jacinto Trust Company. During 1922 he served as president of the Harris County Bar Association.

During his practice before the courts of Texas, Mr. Logue has handled a great deal of litigation that has been of extreme importance and interest to members of the Bar generally. Many of his cases have decided new questions of law and have become precedents for the guidance of the courts in later decisions.



**LAWRENCE COOK**, Attorney at Law and member of the well known firm of Andrews, Streetman, Logue & Mobley, came to Houston in 1908 from Austin and since that time has practiced his profession before the Houston bar. This firm are General Attorneys for the Gulf Coast Lines, comprising Beaumont, Sour Lake and Western Railway Company, Orange & North Western Railroad Company, Houston & Brazos Valley Railway Company and St. Louis, Brownsville & Mexico Railway Company; are General Attorneys for Houston Belt & Terminal Railway Company and are local attorneys for the Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroad, now being operated under a Federal Court receivership. Mr. Cooke looks after the work for these railroads largely in person. He has specialized to a considerable extent in insurance, particularly the Workmen's Compensation Insurance and casualty lines. This firm are attorneys for Aetna Casualty and Insurance Company, New Amsterdam Casualty Company, Home Life and Accident Company, Lumbermans Reciprocal Company, Oil Men's Reciprocal Company, Medical Protective Company and others.

Mr. Cook was born near Meridian, Mississippi, December 25, 1879. His father, J. E. Cook, has been a public school teacher all his life, first in Mississippi and afterwards in Texas. He is now living in Fort Bend County, Texas. His mother was Miss Augusta Rosser, a native of Mississippi. His public school education was obtained in the schools of Hays, Caldwell, Cherokee and Robertson Counties, Texas, his high school work having been completed in the high school of Hearne, Texas, where he graduated in the class of 1898. He then entered the University of Texas and graduated from that institution in the class of 1905 with the A. B. degree, and in 1908 obtained the degree L. L. B. Mr. Cook worked for one year in a newspaper office before entering the University of Texas, and between 1902 and 1903 he taught private school in Houston. In 1903 he entered the University of Texas, taking the position of Assistant Registrar, later becoming Secretary to the President and Board of Regents, which position he held during President David F. Houston's administration. After leaving college, Mr. Cook came with the present firm, which at that time was under a different name, on a salary and became a member of the firm in 1918.

Mr. Cook was married in Austin, Texas, on August 18, 1919, to Miss Juliette Elliott, a native Texan and a daughter of Rev. Claybourne Elliott, a well known Methodist minister. They have five children, William Lawrence Cook, Jr., John Edward, Raymond Augustus, Frank Elliott and Robert Leroy. Mr. Cook is a York Rite Mason and a member of Arabia Temple of the order of Mystic Shriners. He is also a member and Treasurer of the Harris County Bar Association, member of the Houston Country Club, Houston Club, Lumbermen's Club and the University Club. He is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church. Mr. Cook sees a great future for Houston, and believes that in addition to soon becoming the leading city in the Southwest in other ways, it will soon be an important educational center of the South. Mr. Cook is loyal to the city of his adoption, where he is recognized as one of the leaders in his profession among the younger generation.





**JOSEPH E. WINFREE**, Attorney at Law, of Houston, Texas, during his practice before the local bar, has been identified with much of the important litigation that has come before the courts of South Texas. A notable case in which Mr. Winfree appeared with the late Judge Masterson, was *Masterson and Kempner versus A. C. Allen and others*. This case lasted six weeks and was tried before Judge Charles E. Ashe, and was won by Mr. Winfree and his associates. Mr. Winfree is the senior member of the well known law firm of Winfree and Weslow, with offices in the State National Bank Building, and are engaged in a general practice of civil law. This firm enjoys the confidence of a large clientele, including many large companies, among which are the following: The Gulf State Bank, Howard G. Fields Lumber Company, J. P. Ross and Sons, Gammage Investment Company, Independent Lumber Company, G. W. Hunt Lumber Company, and the Texas Division of the Actors Equity Association. They are also local attorneys for the Southern Pacific Railroad Company, and represent many of the city's large institutions and representative business men. Mr. Winfree has been a member of the Texas Legislature from Harris County for two years, and has won the distinction as a law maker who has the welfare of his constituents, and the Texas people in general, at heart. Associated with Mr. Winfree is his partner, Mr. Julian A. Weslow and David Harris, H. G. Hart, and Devereaux Henderson, all well known attorneys of this city. Mr. Winfree started his career in the business world in a sawmill, where he was employed by the West Lumber Company, in a little lumber town of East Texas. At that early age he had his mind made up to be a lawyer. He purchased law books, which he studied diligently at night, while working by day in the sawmill, and by dint of industry and close application to his studies, was admitted to the bar in 1912. He immediately established his office among his friends and acquaintances of his boyhood at Crockett, Texas, where he practiced his profession for two and one-half years. Realizing the wonderful future for a young, industrious and enthusiastic lawyer in Houston, he accordingly removed to the Southwest Metropolis, and again fortune favored him in that he was able to become associated with one of Houston's greatest lawyers, Judge Harris Masterson, who was without a peer in the profession of law. Mr. Winfree remained with Judge Masterson until he formed the present partnership with Mr. Weslow in 1919. The able counsel and advice and daily life of Judge Masterson are still among his most cherished memories of his early days as a member of the Texas legal fraternity. Long ago Mr. Winfree identified himself with the business life of Houston, and is interested in many of the city's business and industrial institutions, among which is the Gammage Investment Company, of which he is a Director, and the Howard G. Fields Lumber Company, of which he is Vice-President. He is also Vice-President of the Winlow Place Company, capital stock \$100,000.00, fully paid up.

A native Texan, Mr. Winfree was born at Crockett on December 20, 1891. His father, Edwin Winfree, is a pioneer of the Lone Star State, and has always taken an active interest in all matters having as their object the betterment and advancement of Texas, where he is known as one of the State's most

prominent citizens, and is now Superintendent of the Confederate Home at Austin. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Crockett, after which he became a student of the University of Texas, where he pursued a straight academic course.

Mr. Winfree was married at Crockett, Texas, on April 3, 1912, to Miss Jessie May Reynolds, a native of Crockett, where she was a member of a well known family. They have three children, Joseph Edwin, James Lipscomb and Harris Masterson. Mr. and Mrs. Winfree reside at 4802 Rusk Avenue. Mr. Winfree is a member of the A. F. and A. M., and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple. His Masonic membership is in Temple Lodge of Houston, where his degrees have been taken. Mr. Winfree is a staunch and consistent member of the Baptist Church and is an ardent worker in church work of all kinds. He is Vice-President of the Baptist Conference of Texas and is a teacher in the Sunday School of the Central Baptist Church, where his class numbers from fifty to one hundred members. Mr. Winfree does not hesitate to pronounce Texas the greatest State in the Union, and Houston one of the greatest cities of the Southwest, and in this great district he is regarded as one of the most highly esteemed of his calling, as well as one of Houston's most progressive and public spirited citizens.



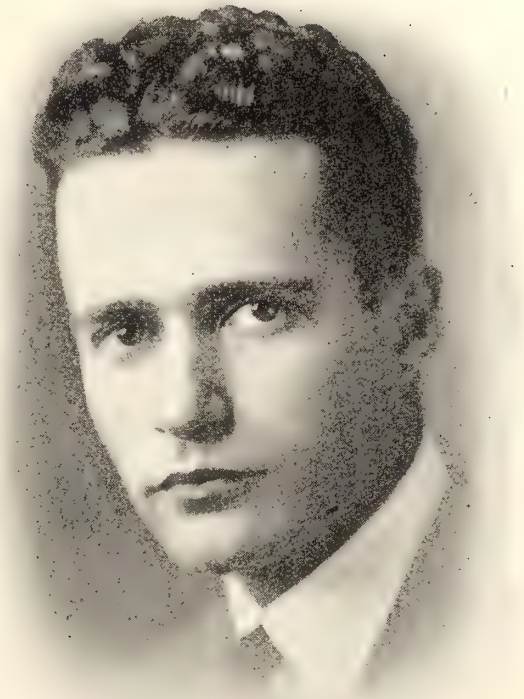
**JULIAN A. WESLOW** has for almost a decade been actively identified with legal affairs at Houston, and as an attorney has taken an influential part in the civic life of this city, at the same time securing and maintaining a prominent position professionally, and winning the highest esteem of the bench and bar. Mr. Weslow is junior member of the firm of Winfree and Weslow, which was established in 1919, and has since made rapid professional advancement, building up a large and lucrative practice. The firm handles a general civil practice and is especially foremost in lumber and banking litigation, representing a number of the large lumber companies, and the banking institutions of the city. Mr. Weslow has given special study to corporation law, especially that which has reference to the lumber industry, and banking, and his handling of these problems shows a complete mastery of his subject, as well as an ability to get at the basic principles of a case on proper statement of facts. Mr. J. E. Winfree, senior member of the firm, has also been prominent in legal circles at Houston for a number of years, and is one of the very able members of the legal fraternity here. The firm maintains offices in the Turnbow Building.

Mr. Weslow is also a Director of the Gulf State Bank of Houston, is Secretary, Treasurer and a Director of the Gulf Cement Pipe Company, and is Secretary, Treasurer and Director of the Milwaukee Cafe, is Director of the Fields Lumber Company, of the First National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio, and also is attorney for these various concerns, and is local attorney for the Southern Pacific Railroad. He has also been active in the development of Winlow Place, a new addition just beyond Montrose, put on the market by the Winlow Place Company, of which he is a Director and acts as attorney.

Julian A. Weslow was born at Houston, the nineteenth of May, 1923. His father, Sol Weslow, a



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native of Waco, and one of the most prominent attorneys of the Lone Star State, lived in Houston for many years, his death occurring here when his son, the subject of this sketch, was a child of nine years of age. His mother's maiden name was Miss Sophie Freed, her family residing at Hempstead for many years, and her birth occurring there. Mr. Weslow received his elementary and high school education in the public schools of Houston, after which he entered Valpariso University, in Indiana, in the Law Department, and took his L. L. B. degree from that institution in 1915. He then returned to Houston, and began the practice of law in this city, his brilliance and ability to match his wits with the legal talent of Houston winning recognition, and giving indication of the career which has followed. Mr. Weslow formed a partnership with John R. Burkett, one of the most brilliant of the younger attorneys, and after a year of practice the two enlisted in military service, shortly after the entrance of the United States in the World War. John R. Burkett served as Captain with the American Expeditionary Forces, and was killed in France just five days before the Armistice, while attempting the rescue of one of his sergeants, who had been wounded in front of the company position. Mr. Weslow served throughout the war, receiving his commission as Second Lieutenant, Infantry, U. S. A., and being assigned to the Ninetieth Division, and later transferred to the Fortieth Division, at San Diego, California, where he was instructor in trench warfare. He was later transferred to Camp Grant, Illinois, also as instructor, and was commissioned First Lieutenant, and discharged in July, 1919. He returned to Houston and resumed the practice of law, as junior member of the firm of Winfree and Weslow.

Mr. Weslow lives at 5020 Sycamore Avenue, in Houston, and is a member of the John A. Burkett Post of the American Legion, this post being named in honor of his former legal associate. He also belongs to the Harris County Bar Association and the American Bar Association, and is a member of the Concordia Club. Notwithstanding the exacting demands of his professional career, Mr. Weslow has taken an active interest in all that concerns the welfare and progress of Houston, and has contributed to the support of the various civic movements whose purpose has been the development, upbuilding and beautification of this city. He is interested financially in a number of important enterprises, and is in every way a substantial, public spirited member of his community.



**WILLIAM A. CATHEY**, whose name is of special significance in the legal fraternity at Houston as an authority on patent law, has attained a position of supremacy in this field in Texas and is firmly established as one of the leading patent attorneys of Texas. Mr. Cathey came to Houston in 1908 after one year of practice at Dallas, and formed an association with Edward V. Hardway, with whom he has since engaged in practice as a member of the firm of Hardway and Cathey. Their practice is largely limited to patents and their services are in demand by clients out of Texas as well as within its borders. Mr. Cathey has given special study to patent law and has come to be recognized as an authority in this field. Hardway and Cathey have their offices in the Bankers Mortgage Building.

William A. Cathey was born in Marshall County, Tennessee, the seventeenth of February, 1878, the son of J. A. Cathey, a native of that state who came to Texas, locating in Ellis County, in 1886, and residing there until his death. William A. Cathey began his education in the public schools of Ellis County, later attending Southwestern Normal, and studying law at nights after finishing school. He was admitted to the bar at Texarkana, Texas, practicing there until 1908.

Mr. Cathey was married at Dallas, Texas, the seventh of June, 1905, to Miss Eva McNeill, a native of Texas. They reside at 310 Welch Street and have two children, Louise and Linneill. Mr. Cathey is a Mason, 32nd degree Scottish Rite and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He is one of the charter members of the Rotary Club of Houston and takes an active part in all progressive work for the advancement of his city.



**JOHN E. PRICE**, attorney at law, of Houston, Texas, after receiving his law degree from the University of Missouri in 1908, came direct to this city and began the practice of law. He is engaged in a general practice in his profession, with offices on the second floor of the Republic Building, and has a large practice. Mr. Price has continued his law practice in Houston since first locating here except for the period spent in the World War. He attended the first Officers' Training Camp at Leon Springs, where he was commissioned a First Lieutenant, and was a member of the 40th Division, receiving his training in California, after which he went to France with this Division. On November 13th, 1918, two days after the signing of the Armistice, he was transferred to Judge Advocate Division, and left France in June, 1919. After receiving his discharge, he immediately returned to Houston and resumed his law practice, and Mr. Price is numbered among the leading attorneys of this city.

Mr. Price was born in Cass County, Missouri, on September 17th, 1883. His father, C. B. Price, was among the leading business men of Cass County. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Cass County, Missouri, after which he entered the University of Missouri and graduated from this institution in the class of 1908 with the A. B. and LL. B. degrees.

Mr. Price was married at Houston, Texas, on September 27th, 1919, to Miss Mamie Elsbury, a native Houstonian, and a member of one of the city's best known families. They have two children—John E. Price, Jr., and Mary J. Mr. and Mrs. Price reside at 218 Richmond Road. Mr. Price is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Blue Lodge No. 114, of Harrisville, Cass County, Missouri. He is a life member of Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston. He is also a Past Commander of Ruthven Commandery of Knights Templar, and is active in the Masonic circles of Houston and elsewhere. Mr. Price is an enthusiastic booster for Houston and believes that this city will soon become the Metropolis of the Southwest, and is active in its civic improvement and high development. Mr. Price is not only a leader in the profession of law, but is a steadfast exponent of its highest standards, and is regarded as one of Houston's most popular, progressive and public spirited citizens.





**E. HUMPHREY**, one of the distinguished lawyers of the Walker County bar for the past twenty years and more, identified himself with the city of Huntsville in 1901 and since that time has been one of the leading attorneys here, and has also been active in all civic work. Mr. Humphrey is a member of the law firm of Dean & Humphrey, one of the strongest law firms in this section of the state. The firm is the outgrowth of the law firm of Ball & Campbell, one of the oldest law firms in the state, established by Col. Tom Ball and Ben Campbell, who are both among the leading lawyers at Houston at the present time. In 1901 Mr. Dean and Mr. Humphrey came into the firm, which was Dean & Humphrey until 1903 when Ben H. Powell became associated with them, the firm becoming known as Dean, Humphrey & Powell, and so continuing until Mr. Powell became district judge, when the firm again became Dean & Humphrey. The firm has an enviable list of clients, and is known over the state as one of the leading firms of this section. Mr. Humphrey has been a member of the school board for sixteen years, and was mayor of Huntsville from 1916 to 1920, and the first paving and sewer system was built during his administration.

T. E. Humphrey was born in McLean County, Kentucky, the third of October, 1869, the son of J. B. Humphrey and Cordelia Nall Humphrey, both natives of Kentucky. Mrs. Humphrey's death occurred in 1916, at which time she was seventy-nine years of age, Mr. Humphrey surviving her seven years, his death occurring in 1923, at the age of ninety years. T. E. Humphrey obtained his education in the schools of Kentucky, finishing at Georgetown College in that state. He then came to Texas, studying law in the office of Governor Neal, at Navasota, and was admitted to the bar in 1898, beginning his practice in Montgomery County, remaining there until 1901, when he came to Huntsville and has since held a place as one of the leading lawyers here.

Mr. Humphrey was married at Houston, Texas, in the fall of 1903, to Miss Emilie Cabaniss, the daughter of H. C. Cabaniss, and a native of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey have one son, T. E. Humphrey, Jr., a graduate of Huntsville High School and Texas A. and M. College, and a very active member of the Texas National Guard since the age of sixteen years. Mr. Humphrey is a Mason, Knight Templar at Huntsville, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston, is president of the Rotary Club of Huntsville, and a member of the Baptist Church. He has been a factor in the life of Walker County since coming to Huntsville, and few men are held in higher esteem or are more active in their support of civic measures.



**CLARENCE FREDERICK MILHEISER**, attorney at law of Houston, and for a number of years past active in the business and professional life here, although engaged in a general civil practice, has devoted the major part of his time to land title work and is regarded as one of the leading title attorneys of Southeast Texas. Mr. Milheiser is a member of the law firm of Stewart, De Lange and Milheiser, one of the largest title firms in the South. Other members of the firm, in addition to Mr. Milheiser, are Maco Stewart, of Gal-

veston, one of the foremost title authorities of the country, and Albert De Lange, of Houston, also a prominent attorney. The firm of Stewart, De Lange and Milheiser was established in 1921, the Houston offices being located on the second floor of the Stewart Building.

Clarence Frederick Milheiser was born in New York City on the twenty-ninth day of November, 1892. His father, the late Frederick Milheiser, a native of New York, came to Texas in 1895, residing at Galveston until his death. Clarence Frederick Milheiser, the subject of this sketch, spent his boyhood at Galveston, attending the public schools there, and after finishing his high school work here, he attended the University of Texas one year, after which he went to New York City where he entered Columbia University. He took his B. A. degree from this institution in 1914 and the LL. B. degree in 1915, also at Columbia. After taking his law degree, Mr. Milheiser returned to Galveston and in August, 1915, went with Maco Stewart, at Galveston. In 1916 he went to Houston as attorney for the Stewart Title Guaranty Company, the largest title insurance company in the Southwest, and in 1921 was made a member of the law firm of Stewart, De Lange and Milheiser.

Mr. Milheiser was married at New York City the twenty-eighth of December, 1915, to Miss Millicent Barnes Rutty, a native of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Milheiser live at the Rice Hotel and have one child, Clarence Frederick Milheiser, Jr. Mr. Milheiser is a Mason, Blue Lodge at Houston, a Shriner of Arabia Temple, at Houston, and is also an Elk.



**DAVE D. HUGHS**, attorney at law, Houston, Texas, has since 1911 been an active figure in the legal circles of Houston and of South Texas. Mr. Hughes has offices in the Binz Building and is engaged in a general practice of civil law, and he has been identified with many prominent cases which have come before the courts here in his branch of jurisprudence. He has succeeded in building up a large practice and has earned a place of distinction in this city. Mr. Hughes has, throughout his career as a lawyer, practiced his profession alone, never having a partner.

A native Texan, Mr. Hughes was born in Lavaca County on November 23rd, 1887. His father, D. W. Hughes, also a native of Lavaca County, has been engaged in ranching all his life, beginning this business first in his native county, after which he removed to Lampasas County, and remained there for a period of sixteen years, and during all of this time he was engaged in cattle raising. He then removed to Harris County, and is residing on the farm of the subject of this sketch, near Pasadena, and has attained to the age of seventy years. His mother, Mrs. Ara (Walker) Hughes, was also a native of Lavaca County, Texas, and is active at the age of sixty-five years. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Lampasas, Texas, after which he entered the law department of the University of Texas and after receiving his degree from this institution in the class of 1912, when he was admitted to the bar, and he established his home and office in Houston and began the practice of his profession in this city. The fact that he has never had a desire to leave Houston, shows conclusively his faith in the future of this city. He has also



shown this faith by his investments of various kinds here, where he has established a splendid record as a lawyer. Mr. Hughs is regarded as a leader among the lawyers of his generations, and his devotion to his profession has been the main reason for the success that he has attained.

Mr. Hughs resides at Houston. He is a member of many of the social and business organizations of Houston, besides the different legal fraternities. He is a booster for this city, and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for the South Texas metropolis, where he has a host of friends and a large clientele. He has always been active in the civic improvement of the city of Houston and has great confidence in its future progress. Mr. Hughs is held in the highest esteem by the legal fraternity and is at all times an advocate of the highest standards of law and the ethics of the profession.



**JUDGE LEWIS FISHER**, attorney at law of Houston, Texas, has been a member of the legal fraternity of the Lone Star State for almost thirty years, and during this period he has been identified with many important cases. He came to Houston from Galveston in 1919, where he is engaged in the general practice of law and has established a large clientele, among which are some of the largest industries and most prominent people of this city and Harris County. Judge Fisher had been practicing law in Galveston from 1895 to 1919 and was among the best known attorneys and jurists of the Island City, and his reputation as both had preceded him to Houston. Among the public offices held by Judge Fisher while residing in Galveston are: County Attorney of Galveston County from 1900 to 1902; County Judge of Galveston County from 1902 and 1905; District Judge of the 10th District from 1905 to 1909, when he was elected to the office of mayor of Galveston, and he was the chief executive from that time to 1917, and his regime was one of the most successful in the history of Galveston. Judge Fisher's office is located at 809-10 State National Bank Building.

A native Texan, Judge Fisher was born at Austin on October 28th, 1872. His father, Rhoads Fisher, was a native of Matagorda County, Texas, where he was reared and later located at Austin, where for more than a quarter of a century he was in the Texas Land Office, and later engaged in the real estate business in Austin and remained in this field of activity until his death. Judge Fisher's grandfather, S. Rhoads Fisher, was one of Texas' earliest pioneers, having come to this state from Pennsylvania in 1829, and settled in Matagorda County. During his life, he was secretary of the Texas Navy, and one of the signers of the Declaration of the Independence of Texas. Judge Fisher's mother was Miss Saphira Rollins, a member of a well known family of Mississippi, but was brought to Texas when a child by her parents and was reared and educated in this State. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Austin, after which he entered the University of Texas, where he pursued an academic course, and later became a student of the law department, and graduated from the University of Texas in the class of 1895, with the L. L. B. degree.

Judge Fisher was married on January 23rd, 1901, to Miss May Wilma Masterson, a native Texan

and a daughter of Branch T. Masterson, a member of one of Texas' most prominent families and an article on his life and accomplishments is in this Work. They have four children—Lewis Dallam Fisher, who is a graduate of the Rice Institute; Wilmer R. Fisher, May Masterson and Rebecca B. Fisher. Judge and Mrs. Fisher reside at 232 Marshall Street, Houston. Judge Fisher is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of the Arabia Temple Shrine. Judge Fisher is also a K. C. C. H., which ranks next to the 33rd degree—this being the highest degree in Free Masonry. He also holds membership in the Eagles, the Elks Club, the Houston Country Club, the Houston Club, the Lawyer's Club and the Kappa Sigma College Fraternity.



**C. FULBRIGHT** for a decade and a half an attorney at Houston, began the practice of his profession in this city, and has continued to follow his vocation here until the present time, steadily advancing to a position among the foremost lawyers of the city. Mr. Fulbright is senior member of the firm of Fulbright, Crooker and Freeman, one of the legal firms of Houston, with offices on the top floor of the State National Bank Building. The firm handles a general civil practice, and has proven itself among the foremost in legal activities in Houston.

Mr. Fulbright came to Houston in February, 1909, trying his first case in the courts of Harris County, and was for a time with the firm of Andrews, Ball and Streetman. He later went with the Gulf Coast Lines, as commerce counsel, a position he held for several years. In July, 1918, he opened an office for general practice, practicing alone until October of the following year when he formed the partnership of Fulbright and Crooker, a firm that has recently become Fulbright, Crooker, and Freeman. Mr. Fulbright has given special attention to railroad law, and while his practice is now of a general nature, he is active in railway litigation, particularly in rate cases, and cases concerning interstate railway rates, representing various shipping interests. He is also president of the Houston Compress Company, one of the largest compresses in the city, and has other interests in the industrial and commercial world. For several years he was chairman of the legislative committee of the National Industrial Traffic League, which is the national organization of the shippers of this country. He is now one of the officers of that organization.

R. C. Fulbright was born at New Boston, in Bowie County, Texas, the sixth of October, 1881. His father, R. T. Fulbright, a native of Jackson, Tennessee, came to New Boston in 1875, and was a merchant there for many years. His mother, before her marriage Miss Bertie Welborn, was also a native of Jackson, Tennessee. Mr. Fulbright attended the public schools of New Boston, and after finishing there entered Baylor University, where he took the Ph. B. and Ph. M. degrees. He then went to the University of Chicago where the J. D. Degree was conferred on him in 1909. He came direct to Houston, beginning his practice in this city.

Mr. Fulbright is a Mason, being affiliated with Holland Lodge No. 1. He is also a Knight Templar, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also a member of the Houston Club, the Traffic Club, and the Glenbrook Country Club.





**R** C. PATTERSON, one of the leading attorneys at Houston, is a recognized authority on personal injury and damage law, and brings to bear on his practice a highly specialized knowledge of this branch of jurisprudence. Mr. Patterson is a member of the law firm of Fouts and Patterson, a partnership formed the first of January, 1920, and looked upon as one of the leading law firms of Houston. Elwood Fouts, also prominently identified with law and affairs at Houston, is associated with Mr. Patterson. The firm, while handling a general practice, specialize largely in defending suits brought against their clients for personal injury and damage. This branch of law requires considerable skill and much patient investigation. The firm has been eminently successful in handling this work, having won many cases involving large sums of money. Their operations in this field are rigidly ethical and they have appeared in many of the most noted cases in the South Texas courts. They have their offices in the Union National Bank Building.

R. C. Patterson was born in Tennessee, at Smyrna, a town near Nashville, on the eleventh day of May, 1883. His father, J. J. Patterson, a member of a prominent Tennessee family and a native of that State, has been actively identified with agricultural affairs at Smyrna for many years and is one of the prominent men of his community. Mr. Patterson's mother, whose maiden name was Miss Mary Wade Espey, is also a native of Tennessee. Mr. Patterson received his elementary instruction in a private school at Smyrna, afterward attending preparatory school there, and two years at Vanderbilt. He taught school at Mount Pleasant, Tennessee, for two years, after which he returned to Vanderbilt, graduating with the degree of B. A. He then went to Park College, Georgia, teaching school and coaching the football team there for two years. He then returned to Vanderbilt University, where he took the law course and was also active in athletics, playing on the Vanderbilt football team. Mr. Patterson took his L. L. B. degree and was admitted to the bar in 1910, and spent the following year teaching and coaching the football team at Peoples Tucker School at Springfield, Tennessee. He then came to Houston the first of January, 1911, and went with the law firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood, looking after insurance and personal injury matters for that firm until the close of 1919. On the first of January, 1920, he formed his present partnership, with Elwood Fouts, establishing the law firm of Fouts and Patterson.

Mr. Patterson was married at Aransas Pass, Texas, on the 27th of September, 1911, to Mrs. Betty Benton Wheeler Bordages, a native of Aransas Pass. Mr. and Mrs. Patterson have resided in Houston. They have one child, R. C., Junior, Mrs. Patterson having, however, two children, Wheeler and Asa C. Bordages, by her former marriage. Mr. Patterson is a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity, the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity, and belongs to the University Club at Houston. Mr. Patterson is one of the best liked professional men at Houston, taking a prominent part in all civic affairs, and is greatly interested in the advancement of this city along all lines, both civic and commercial. As a lawyer he has attracted favorable notice from the bench and bar of the State of Texas for his prominence in defending personal injury and damage cases, and

with his present recognition taken as an index of the future, he may well be expected, within the next few years to be one of the best known personal injury and damage defense lawyers in the State.



**A** F. TOWNSEND for nearly a decade was associated with the technical and executive management of public utilities at Beaumont, Texas, and his help in the solution of electric lighting, power and traction problems was largely responsible for civic growth and the extension of electric service and electric lines throughout the city. During this period he served as manager of the Eastern Texas Electric Company, one of the Stone & Webster group of properties. The Eastern Texas Electric Company is a smooth functioning organization, which has won the good will of the public and employees alike. Mr. Townsend gave much consideration to the fostering of better public relations, and his program for creating good will has been far reaching in effect. Under his management many improvements and extensions were made. Mr. Townsend left Beaumont to become operating vice president of the Western United Gas and Electric Company, Aurora, Elgin and Fox River Electric Company, Coal Products Manufacturing Company and the Southern Illinois Gas Company of Aurora, Illinois.

Mr. Townsend was born at Auburn, Maine, the twenty-seventh of March, 1874, the son of Roscoe G. Townsend, for many years a painting contractor of that State, and now living at the advanced age of ninety-one years, and Harriet F. Townsend. He attended the public schools of Auburn, graduating from the Auburn High School, after which he took special courses at the Portland, Maine, Business College. Immediately after leaving school he entered the office of a large shoe manufacturer, and spent about three or four years there. He then went with the Lewiston and Auburn Electric Light and Power Company of Auburn, Maine, and applying himself with diligence to the affairs of that utility was soon advanced to manager, directing the company in a capable and efficient way, and winning a reputation in the field of public utilities. In 1900 Mr. Townsend resigned as manager of the Lewiston and Auburn Electric Light and Power Company of Auburn, to accept a position with Stone & Webster, and has been with this large corporation since that time, winning recognition as one of the outstanding men in electric power and railway field. In 1916 he came to Beaumont to assume the management of the Eastern Texas Electric Company, a Stone & Webster Company and had charge of the general management of this company until his removal to Aurora, Illinois.

Mr. Townsend was married at Auburn, Maine, in 1901 to Miss Eva Winnifred Hodgkins, daughter of Ansel A. Hodgkins, and Lydia Hodgkins, both of Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend have one child, Pauline. During his residence in Beaumont he was a member of the Beaumont Country, St. Marks, the Rotary, the Tarpon, the Neches and the Port Arthur Country clubs, the Young Men's Christian Association, the Birney Club of St. Louis, Missouri. Mr. Townsend was president of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce one year and a vice president several years; he was also a member of the Southwestern Public Service Association and a vice president one year. He served as president of the New




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England section of the National Electric Light Association. Mr. Townsend is a man of definite attainments in his field, and is one of the best known utility man in the country, and a dominating figure in the various utility associations. His work in Beaumont was of vital importance to the growth of the city, and his leaving this community was a distinct loss to the city.

UDGE WM. G. LOVE, well known member of the Houston bar, has a state-wide reputation as a fearless and able pleader. His offices are located in the State National Bank Building. He represents various large interests, both corporate and individual, and frequently he is called upon to carry on important litigation in the court of the state.

In February, 1926, upon the death of Judge C. W. Robinson, Mr. Love was appointed judge of the Criminal District Court.

Judge Love has been a resident of Houston since 1893, coming here at that time from Luling, Caldwell County. For several years he was senior member of the firm of Love and Channell, and later with Love and Fouts, and still later Love, Wagner and Wagner, with whom he was associated for several years and until opening offices in the State National Bank Building.

Judge Love is a native of Texas and was born in Dallas County on a farm which covered a part of what is now known as Oak Cliff, on January 17th, 1869. He is a son of W. E. Love, native of South Carolina, who came to Texas in 1868 and settled on the west side of Trinity River near Dallas and served throughout the war as a soldier in the Confederate Army. His mother was formerly Miss Hulda Graston, a native of Tennessee.

Judge Love received his preliminary education in the public schools of Bell County and later he attended Salado College, preparing for admission to the University of Texas. Entering the law department of the university he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1889 and received his license to practice law. Judge Love, following his graduation, located in Luling, Texas, where he practiced from 1889 until 1893 when he removed to Houston.

In 1908 he was appointed by Governor Thos. M. Campbell to be district attorney of Galveston and Harris Counties and was elected to the position two years later, retiring voluntarily in 1912 after four years that were marked by some of the most successful prosecutions ever conducted in South Texas. It was during his incumbency as district attorney that Judge Love established a state-wide reputation as an orator. He prosecuted many bitterly fought criminal cases and came to be feared and dreaded by the criminal element of this section.

Judge Love served for some time as mayor of Houston Heights, when this portion of the City of Houston was a separate municipality and was also president of the school board there for twelve years. He has always taken a great interest in educational matters and has served the State of Texas with distinction as a member of the Board of Regents of the State University.

On May 30th, 1901, Judge Love was married at Austin to Miss Lillie Webb, a native of Flatonia, Texas, and a daughter of Dr. W. T. Webb, well known physician and member of an old family of Mobile,

Alabama, who came to Flatonia in 1874. They have two children, a son, Hamilton, and a daughter, Marion.

Judge Love is an active member of the American and State and County Bar Associations, the Houston Club and University Club and the Independent Order of Odd Fellows. He believes that Houston has passed the experimental stage and will have a rapid, permanent and substantial growth.



UDGE W. RAY SCRUGGS came to Houston, Texas, in 1919, and was associated with the law firm of Campbell, Myer, Myer and Freeman until his appointment to the position of assistant city attorney. In 1924 he was elected judge of County Court at Law No. 2, and since January 1st, 1925, has served in this capacity. His indefatigable and good work in the interest of the City of Houston during his incumbency of the position of assistant city attorney won him recognition at the polls and his election to his present judgeship. His fair treatment of matters coming before him has made him popular with the public as well as with the bar.

A native Texan, Judge Scruggs was born at Taylor on March 15th, 1895. His father, E. T. Scruggs (deceased), was also a native of the Lone Star State and was throughout his life engaged in the cattle business and was well known throughout the state. His mother was prior to her marriage, Miss Lou Ella Allcorn, a native Texan also, and a member of a pioneer family. She is now residing at Houston. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Taylor, Texas, after which he entered the law department of the University of Texas. After his admission to the bar in 1917, he practiced his profession for a short while in Austin, Texas, but gave up his practice which he had rapidly established, in order to enter the World War. Judge Scruggs entered the army on June 10th, 1917, and was a machine gun instructor at the Aviation Ground School at Austin for some time, after which he entered the Central Officer's Training School at Camp Hancock and was commissioned a second lieutenant. He remained at Camp Hancock as an instructor throughout the period of the World War, and was discharged there on December 20th, 1918. Following his discharge, Judge Scruggs returned to Texas and established his home and office at Thorndale, and began the practice of law there, and where he remained until the later part of 1919 when he came to Houston.

Judge Scruggs has been twice married. His first marriage was to Miss Mattie Rena Jarmon in 1915 at Austin, Texas, who later died, leaving a daughter, Mattie Rena Scruggs. He was married the second time at Houston, Texas, on June 7th, 1920, to Miss Esther Spahn, a member of a well known South Texas family. They have two children: W. Ray Scruggs, Jr., and Dorothy Margarette. Judge and Mrs. Scruggs reside in Glendower Court. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1 of Houston. He is also a member of the B. P. O. E., with membership in Houston Lodge No. 151. He is a member of the American Legion, the Christian Church, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Houston Lawyer's, Glenbrook Country and University Clubs, American Bar and the Texas Bar and Harris County Bar associations.





**H**AL B. STONEHAM, attorney at law, Navasota, Texas, came to this city in 1914, where he engaged in a general practice of law, and has become one of the leading lawyers of this portion of the state. After locating here, his business integrity, his broad views and grasp of public affairs gradually became known to the public and he was elected to the office of county attorney, and he served with distinction in this office for four years. He was then elected to the office of mayor, and in serving the people of Navasota as their chief executive, his administration has been one of great accomplishment. During his regime in this office the city has made great strides forward, and it is his desire to see Navasota become a real city, and with this end in view, he is a constant worker for the progress and advancement of his city. In addition to looking after the affairs of the city, and attending to his law practice, he is engaged in farming, and owns in fee a splendid farm containing almost one thousand acres of fertile land in Grimes County. Mr. Stoneham was admitted to the bar in 1904, when he established his home and office at Somerville, Texas, and began the practice of his profession. He later removed to Stoneham, where he practiced law until he came to Navasota in 1914. During the World War, Mr. Stoneham was very active in all matters pertaining to the assistance that might be rendered his government, and in addition to being a member of the Army Exemption Board here, he was chairman of the Victory Liberty Loan drives and many other activities.

A native Texan, Mr. Stoneham was born at Stoneham, a town in Grimes County which was named for his forbears, who were pioneers of this portion of the state, on September 1st, 1882. His father, John O. Stoneham, was for many years a leading merchant of Grimes County and was one of the largest planters of this part of Texas. His mother was Miss Maggie Haynie, a member of a well known Texas family. Mr. Stoneham has had unusual educational advantages, and his education was begun at a private institution at Greenwood, Virginia, and later he became a student of the Coronal Institute of San Marcos, Texas. He then attended the Southwestern University of Georgetown, Texas, and then became a student of law at the University of Virginia, and still later in order to fit himself for the business world took a full business course. He has been active in the practice of law for seventeen years and during this period has established an enviable record and has been identified with many of the most prominent cases which have come before the courts of Central Texas.

Mr. Stoneham was married at Sealy, Texas, in 1905, to Miss Emma Ludwig, a native Texan and a daughter of Antone Ludwig, for many years civil engineer of Austin County. They have three children—Ruth Margaret, Elliott Everett and Hal B. Stoneham, Jr. Mr. Stoneham is a member of the York Rite body of the Masonic fraternity and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the I. O. O. F., in both of which he takes an active interest. He is a member of the Navasota Chamber of Commerce and is a director in this organization. He holds membership in the Kiwanis Club, and the Navasota Country Club and all other social and civic

organizations of this city. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Church and is a member of the board of stewards of this denomination here. Mr. Stoneham is regarded as one of the leaders in every move for the good of his city and community, and is one of the most progressive citizens of Navasota and Grimes County, ever ready to give his time and assistance to any project of a public nature.

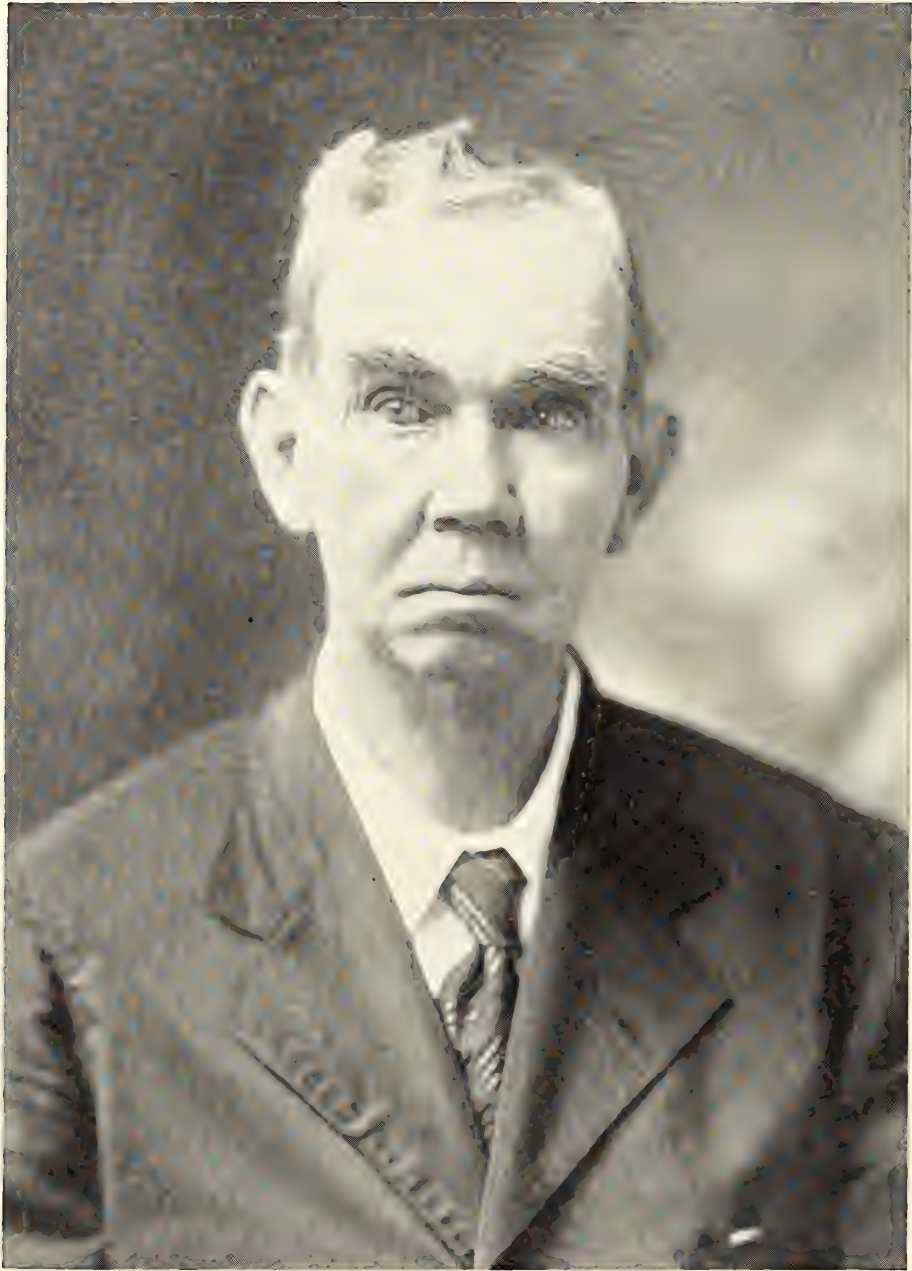


**J**AMES TROTTER SWANSON of Navasota, Texas, is well known in the commercial life of Texas, having prior to locating here, been for many years a traveling salesman, selling tobacco throughout the state. Mr. Swanson is president of the Swanson Grocery Company, Inc., wholesale groceries, which he organized in 1905, and this Company has been doing a splendid business since its organization. The Swanson Grocery Company is owned and operated by local men; Mr. Swanson being the largest stockholder in same. This company occupies a commodious building and carry a large and complete stock of groceries, both staple and fancy. Three men are employed in traveling for this firm, and cover five of the principal counties of Texas. Other officers of the Swanson Grocery Company are: E. D. Blackshear, vice president, and G. S. Wilkerson, secretary and treasurer. In addition to his interest in this large grocery establishment, Mr. Swanson is interested in farming and cattle and hog raising and is an advocate of improving the cattle and also the methods of farming. He owns a farm, and has registered Jersey and Hereford cattle. He was one of the first men of Grimes County to introduce thoroughbred stock for breeding purposes. He is one of the recognized leaders in the state as a breeder of the big bone Poland-China hogs. He only purchases and keeps on his farm the finest stock that may be obtained. For more than five years he has had direct blood from the world's champions, and in 1913 purchased a young boar which has as its sire the world's champion. Mr. Swanson has done much to encourage better stock in Grimes County, and has set an example for the farmers of this county, also in intensive farming methods, and has aided greatly in development work of all kinds here. He has at all times been active in educational work, and is a member of the school board of Navasota and is the purchasing agent for same. For years he was alderman of the city, and is still keenly interested in his city government and improvement. Mr. Swanson started his career in the business life of Texas in 1894, when he came to the Lone Star State and sold tobacco throughout this territory. He later became associated with the Guest Heye Company, wholesale grocers of Galveston, and traveled on the road for this firm until he organized the Swanson Grocery Company here, and has made Navasota his permanent home since that time. Mr. Swanson has identified himself with every project for the good of his community, and is president of the Grimes County Good Roads Association and is active in this organization, and never loses an opportunity to talk good roads, for without them the county is in the background, and will so remain. He is vice president of the Navasota Chamber of Commerce and is an ardent worker in this organization. In an effort to get the citizens of Grimes County more interested in dairy stock and dairy products, he was one of the leaders in the organization of the



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Navasota Dairy Products Company and is the president of this company, which has been a complete success for the organization and for the farmers. Mr. Swanson is secretary-treasurer of the Navasota Oil Company, and is connected with many of the city's business institutions.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Swanson was born at Swansonville, a town named for his forbears, in January, 1869. His father, J. W. C. Swanson, was a large land owner and farmer of Virginia. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native state.

Mr. Swanson was married to Miss Edna Zuber, a native Texan and the third generation of the famous Battle of San Jacinto blood. Her grandfather, Capt. W. P. Zuber, is the last survivor of this bloody battle of Texas history, made famous by the great fight by the noble Texans against the Mexicans, who greatly outnumbered them, and is only second to the great bravery of the historic Battle of the Alamo in Texas history. Her father, Dan C. Zuber, deceased, was a resident of Bryan, Texas, where he is a pioneer settler of Brozos County and has always been prominent in this county's welfare, but was born and raised in Grimes County. They have four children, J. T. Swanson, Jr., John Daniel, J. C. and Edna. Mr. Swanson is president of the Kiwanis Club of Navasota, and holds membership in all the civic and social organizations of this city. He is a staunch and consistent member of the Methodist Church, and is vice president of the board of stewards of this church and is prominent in all church work. Mr. Swanson is one of the boosters of Navasota and Grimes County and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for his town and county, where he is known as one of its builders and developers, ever ready to give his time and assistance to any movement of a public nature.

**VERARD HAMILTON TERRELL**, of Navasota, Texas, is one of the pioneer farmers and stock raisers of Grimes County, and is also one of the oldest and best known bankers and merchants of this portion of Texas. Mr. Terrell is the owner of one-half interest in the general mercantile store of E. H. Terrell and Company, which was established by A. P. Terrell more than thirty years ago, and has been since that time one of the leading stores in Grimes County. Mr. Terrell was born here and very early in life identified himself with the commercial, civic, financial and educational life of his city. He is president of the Schumacher Oil Works, the oldest and largest cotton oil mill in this part of the Lone Star State, and for years this institution has carried the largest pay roll of any industry employing common labor in Grimes or contiguous counties. He is vice president of the First National Bank of Navasota, and is well known in the banking circles of Texas as one of the most conservative and efficient men in this profession. He has always been an advocate of the highest standards of the banking business. Mr. Terrell is one of the largest farmers of Grimes County, and owns in fee many large farms near this city, which, in addition to the various cultivated farm crops, are stocked with improved cattle and hogs, and has for many years encouraged the farmers in raising better stock and giving the land better cultivation in order to obtain the maximum crops from the minimum acreage. Mr. Terrell also owns in fee

about four thousand acres of farminig land in Brazos County, and is the owner of a magnificent home in this city. He has always taken a keen interest in the affairs of his city, and during the aldermanic form of government, served for about ten years as alderman, and his ideas have been carried out in many ways in this city, which will ever be a monument to his good judgment and civic pride while serving his city in the capacity of alderman. Mr. Terrell has spent the greater part of his life on the farm, and has always owned and operated farms and raised stock. He never loses an opportunity to tell the youth of his community of the free and natural life that may be led on the farm, and that instead of leaving the farming districts for the crowded cities, where the living conditions for the average wage earner are getting worse as the cities grow, to stay on the farm where they will at all times be sure of a home and plenty to eat. About thirty years ago, his brother, A. P. Terrell, started in the general mercantile business, and soon thereafter he purchased an interest with his brother, and this partnership continued until 1915, when A. P. Terrell died. He then purchased his brother's interest in the business and the firm is now known as E. H. Terrell and Company. This firm carries a large and complete stock valued at upward from seventy-five thousand dollars, and do an immense business, particularly with the farmers, in farm supplies, implements, etc. The greater portion of this business is conducted on a credit basis, the farmers paying in the fall, after the harvesting of all crops, but as a rule it is a safe and sound business project.

Mr. Terrell was born on October 7th, 1863. His father, William J. Terrell, was one of the early pioneers of this part of Texas, and was an extensive land owner and planter. William J. Terrell was well known throughout the state, where he was highly esteemed as a farmer and citizen. His education was obtained in the public schools of Grimes County.

Mr. Terrell has been an active worker and very prominent in the Masonic fraternity of Texas for many years. He is a member of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of this order, and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston. He has been honored by this fraternity, in that he has occupied almost every office within the gift of the A. F. and A. M. He has been past eminent commander, past high priest, past district deputy and past patron of the Eastern Star. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and the I. O. O. F. Mr. Terrell has practically retired from actual business pursuits, but looks after his many interests in a general way, having managers for the detail work. Mr. Terrell has done much in the development and advancement of his county and city, and gives of his time and means to every project for the advancement and improvement of his city and community. Being endowed with vigorous intellectual powers, lofty ideals of commercial and civic virtue, a personality energetic, strong, magnetic, gracious and commanding in its high sense of honor and probity, Mr. Terrell has throughout his years occupied a place of leadership in the business and civic life of his city on which, indelibly, he has impressed the seal of his usefulness. In the professions of merchandising and banking, Mr. Terrell is one of the city's ablest figures, and also a staunch, wise, resolute and constructive citizen.





**JOHN MANSON MATHIS**, whose name for more than three decades has been of special significance in the legal fraternity of Texas, and who for several years past has been identified with the Houston bar, is one of the outstanding criminal lawyers of the state, his masterly handling of important criminal cases winning the admiration and respect of both bench and bar. Mr. Mathis was formerly the senior member of the firm of Mathis, Heidingsfelder, Teague, and Kahn, one of the strongest law firms in Texas, both in point of personnel and in point of practice. In 1925, Mr. Mathis retired from the firm and maintains splendidly equipped offices in the Post Building, the style of his firm now being Mathis, Teague, Hawkins and Mathis.

John Manson Mathis was born in Smith County, Texas, on September the eighth, 1869, the son of John S. Mathis, a native of Tennessee who came to Texas as a young man and was a prominent Methodist minister of this state for many years, and Mrs. Aurelia Jones Mathis. They encouraged Mr. Mathis in his ambition to secure an education, and he was sent to Henderson College, studying under Dr. O. H. Cooper, one of the prominent educators of that day, and later state superintendent of public instruction. From Henderson College, Mr. Mathis went to Southwestern University, after four years graduating with the B. A. degree in 1890. The following year, Mr. Mathis taught school in Cooke County, Texas, in the meantime reading law, and later, as secretary to Hon. R. T. Milner, speaker of the House of Representatives, continuing the study of law. After concluding the three months as Hon. R. T. Milner's secretary, Mr. Mathis returned to his home, his father at that time being a minister at Rusk, and continued to read law with Sam A. Wilson, and his son, Priest Wilson, who later became chief justice of the Court of Civil Appeals, at Texarkana, Texas. In 1892, Mr. Mathis was admitted to the bar and began his practice at Rusk, beginning in that town the career which has since attracted wide notice and has made him one of the leading criminal lawyers of the state. After one year at Rusk, Mr. Mathis moved to Wichita Falls, where he practiced law for a year with his brother, at the conclusion of this time removing to Brenham, where he became head of the law firm of Mathis, Buchanan and Raspberry, establishing a law practice which he held for the ensuing twenty years. During this period Mr. Mathis matured in experience of court procedure and knowledge of technicalities and precedent until he is able to match his wits against the finest legal talent of the state. In 1919 Mr. Mathis moved to Houston, becoming head of the law firm of Mathis, Heidingsfelder, Teague and Kahn.

Mr. Mathis was married at Georgetown, Texas, the fifth of November, 1891, to Miss Louise Mayfield. They live at 3509 Montrose Boulevard, one of the fashionable residence districts of Houston, and have two children, John Manson Mathis, Jr., and Louise Ozelle Mathis. Mr. Mathis is a member of the Park Place Country Club, the Houston Turnverein, the Elks, the Knights of Pythias, the Odd-fellows, the Cardinals, and the Maccabees. While in Brenham, he was active in educational work and was chairman of the school board for thirteen years. From the beginning of his career Mr. Mathis has been active in local and state politics, stumping the

state in the campaign for Senator Charles A. Culberson and for Governor James E. Ferguson, in the campaign in which he was elected. In 1912, he was national democratic elector from the Ninth Congressional District, and four years later was a delegate to the national Democratic convention which renominated the late President Woodrow Wilson, at St. Louis, and in May, 1924, was elected delegate at large to the national Democratic convention. At present Mr. Mathis is a member of the Democratic State Executive Committee from the Eighth Senatorial District. He was a member of the Texas Legislature from Washington County in 1918-1919, and has enjoyed many other evidences of the high esteem in which he is held by his many friends and associates throughout the state.



**C. WINBORN** has been prominently identified with professional affairs at Houston for almost a decade, and has earned a reputation as a criminal and civil lawyer that has won the admiration of the bench and bar of Houston. Judge Winborn was admitted to the bar the first of July, 1916, and began his practice at Houston the first of January, 1917. Since that time he has demonstrated a professional ability which has placed him among the most able legists of Houston, and has established a name for himself in both criminal and civil practice. During the first year of his career, Judge Winborn practiced alone, the following year forming an association with W. H. Ward and T. J. Harris, and engaging in practice under the firm name of Ward-Harris & Winborn. This association lasted until the first of January, 1920, when Mr. Ward left the firm and it became known as Harris and Winborn. This association was dissolved on the appointment of Judge Winborn to the office of assistant city attorney, in February, 1923, which office he held until the first of February, 1924, when he resigned to resume private practice. Judge Winborn is now practicing alone, with offices in the Zindler Building. After the death of Judge J. H. Reeves, of the Corporation Court, March 1, 1925, he was appointed to this office and is the present incumbent.

A. C. Winborn was born at Louisville, Kentucky, the thirteenth of January, 1895, the son of B. F. Winborn, a native of that state, whose death occurred when the son, A. C. Winborn, was an infant, and Mary Johnson Winborn, also of Kentucky, and who came to Texas after her husband's death, her death occurring shortly after her arrival in this state. Judge Winborn was reared by L. D. Sherfy, a prominent railroad man of Houston. He attended the public schools of Houston, and after finishing school went with the Texas and New Orleans Railroad, and while working for this road attended night law school, studying under the late John C. Townes. He was admitted to the bar in July, 1916, beginning his practice the first of the following year.

Judge Winborn was married at Houston the eighth of September, 1916, to Miss Myrtle Florence Lambert, a native of this city. They reside at 2408 Elysian Street, and have two children, Walter and Tom J. Winborn. He is a Knight of Pythias and a Dokey. His present recognition, in keeping with his proven ability in his profession, is considered by his associates as an index to what the future holds in store for him, and Judge Winborn is considered one of the coming attorneys of Houston.



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**R**USSELL F. WOLTERS, junior member of the firm of Wolters, Blanchard, Woodul and Wolters, one of the strongest and best known law firms of Southeast Texas, although one of the younger attorneys of the Harris County bar, is winning a name for himself and is a leader among the younger professional men of Houston. Russell F. Wolters was admitted to the bar in 1922, at which time he became junior member of his father's firm, then Wolters, Storey and Blanchard, with General J. F. Wolters, James L. Storey and Thomas B. Blanchard as members of the firm. This firm handles a large civil and criminal practice and has been connected with many of the prominent law cases of Texas. Russell F. Wolters, the junior member, and subject of this sketch has figured in some of the hardest fought criminal cases since his entrance into the firm, and his name is becoming known throughout the state. He has attracted attention also on account of his part in the gubernatorial race of 1924, when he spoke for Mrs. Miriam Ferguson in the campaign preceding the run-off, in which she defeated Judge Robertson. Mr. Wolters has been a leader in the fight against the Ku Klux Klan, and his many brilliant speeches against this order and its candidates were a feature of the campaign.

Russell F. Wolters was born at La Grange, Texas, the sixteenth of January, 1897, son of General Jake F. Wolters, one of the most prominent and widely known lawyers of Texas. Russell F. Wolters received his elementary education in the Houston public and private schools, succeeded by a year in an eastern college. He entered the military service in 1917, at the time the United States entered the World War. He enlisted with Company E, Third Texas Infantry, as a private. Later he was transferred to Company A of Third Texas Infantry, and did border service nearly a year under Commander Colonel George P. Rains. This Company G of the 143rd Infantry later became a company of the 36th Division. Mr. Wolters was transferred to General Hulen's staff and went overseas, serving with that division all through the war, and until October, 1918, when he went to the hospital. He was then transferred to the Marines Transport Service and returned to the United States March 11th, 1919, and was discharged at Camp Bowie the twenty-seventh of March, 1919.

Returning to Houston, he became connected with the Chamber of Commerce, assisting in taking the census for a short time. He then entered the law department of the University of Texas, remaining there for two years until he was admitted to the bar in 1922. On returning to Houston, Mr. Wolters became a member of the law firm, Wolters, Storey, Blanchard and Battle, which was later changed to the name of Wolters, Blanchard, Woodul and Wolters. His career, promising to be one of unusual brilliance, is being watched with interest by older attorneys of the city, who predict for him a real future in his chosen vocation.

**K**NOX W. GILMORE, Attorney at Law, of Houston, Texas, began the practice of his profession before the local bar in 1920 and has established a place of marked distinction in the legal profession of this city. Mr. Gilmore is a member of the well known law firm of Johnson,

Adams, Gilmore and Perkins, and are engaged in a general practice of law, both criminal and civil, and are numbered among the strongest law firms of Houston. The personnel of this firm is W. M. Johnson, Earle Adams, Jr., Knox W. Gilmore and Fred L. Perkins, with offices located on the sixth floor of the State National Bank Building. In 1920, the firm was composed of Messrs. Johnson and Gilmore, under the name of Johnson and Gilmore, and this name continued until May 15, 1924, when the present partnership was established. Mr. Gilmore received his degree from the law department of the University of Texas in 1914, when he established his office at Franklin, Texas, and began the practice of his profession with H. S. Morehead, well known Central Texas attorney, and continued his practice there until 1916, when he was elected to the office of District Attorney of that District, and served in that office with distinction, until 1920, when he came to Houston, and formed his first partnership with Mr. Johnson. Mr. Gilmore is specializing in the civil branch of law, but owing to his experience and the reputation he gained as District Attorney he is frequently called upon to handle major criminal cases. During his four years as District Attorney in Robertson County he obtained convictions in every case except three. Shortly after coming to Houston he was appointed Assistant District Attorney, but resigned after two months. A native Texan, Mr. Gilmore was born at Franklin, Robertson County, on April 15, 1887. His father, J. H. Gilmore, a native of Alabama, came to Texas in 1859 and settled in Robertson County, where he has since been engaged in the farming industry, and is a large land owner of that county. He is now retired from active business pursuits, but still looks after his farming interests, and is active in the financial and political circles of his State, where he is regarded as one of the most progressive citizens. His mother was Miss Julia A. Duncan, a native of Mississippi, but was brought to Robertson County, Texas, by her parents at an early age, and was reared and educated in this county. Mr. Gilmore's early education was obtained in the public schools of Robertson County, after which he became a student of the State Normal College at San Marcos. He then left college for four years, during which time he was engaged in teaching school; the first two years of which he taught in Robertson County, and the last two years spent as a teacher in Hall County, Texas. In 1911, Mr. Gilmore entered the law department of the University of Texas and graduated from that institution in the class of 1914 with the L. L. B. degree.

Mr. Gilmore was married at Beaumont, Texas, on March 27, 1917, to Miss Esila Hearne, a native of Mills County, Texas, and a daughter of William H. Hearne, for many years a prominent ranchman of the Lone Star State. They have two children, Mary Nell and Joe Carroll. Mr. and Mrs. Gilmore own their home at 1417 Woodrow Boulevard. Mr. Gilmore is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Blue Lodge No. 359 of Franklin, Texas, and is a member of the Chapter at Calvert, Texas, and of the Commandery at Bryan, Texas. He is also a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston, and is also a member of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Gilmore is proud of the fact that he came from Robertson County, made more so by this county having furnished many of the leading business and professional men of Houston.



**C**YRUS S. GENTRY, attorney at law, Houston, Texas, came to Texas and to Houston from Illinois during the early part of 1922, and soon thereafter was admitted to the bar. Mr. Gentry is a member of the law firm of Fogle and Gentry, which is composed of Lewis Fogle, and the subject of this sketch, and they are regarded as two of the leading young lawyers of the Houston bar. This partnership was formed soon after Mr. Gentry was admitted to the bar and they have splendid offices located on the eighth floor of the Republic Building, and are engaged in a general practice of law. Mr. Gentry saw active service during the World War. He enlisted in June, 1917, and was assigned to the 12th Engineers, and his training was on the Mississippi River, at St. Louis, on specially equipped house boats. From there he went to France, and was attached to the British Army, but was later transferred to the First Army of the United States, and was still later transferred to the Second Army. He was discharged in July, 1919, when he returned to college at Oxford, England, where he received his B. A. degree in jurisprudence from that famous institution in 1920. He began his career as instructor in classics and director in athletics in McKendree College and remained there from 1912 to 1914, when he went to England to enter Oxford University. After graduating at Oxford, he returned to the United States, becoming principal of the high school at Mascoutah, Illinois. He continued in this position until he came to Houston to practice law.

Mr. Gentry was born at Eldorado, Illinois, on May 14th, 1892. His father, W. C. Gentry, also a native of Illinois, has throughout his life been engaged in railroad work. Mr. Gentry has had unusual educational advantages. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Illinois, after which he became a student of McKendree College at Lebanon, Illinois, and graduated from this college in the class of 1911 with the B. A. degree. He then entered the University of Illinois, and graduated from that institution in the class of 1912 with the M. A. degree. He then became a student at Oxford University, England, and left that college temporarily in order to enter the World War. Since locating in Houston, Mr. Gentry has identified himself with the business life of the city, and has many interests here, among which is the Ship Channel Lumber and Building Company, of which he is a director and secretary.

Mr. Gentry is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Douglas Blue Lodge No. 361 of Illinois. He is also a member of the Y. M. C. A. and is a director in this organization.

**Q**UINTUS U. WATSON, for more than three decades one of the outstanding attorneys of the Texas Bar, and for many years a factor in State politics, has been for around a decade one of the most prominent lawyers of Houston, and has entered heartily into the professional and civic life here. Mr. Watson is a member of the law firm of Garrison and Watson, one of the strongest law firms of Houston, and one which has proven foremost in corporation practice since its establishment in 1922. The firm of Garrison and Watson are General Division Attorneys for the Southern Pacific Railroad, and represent many of the largest corporations at Houston. In addition

to the large volume of corporation practice handled by this firm they also do a general practice of law and are retained by many individuals at Houston. Garrison and Watson have offices in the State National Bank Building, and in addition to Mr. Garrison and Mr. Watson, there is also a staff of younger attorneys connected with the firm. Mr. Watson gives the greater part of his time to legislative matters connected with the large practice handled by his firm, and directs the business end, while Mr. Garrison represents the firm as trial attorney.

Quintus U. Watson is a native of Texas, having been born in Washington County, the second day of July, 1874. His father, B. A. Watson, a native of Virginia, came to Washington County around 1854 and was thereafter a merchant there and prominent in the life of that day, giving his time not only to his own private interests but to the development of his community until his death. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Ann Gay, was a native of Washington County, and the daughter of Thomas Gay, who came to Texas with the old Austin Colony, and was a resident of Washington County, and one of the oldest settlers there. Quintus U. Watson attended the public schools of Washington County as a boy, and later entered Texas A. and M. College, where he attended several terms. After leaving college he entered the law office of Searcy and Garrett, at Brenham, Texas, and studied law there. He was admitted to the bar in 1893, beginning his practice at Giddings, in Lee County. Mr. Watson rapidly advanced in his chosen vocation, and his prominence in law and affairs during the decade and a half of his practice at Giddings, brought about his election to the State Senate from that district, in 1907. While holding the office of State Senator Mr. Watson left the imprint of his influence on much of the legislation of that time, and added much to an already brilliant reputation as a lawyer and political leader. Mr. Watson was in the Senate until 1915, when he returned to private practice, coming to Houston, and establishing a large and lucrative practice here. Mr. Watson practiced alone, giving his attention largely to corporation matters, until 1922, when he became associated with John T. Garrison, forming the firm of Garrison and Watson, and went with the Southern Pacific Lines as Division Attorneys. Mr. Watson has since continued in this firm, which is one of the leading law firms of Houston.

Mr. Watson was married at Burton, Texas, in 1897, to Miss Jessie Burton, daughter of J. A. Burton, and grand-daughter of the founder of the town of Burton, where she was born and reared. Mr. and Mrs. Watson reside at 629 West Alabama Avenue, in one of the most attractive residence districts of Houston. Mr. Watson is a member of the Houston Club, the Elks Club, and is a Mason, Blue Lodge, at Giddings, Texas. Mr. Watson takes a deep interest in the educational, civic and commercial advancement of Houston, and is one of the most public spirited of Houston's citizens. As a lawyer he stands at the top of his profession at Houston, his rise to this position making an interesting and inspirational bit of legal history. A brilliant and interesting speaker, presenting sound and constructive ideals, Mr. Watson is in demand as a public speaker, and both at Houston and cities throughout the State high tribute has been paid both to his ability as a lawyer and to his standing as a citizen.



Cyrus S. Gentry





Henry E. Kahn

**HENRY ELI KAHN**, Attorney at Law, and member of the well known firm of Heidingsfelder, Kahn and Branch of Houston, Texas, has practiced before the Texas bar for more than a quarter of a century. This firm, which is composed of A. E. Heidingsfelder, Henry E. Kahn and E. T. Branch, was formed in April, 1925, and is numbered among the strongest criminal law firms of Texas, and they also have a large civil practice. The offices of the firm are located in the Keystone Building. Mr. Kahn is regarded as one of the leading criminal lawyers of the Lone Star State, and is the principal trial lawyer of his firm. He handles all of the appeals cases for his firm, and has met with great success in the Appellate Courts. Mr. Kahn was admitted to the bar in 1897, and began the practice of law at Gainesville, Texas, and moved to Houston in 1898, and since that time has been associated, as a partner and firm member, with some of the South's greatest lawyers. He started his practice at Houston with J. B. Brockman, who was one of the greatest criminal lawyers of the entire South, and his reputation as such was known throughout the United States. This partnership continued until the untimely death of Mr. Brockman in 1910. The firm was known as Brockman, Kahn and Williams. After the death of Mr. Brockman the firm was known as Kahn and Williams, Mr. Williams becoming a member two years prior to the death of Mr. Brockman. This partnership continued until 1915, when Mr. Kahn formed a partnership with Judge J. V. Meek, also one of the most able lawyers of the Southwest. In 1922 Mr. Kahn joined the firm of Mathis, Heidingsfelder, Teague and Kahn, with whom he remained until joining the present firm.

A native of Alsace-Lorraine, Mr. Kahn was born in Schirhoffen, Alsace, on June 26, 1876. His parents both died in the old country, and he came to the United States and to Texas to join his brothers and sisters, who preceded him to this country and located at Gainesville, Texas, where he grew to manhood. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Gainesville, after which he entered the University of Texas, graduating from that institution in the class of 1897 with the L. L. B. degree. He came to Houston in order to enter the Spanish-American War, but the war came to a close before he was mustered in, and he then began the practice of his profession here.

Mr. Kahn was married at Chicago, Illinois, on December 28, 1910, to Miss Lotta Beatrice Sherman, of Chicago, Ill., a member of a prominent Indiana family, but was reared and educated in Chicago. They have one daughter, Betty Rose. Mr. Kahn is enthusiastic as to the future of Houston and South Texas, and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for his city and State.

**JAMES PRESTON ROGERS**, Attorney at Law, has for several years practiced before the Houston Bar, where he has been identified with some very important cases and has established a creditable record. Mr. Rogers is engaged in a general practice of law in Houston and was a member of the Texas Legislature for four years, and will complete his last term in 1924, and during the Thirty-Eighth session of this body, he was Chairman of the Common Carriers Committee. He is regarded as an authority on law and is an


author of more than passing note. He fathered many bills during his membership in the law-making body of Texas that will ever be a monument to his memory in this State, which were all for the good of the common people. Among these was the Child's Support Bill, of which he was the author, and the bill amending Workmen's Compensation, raising the minimum from \$5.00 to \$7.00 and the maximum from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per week and the repeal of the open port law, which only lacked three votes of passing. He also introduced a bill regulating wages of women and children, and while a member of the Legislature organized the Independent School Districts of Goose Creek, Webster, Humble and Houston. He also organized the Navigation Board Port of Houston for Pilots. Mr. Rogers has his office conveniently located in the Republic Building.

Mr. Rogers was born at Hebron, Lawrence County, Mississippi, on January 24, 1885. His father, J. Frank Rogers, was engaged in farming in Mississippi, and in 1890 removed to Wesson, Mississippi, where he remained for one year and moved to Tensas Parish, Louisiana, and was flooded there by overflows and removed to De Sota Parish, Louisiana, in 1892. His education was obtained in the country schools and the high school at Benton, Louisiana, where he worked his way by picking cotton, cutting wood and doing any kind of work that a boy of his age might do, at the rate of seventy-five cents per day. At fifteen years of age, he earned his first real money as a section hand and at seventeen years, worked for the Kansas City Southern Railroad for forty dollars per month. He came to Houston on \$10.00, which he had borrowed from a brother-in-law, and landed in the South Texas Metropolis with the sum of \$2.75 snugly tucked away in his pocket. He worked here at various occupations, earning not to exceed forty dollars per month, and later, he borrowed \$2,000 and started in the furniture business, made loans, etc., and for a time was associated with Mr. W. R. Smith. In 1915, he sold his business and was appointed a Deputy Sheriff, after which he worked for Judge J. H. Howard, and during this period, he had the opportunity which he had long desired—that of studying law, which he did at night under the able guidance of Prof. John C. Townes, Jr., and was able during the daytime hours to earn \$40.00 per month while pursuing his studies. He was admitted to the bar in 1917, having finished his law course in twenty-four months, and was also admitted through certificate to practice in the Federal Courts during the same year that he was admitted to the bar. As another evidence of thrift and determination to accomplish something, Mr. Rogers while getting started in his profession in Houston, purchased his home on the easy payment plan of \$25.00 down and \$25.00 per month. Mr. Rogers was married to Miss Anna Staples, of Belton, Texas, who is a graduate of Baylor University, and who is a cousin of General Sam Houston and a relative of Secretary of State Staples. They have one daughter, Mona Carl, who represented the Mississippi Confederacy in the Houston Reunion in 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers reside at 548 Harvard Street. Mr. Rogers is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Reagan Lodge No. 1037, of Houston, and has also attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of that order at Galveston, and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. Mr. Rogers is also a member of the Knights



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of Pythias, having passed all the chairs, received the Grand Lodge degree and is a Past Chancellor in that organization. He holds membership in the Houston Chamber of Commerce, the D. O. K. K.'s, and the Young Men's Business League. He is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Rogers takes an active interest in the capital and labor organizations of the State and believes that capital should recognize labor but that labor can not get along without capital, and that they should work together. He is also a believer in higher education, but believes that the secondary schools should come first. Mr. Rogers is in every sense of the word a self made man, and the future is bright for this attorney, who has striven hard and accomplished much for the citizenship of the Lone Star State.

 **C. DEL BARTO**, for a decade a resident of Houston, has attained a commendable reputation as an attorney-at-law, making a splendid professional record, and has also won the highest esteem of his associates as a business man whose interest in enterprises of wide scope and important bearing on the prosperity of Houston makes a factor in the commercial world here. Mr. Del Barto came to Houston in 1916, and established his first practice in this city, continuing to follow his vocation to the present time, and steadily advancing to a position among the leading law-years of Houston. Mr. Del Barto has had his offices in the Scanlan Building since coming to Houston, and while he handles a general law practice, he gives special attention to corporation matters and business law generally. In addition to his professional interests at Houston, Mr. Del Barto also has extensive industrial and commercial interests here, and is head of a number of the larger firms of Houston. He is president of the Eagle Bottling Works, a hundred-thousand-dollar corporation, and one of the finest and most sanitary bottling plants in Texas. Mr. Del Barto is vice president of the Houston Mill and Lumber Company, one of the largest lumber concerns at Houston, with assets of over one million dollars. He is president of the Empire Trust Company, one of the large trust companies of Houston, and is president of the Harris County Bottlers' Association, vice president of the Texas Sprinkler Company, and is a stockholders in many other corporations and has extensive commercial interests at Houston. Mr. Del Barto acts as general attorney for the above mentioned firms and corporations, and his able handling of the legal problems of these concerns has won the approval and admiration of the bench and bar at Houston.

Mr. Del Barto is a native of New Orleans, Louisiana, where he was born the 29th of October, 1892. His father, Joseph Del Barto, later came to Texas, going first to Carmona, in Polk County, and after a number of years there coming to Orange, where he engaged in the mercantile business for many years, and is now active in the real estate and investment business at Orange, and as a capitalist has been active in sponsoring growth and development there. His mother was prior to her marriage to Mr. Del Barto, Miss Rosalie Molley, of New Orleans, and a member of one of the most prominent Italian families of New Orleans. Mr. Del Barto spent his boyhood at Orange, and was a student in the public schools there until his graduation from the Orange High School, where he enjoyed the distinction of be-

ing the first Italian boy to graduate. After graduating from the high school at Orange, Mr. Del Barto entered the University of Texas, at Austin, attending there during 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913, after which he went to Chicago and entered the University of Chicago, in the department of law, where he took the LL. B. degree in 1915. Mr. Del Barto then came to Houston, beginning his interesting career in this city, and while building up his large legal practice has also become identified with various commercial interests and is one of the few professional men here who have made an outstanding success in the business world.

Mr. Del Barto belongs to various clubs, lodges and civic organizations, and is a Knight of Columbus, an Elk, and belongs to the Glenbrook Country Club, the Conopus Club, and the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Del Barto is one of the most popular of the younger professional and business men at Houston, and is a leader in all progressive civic work. His standing as an attorney and his present achievements in the business and professional world point to a future of unusual distinction, and Mr. Del Barto's associates are watching his career with interest.

 **HARRY HOLMES** has been actively identified with the profession of law at Houston for around a decade and a half, and has attained high standing as an authority on land title litigation and problems, and as an oil attorney. Mr. Holmes was admitted to the bar in 1909, establishing his first practice in Houston, and has continued to advance in his profession, building up a very large practice. While Mr. Holmes gives special attention to land title and oil practice, he does not limit his work to these fields, handling a large general practice of a civil nature. Mr. Holmes has his offices in the Woolworth Building and is well equipped, in experience, law procedure, and library facilities to meet any demands on his talents.

Harry Holmes is a native of Texas, having been born in Tyler County the sixteenth of April, 1883. His father, the late Thomas Holmes, was also a native of East Texas, and was a farmer there for many years prior to his death. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Tiersa Ann Horn, is also deceased, and was a native of Georgia. Harry Holmes attended the public schools of Tyler County, and after leaving school began office work, but several years of this was enough to convince him that there was no future for the office worker, and during his spare time he studied law, equipping himself to enter this profession. He was admitted to the bar in 1909, beginning his practice in Houston, where he has resided since 1905.

Mr. Holmes was married at Waco, Texas, in June, 1910, to Miss Lucy Brockenbrough, a native of Waco, and reared in the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Holmes resides in Houston, at 1415 Alabama Avenue. They have three children, Harry, Jr., John B., and Thomas J. Holmes. Mr. Holmes is a Mason, belonging to Holland Blue Lodge, but aside from that has no lodge or club affiliations, finding in his home life and family an interest which precludes club interests. Mr. Holmes is held in high esteem by the legal fraternity of Houston, and has made an excellent professional record, especially in land title and oil work, and faces an assured future in his chosen vocation.



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*T. A. Bimford*

**T**HOMAS A. BINFORD, one of the best known peace officers of South Texas, is serving his third term as sheriff of Harris County, and prior to his election to this office was for more than a decade a member of one of the various branches of the police department of Houston. Mr. Binford was first elected to the office of sheriff of Harris County in 1918 and was reelected in 1920 and again in 1922, and during this period he has established a remarkable record as a sheriff and keeps Harris County a desirable place in which to live. Since the Volstead regime, Mr. Binford has captured hundreds of whiskey stills which ranged in size from a few gallons to those which required a large barn or a very wide space in a wooded ravine to house. Although the "bad men" days of Texas are practically at an end, Mr. Binford has had many experiences where an iron nerve was necessary. He has nineteen able deputies on a regular monthly salary.

A native Texan, Mr. Binford was born about four hundred yards inside the line of Harris County near the town of Waller, on April 5th, 1881. His father, John A. Binford, a native of Alabama, came to Texas with his father, T. D. Binford, as a small boy and grew to manhood in this state where he has since resided. He has been engaged in the stock raising business all his life, a few years of which was spent in Montgomery County, but has been a resident of Harris County since 1880. His mother (now deceased) was Miss Georgia Willingham, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a pioneer family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Hempstead and Waller County, Texas. As a very young man, Mr. Binford started out to carve his career and went first to a ranch in Lampasas County, where he was a genuine Texas cowboy for one year. He then returned home and from 1901 to 1905 was engaged in farming and stock raising and then came to Houston where he engaged in buying and selling horses and mules and later became associated with the water department of Houston, and in 1907 went on the police force of Houston as a mounted policeman. In 1912, he was made a detective and was in the detective department when he resigned in order to become a candidate for the office of sheriff. Mr. Binford had an unusual experience in his political life, which consisted of the fact that a short time before entering the race for sheriff, he was a candidate for the office of constable and was then defeated. He then announced for the office of sheriff, made the race and was elected, and has held this important county office since he was first elected in 1918.

Mr. Binford was married at Navasota, Texas, in 1902 to Miss Maude Arendale, a native of the Lone Star State. They have five children, Ellis G., Beryl, Thomas J., Doris and one other. Mr. Binford is a member of the A. F. & A. M. with membership in Waller Blue Lodge No. 808, and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order, having taken to the 18th degree in Houston and to the 32nd in San Antonio and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He is also a member of the B. P. O. E., Knights of Pythias, the D. O. K. K.'s and many other fraternal and social organizations. Mr. Binford has great faith in the future of Houston and assists in every move toward the progress and advancement of this city.

**U**BERT L. MILLS, one of the leading educators of the State, and for many years principal in the Houston Public Schools, was appointed to the position of Manager of the Houston Public Schools by the Board of Education July 1, 1921, and on July 1, 1923, he was reappointed for a period of two years. Mr. Mills is Manager of all public school buildings, grounds, supplies and pay-rolls, besides having the employment of janitors, repair men, and any and all work having to do with the schools. He is also the buyer of all public school supplies, and superintends the construction of buildings and the repairs on same. There are sixty-six public schools, seven of which are high schools, and twenty-one of these schools are for the negro population of Houston, and these are divided into twenty grade schools and one high school. Two hundred employees are required to maintain these schools, not including the hundreds of teachers. The Houston school property and buildings has a monetary value of \$8,936,000.00, and as Manager of the Houston Public Schools, Mr. Mills has made a splendid record. These schools are conducted on a plane of higher education which has placed Houston in the front rank among the progressive educational centers of the country, and Houston is proud of her public school system.

A native Texan, Mr. Mills was born at Palestine October 11, 1899. His father, J. W. Mills, (now deceased) a native of Georgia, came to Texas and settled in the Eastern portion of the State in 1875. His mother who, before her marriage, was Miss Sallie Elrod, a member of a prominent family of South Carolina, came to Texas with her parents as a child and is now residing with her son, the subject of this sketch, in Houston, and shares and enjoys his achievements along educational and other lines. Mr. Mills' early education was obtained in the public schools of Palestine, Texas, after which he attended and graduated from the Sam Houston State Normal College. He then entered the Law Department of the University of Texas, and graduated from this institution in the class of 1909 with the L. L. B. degree. After leaving college, Mr. Mills came to Houston and accepted the Principalship of the Fullerton Ward School and remained as Principal of this school for a period of nine years. He then became associated with Mr. E. A. Peden, during the World War, in the educational department of the United States Food Administration, and served in this capacity during the war and at the close, he again entered school work in Houston as principal of the Dow School, this being the largest Ward school of the city, and remained in the position of Principal until his appointment as Manager of the Public Schools of Houston by the Board of Education, where he has given complete satisfaction.

Mr. Mills is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1, of Houston, where he has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order, taking his degrees up to the 18th in Houston and to the 32nd in Galveston. He is also a member of Arabia Temple Shrine, and is active in all Masonic work. Mr. Mills, with his mother, resides at 118 Yoakum Boulevard. Mr. Mills is popular, not only in the educational circles of Houston, but in the business and social circles as well, and the public schools of the city of Houston are of a character which reflects the progressive spirit of the board, and the manager.



**R**OBERT L. SONFIELD, attorney at law, of Houston, has since coming to this city several years ago attained an enviable reputation as a lawyer, and has established a large and growing practice. Mr. Sonfield was associated with the firm of Vinson, Elkins, Sweeton & Weems, and is now one of the firm of King, Battaile & Sonfield. Mr. Sonfield practices in both State and Federal courts, and is licensed to practice before the Internal Revenue Department on income tax matters. Mr. Sonfield was admitted to the bar in 1914, and in 1916 was appointed United States Commissioner for the Eastern District of Texas, with headquarters at Beaumont, and also became a member of the firm of Sonfield, King & Sonfield at Beaumont. He came to Houston in 1920, and with Thomas Talliferro formed the law firm of Talliferro & Sonfield, with whom he was identified until going with the firm of Vinson, Elkins, Sweeton & Weems.

Robert L. Sonfield was born on March 6th, 1893, at Nacogdoches, Texas. His father is Leon Sonfield, formerly a Methodist preacher, who now is a lawyer at Beaumont, a member of the firm of Smith, Crawford & Sonfield. His mother is Mattie (Chapman) Sonfield, a daughter of Captain R. D. Chapman, a well known Confederate veteran who came to Texas in 1865. Mr. Sonfield received his early education in the Allen Academy, at Bryan, Texas, and his college education in the academic and law departments of the University of Texas, and in the law department of Columbia University, being admitted to the bar in 1914, before completing his law course. After a year of practice Mr. Sonfield enlisted in the Texas Guards, April 6th, 1917, and entered the Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs, the fourth of May, 1917. He was appointed second lieutenant, Fifth Infantry, T. N. G., and assigned to Company G., and subsequently transferred to Company B, 143rd Infantry, Thirty-sixth Division. He sailed with the First Battalion, 143rd Infantry, from Newport News, Virginia, for Camp Aldershot, near Halifax, Nova Scotia, for an exhibition review before the Governor General of Canada, thence for France, where his battalion rejoined the Thirty-sixth Division, which participated in the Champagne offensive and the Meuse-Argonne offensive. He was promoted to the rank of first lieutenant, in August, 1918, appointed as aerial observer of the Thirty-sixth Division, and detailed to school of instruction; later rejoining his division. In February, 1919, he was detailed as a member of the Inter-Allied Commission on the repatriation of Russian and allied prisoners of war, and the American Military Mission, with headquarters at Berlin, Germany, in charge of the supervision of all prison camps in which allied and Russian prisoners were confined, and distribution of food therein, pending repatriation. He remained in this position until September, 1919, sailing from France to the States, and was discharged at Camp Pike, Arkansas, the tenth of October, 1919, as first lieutenant, 143rd Infantry, Thirty-sixth Division. He received a citation from the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs of Great Britain for the aid he rendered British prisoners of war, and letters of commendation from General John J. Pershing, General George H. Harries, and from Lieutenant Colonel Carl Taylor. He is now a captain of in-

fantry, O. R. C., and also adjutant of the 143rd Infantry, Thirty-sixth Division.

Mr. Sonfield is a member of St. Paul's Methodist Church, at Houston, and active in all church work. He belongs to the University Club, the River Oaks Country Club, the American Legion, Sons of American Revolution, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans at Houston. He is a member of Holland Lodge No. 1, A. F. and A. M., a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Arabia Temple Shrine and the Arabia Temple Patrol. Mr. Sonfield also belongs to the Harris County Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the Texas Bar Association. He is at present Secretary and Treasurer of the Texas Society, Sons of the American Revolution, claiming membership through his great-great-grandfather, William Chapman, who served as sergeant in Captain Uriah Goodwin's Company, Third South Carolina Regiment, of Continental Troops. Mr. Sonfield is especially interested in all that concerns the upbuilding, progress and beautification of Houston, and is active in all civic advancement work.

**R**OBERT L. COLE, member of the law firm of Cole, Cole, O'Connor & Jones, has for almost a score of years been a familiar figure in the courts of Houston and Harris County. This firm is engaged 'n a general civil practice, with office at 313-323 Commercial National Bank Building, and are attorneys for the Guaranty National Bank and various other corporations and interests, local and foreign.

Mr. Cole was born at Paris, Tennessee, February 10th, 1879. His father, R. P. Cole (deceased since 1903) was a prominent attorney of Paris and was United States Attorney for the Department of Justice, and was for several years a member of the State Senate and also a member of the House in Tennessee and was also Presidential Elector of that State. His mother was Miss Fannie Clark (deceased since 1922), a native of Mississippi, and had for fifteen years prior to her death spent the winter months in Houston. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Paris, Tennessee, and later attended the Normal School at Henderson, and received a certificate from this institution. He studied law in Judge A. B. Lamb's office; Judge Lamb was for many years a judge of the court of civil appeals. Mr. Cole was admitted to the bar in 1902 when he established his office and began the practice of his profession alone at Paris, Tennessee. On June 1st, 1905, he was joined in the practice of his profession by Mr. Wilson, and the firm was known as Wilson & Cole, which continued until 1910, when he brother, John F. Cole, became a member of the firm and the name was changed to Cole, Wilson & Cole, which continued until June 1st, 1914, when Mr. Wilson retired and the firm became Cole & Cole, and continued as such until January 1st, 1923, when it was changed to the present style as given at the inception hereof.

Mr. Cole was City Attorney of Houston Heights for six years, and has been closely connected with the commercial interests of Houston for many years, and is a director in the Guaranty National Bank, the Y. M. C. A. and the Harris County Bar Association, and is a member of the Advisory Council of the Houston School of law. Mr. Cole was married in



Houston, March 31st, 1907, to Miss Dena Knypers, a native of Michigan. They have three children—Robert L. Cole, Jr., Richard Ray and Rosemary. Mr. and Mrs. Cole reside at 945 Harvard Street, Houston Heights. In fraternal, social and civic organizations Mr. Cole is a member of the following: Modern Woodman, I. O. O. F., Houston Country Club, River Oaks Country Club, Glenbrook Country Club, Old River Fishing Club, Texas Bar Association, Harris County Bar Association, chairman Heights Improvement Club, member City Planning Commission, member and secretary of the Board of Trustees Methodist Hospital, and chairman of the Board of Stewards of the Grace Methodist Church. He has served on several occasions as special district judge by election of the bar and appointment of the governor.



**HARRY W. FREEMAN**, attorney at law, has for more than a decade practiced his profession before the Houston Bar and has established a place of marked distinction in the legal profession of the Lone Star State. Mr. Freeman is engaged in a general civil practice, and has a large land title practice in his chosen branch of law. He has always practiced alone and has well appointed offices at 526 Bankers Mortgage Building, Houston, Texas. Mr. Freeman was admitted to the Bar in 1913, when he immediately established his home and office in this city, and began his practice in which he has met with great success. It was in 1908, that Mr. Freeman came to the United States and Houston acquired a new citizen, and he is an example of what industry and application can accomplish. When young Freeman faced the problem of securing an education he applied himself to the task with enthusiastic determination. He used the school training he had received in his native country as a foundation, and devoted himself diligently to home study. The liberal education which he has received was almost entirely through self help, and he is a recognized leader among the younger lawyers of Houston. He came to Houston when twenty-two years of age, and secured employment, attending night school and working during the day. Later he took a course in shorthand, and started to work as a stenographer in the law office of Judge Henry J. Dannenbaum, well known Houston Lawyer, and remained in this law office for a period of three years, during which time he studied law during his spare moments. He then went with the United States government in the Department of Justice in New York City, and while in this position he continued his studies of law at the New York University Law School at night for a period of two years when he was recalled to Houston. Shortly after his return he was admitted to the bar and has continued the practice of his profession in this city since that time, and has met with success in his chosen line of endeavor.

Mr. Freeman was born in Poland on May 12th, 1886. His father died when he was three years of age, and Mr. Freeman was raised by his mother, who is still a resident of Poland. His early education was strictly of a religious nature. His secular education was obtained through self study.

Romance came into Mr. Freeman's life before leaving his native land, and after coming to America he never forgot his boyhood sweetheart, Miss Frieda

Friedman, whom he sent for and married in Houston on February 26th, 1911. They have two children—Bernard, who is a Junior in the Houston high school and Celia, who is a student of the Montrose public school. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman reside at 1420 West Alabama Street. Mr. Freeman is a member of the Lawyers Club and the Y. M. C. A., in the latter he takes an active interest. Among the younger professional men of Houston who have sought their fortune in this city, there are few to whom the future seems more full of promise and prosperity than to Harry W. Freeman.



**JUDGE H. NEELD**, attorney at law, began the practice of his profession in Houston in 1919, and since that time has become well known among the lawyers of the Houston bar. Mr. Neeld is a member of the firm of York and Neeld, with offices at 323 Kress Building, and this partnership, which was formed in 1922, has a large general law practice. Mr. Neeld's partner is Mr. John B. York, well known in the legal circles of Houston and South Texas. For six months after locating in Houston, Mr. Neeld was associated with John H. Crooker in the practice of his profession, after which he removed to Fort Worth, Texas, where he remained for one year and then returned to Houston. Following his return to this city, Mr. Neeld became associated with the law firm of Val Velzer and York and remained as a member of this firm until 1923. During the latter part of 1923, Mr. Val Velzer removed to California, when Mr. Neeld formed the present partnership with Mr. York. Mr. Neeld began his business career as a school teacher, and for a time was principal of the Llano High School, after which he became principal of the High School at Athens, Texas. After this experience as a teacher, he entered the law department of the University of Texas, and was admitted to the Bar in 1919, when he came to Houston and started his career as a lawyer, and which has been uniformly successful.

A native Texan, Mr. Neeld was born at Hallettsville on February 28th, 1893. His father, H. W. Neeld, a native of Tennessee, came to Texas as a young man, and for many years was engaged in ranching and the stock business in this state. He is now a resident of Lampasas County, Texas. His mother was Miss Margaret Dean, a member of a well-known Texas family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Lampasas, after which he entered Allen Academy, a school for boys, located at Bryan, Texas, and remained in this institution for a period of three years. He then became a student of the Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, where he pursued the academic course for three years, and later went to Texas University.

Mr. Neeld is a member of the I. O. O. F. and takes an active interest in this organization. Although he is one of the younger members of the legal fraternity of Houston, he has taken his place among the able, seasoned advocates, who already have made their marks. Since coming to Houston Mr. Neeld has been active in all matters having as their object the betterment and advancement of this city, where he is regarded as one of the most progressive lawyers of the generation to which he belongs.





**DAVID BALL**, attorney at law of Houston, inherited his taste and talent for the legal profession, and is a member of the legal department, and associated with the Labor Bank and Trust Company. He represented the trustees of the bank during its organization, and with Senator Charles Murphy takes care of all legal matters for the bank. The Labor Bank and Trust Company was opened for business on November 16th, 1925, with a capital and surplus of \$110,000.00, and has since that time made rapid strides and is destined to become one of the leading financial institutions of the city.

A native Texan, Mr. Ball was born at Huntsville on March 21st, 1894. His father, Col. Thomas H. Ball, in addition to being one of the foremost lawyers of Texas, was for many years a member of congress, one of the real builders of Houston, and is counsel for the Houston Port Commission and many other of the city's largest and most important activities. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Houston, after which he attended the Rice Institute in this city. He later entered the University of Texas, but did not graduate from that institution, but gained his admission to the Texas bar through examination. Mr. Ball's World War service was with the United States Marine Corps, and he spent one year in this branch of the service in the North Sea, attached to U. S. S. Wyoming. He was commissioned a second lieutenant at Quantico, Virginia, July 16th, 1918, and was assigned to the U. S. S. Frederick, where he remained until his discharge on December 7th, 1918, when he returned to Houston. He then began the practice of his profession with his father, Col. Thomas H. Ball. Before the expiration of a year he moved to Breckenridge, Texas, where he became active in financial and business circles, serving as vice president of the Breckenridge State Bank and director of the Guaranty State Bank. He was secretary-treasurer of the Gonzales Creek Oil Company, which paid its stock holders nineteen for one, and the Cedar Creek Oil Company, which paid three for one. Returning to Houston again he became a member of the law firm of Ball, Merrill and Ball, with whom he remained until January, 1924, at which time he opened offices alone in the State National Bank Building.

Mr. Ball was married at Washington, D. C., on July 16th, 1918, to Miss Gladys Martin, a native of Minnesota and a member of a prominent Minneapolis family. They have two children, Dorothy Elizabeth and David Ball, Jr. Mr. Ball is a member of various social and civic organizations of Houston, where he is popular and respected in social, civic and professional circles.



**FRANK S. ANDERSON**, attorney at law, with offices at 711 American National Insurance Company Building, Galveston, Texas, came to this city in 1913 and is engaged in a general practice of civil law. During the period in which he has been practicing his profession in Galveston, Mr. Anderson has been identified with some of the most important cases which have come before the courts of South Texas. He came to Texas on legal business in 1911 for clients from his home in New York State, and after viewing Texas and becoming acquainted with the citizenship, he decided to make his home here. Mr. Anderson

was admitted to the bar in New York State at Binghamton in 1892 and practiced law there and at Callicoon until coming to Texas, and was a well known and successful lawyer of the Empire State. He was admitted to the Texas bar in 1912 and the following year began the practice of his profession in this city, where he has built up a large practice in his chosen branch—civil law. After locating in Galveston it was not long before his broad views and grasp of public affairs became known to the public, and in 1919 he was elected city attorney of Galveston and served in this office until 1923, and his administration was one of great accomplishment.

Mr. Anderson was born at Callicoon, New York, on July 11th, 1869. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Callicoon, and later he took a course at the Delaware Literary Institute at Franklyn, New York, after which he read law until he was admitted to the bar of his native state.

Mr. Anderson was married at Houston, Texas, on January 6th, 1913, to Helen R. Pettit, a native of Houston and a member of one of the oldest and best known families of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson reside at 3414 Avenue I. Mr. Anderson is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in a New York lodge, where he is a member of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of this order. He says that in his opinion the future of Galveston depends upon the new industries that may be located here, and that the Galveston people get these by their own efforts. The growth of this city has been very noticeable to him since coming here, and he expects Galveston to continue its steady, consistent growth and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines. Mr. Anderson says that the principal thing needed for the development of the Lone Star State is advertising, that little of this great state's resources are known beyond its own environs. When Mr. Anderson came to Galveston in 1913, he added an element of strength and purpose of fine capacity, and also of wide experience to the upbuilding legal forces of this city, and he at once took his place among the men whose activities are advancing the city's importance.



**THOMAS LEWIS FOSTER**, lawyer, oil man and citizen of Dallas, has attained the highest esteem of his associates, and advanced to a position among the foremost oil attorneys of the State. Mr. Foster is general attorney for the Sun Company, one of the leading oil companies operating in Texas. Mr. Foster served as general attorney for the company in the South Texas and Louisiana fields from 1917 until a recent date when he was transferred to the Dallas office of the company. He is an expert in all fields of oil litigation, and well equipped to cope with legal problems incident to the operation of a major company. He has a very large and complete law library, and one that is extraordinary in many respects.

Mr. Foster was born at Anderson, in Grimes County, Texas, the sixth of March, 1875. His father, Dr. O. O. Foster, was during his early years a physician and surgeon, later becoming postmaster under President Cleveland. He was also a well known educator, and one of the prominent men of his day.



David Ball






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Mr. Foster's mother was before her marriage, Miss Sophie Lewis. Mr. Foster received his early education in the public schools of Montgomery, graduating from the high school there. He then entered a junior college, Patterson Institute, at Hillsboro, and later the University of Texas, where he graduated in law in 1901 with the LL. B. degree. He began his legal practice at Lufkin, Texas, remaining there a short time, after which he went to Fort Worth, where he spent one year, with the firm of Bomar and Bomar, and also with Charles K. Lee. In 1902 he removed to San Augustine, where he spent twelve years, and was a member of the firm of Foster and Davis. He was during this time a member of the Thirty-third State Legislature, from San Augustine. He came to Beaumont in 1914, and associated with the law firm of Carlton, Townes and Townes for one year, after which he was with the firm of Townes, Foster and Hardwicke for three years. He then went with the Sun Company, as general attorney with headquarters in Beaumont.

Mr. Foster was married at San Augustine, in October, 1903, to Miss Laura Burrus, daughter of Felix A. Burrus, for the past two decades a lumberman of the Lone Star State, and Annie Burrus. Mr. and Mrs. Foster have one child, Louise, and live at 2095 Broadway. They attend the Methodist Church. During his residence in Beaumont he was a member of the Beaumont and Beaumont Country clubs, and is a Macabee. He has taken a sincere interest in the communities in which he has resided, and has found time from his busy professional career to actively support the various movements for civic and commercial advancement of his native State.

 **EARL G. AINSLIE**, senior member of the firm of Ainslie, Ballard and Gilchrist, accountants and auditors of Houston, has become well known and successful in this line of activity since entering the practice of accountancy. The firm of Ainslie, Ballard and Gilchrist was established by Mr. Ainslie in 1921, as Ainslie and Company, and later, after Mr. W. M. Ballard and Mr. V. T. Gilchrist became partners the name was changed to its present form. Offices are in the Cotton Exchange Building, and a general practice of accountancy is handled. Mr. Ainslie is known to business men of Houston as an accountant whose analytical and interpretative faculties make his services especially desirable, and his reports show a clearness of thought and precision of criticism, as well as accuracy, affording his clients a comprehensive account of the financial aspects of their business.

Earl G. Ainslie was born at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, the eighth day of November, 1893, and is the son of the late M. S. Ainslie and Sophia (Grafe) Ainslie, the former, a native of New York State, the latter of St. Louis, Missouri. Earl G. Ainslie was brought to Houston by his parents in 1895, and was reared in this State, obtaining his education in the public schools of Texas. After leaving school Mr. Ainslie went with the wholesale dry goods firm of Hogan-Allnoch Dry Goods Company, spending five years with that firm. He then spent a year and a half with Armour & Company, and three years in the cotton business, entering his present field at the expiration of that time.

Mr. Ainslie was married at Amarillo, Texas, the

fifteenth of May, 1921, to Miss Daisy M. Davidson, a native of Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Ainslie reside at 1728 Richmond, and have one child, Gladys May Ainslie. Mr. Ainslie is a Mason, a member of Arabia Temple Shrine, an Elk, and a member of the River Oaks Country, the Glenbrook Country, the Houston, the Lumbermen's and the Salesmanship clubs, the Houston Turnverein, the Houston Chamber of Commerce, and the Second Presbyterian Church.



**RALPH PORCH**, while comparatively a recent addition to the ranks of the oil men of Houston, is rapidly attaining a well defined position among men of South Texas, who are determined to make Houston the real center of the oil business of the nation. Mr. Porch is secretary and treasurer and general manager of the Baker Oil Company, Inc., with offices at 828 Chronicle Building, and has been in charge of the company's business since 1922. B. Shields Winston, of Houston, is president of the company.

This company was organized in 1919, and in March of 1922, was incorporated, Mr. Porch and his father taking over the direction of its affairs at that time. The company is at this time operating in the Spindle Top field only, and has seven producing wells there, with a total production of approximately twenty-five hundred barrels monthly. The leases owned by the company at Spindle Top are all developed and it is probable that later, when conditions are considered favorable, that the company will extend its operations into other coastal fields.

Mr. Porch was born at Johnstown, Pennsylvania, on December 29th, 1896, and is a son of W. W. and Lydia (McClelland) Porch. He attended the public schools and graduated at the Johnstown High School in 1914, and then was a student at Haverford College, at Philadelphia, for two years. At the outbreak of the war with Germany he left his studies and enlisted in the reserve corps of the ordnance department, and, in October, 1917, was mustered into service. He was with various depot companies and about the time the Armistice was signed landed in Vladivostok and was kept on duty in Siberia for a year and four months, receiving his discharge on December 27, 1919.

After receiving his discharge Mr. Porch returned to Johnstown, where he engaged with his father in the music business until 1922, when he came to Houston to take over the active management of the Baker Oil Company, in which his father had acquired a controlling interest. The elder Porch was one of the original stockholders of the Baker Oil Company, but was not elected president until later. Mr. Porch, the elder, has recently retired from his music store, which he operated in Johnstown for thirty-six years.

Since taking over the direction of the Baker Oil Company, Mr. Porch has made a splendid record for conservative handling of its properties and has developed a large circle of acquaintances among the oil men of Houston and vicinity, by whom he is held in the highest esteem. He is deeply interested in anything pertaining to the oil industry and is a member of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. He also is a Mason, a member of a Blue Lodge at Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Porch is unmarried and resides at 1517 San Jacinto Street.





**R. EDWARD H. CARY**, chairman staff, faculty and advisory board of Baylor Medical College, ex-president of the Southern Medical Association and one of the foremost eye, ear, nose and throat surgeons in the Southwest, has been a prominent figure in medical circles of Dallas and Texas, since his arrival here in 1889. Dr. Cary came to Dallas first to be associated with his brother, the late A. P. Cary, in the conduct of surgical and dental supply business, which bears his name, and which is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the South.

After remaining with his brother until 1895 he returned to New York and took up the active study of medicine, graduating from Bellevue Hospital Medical College in 1898. Upon completing his medical studies Dr. Cary accepted an internship at Bellevue, 1898-9, and for 18 months was interne of New York Eye and Ear Infirmary and house surgeon. He located in New York where he remained until the death of his brother in April, 1901, when he returned to Dallas permanently in July, and began the active practice of his profession here. He was therefore forced to resign important clinical positions at Bellevue Medical College, as well as the Post-Graduate School of Medicine, "The Polyclinic," to which he had been appointed before leaving.

Returning to Dallas he organized his brothers' business as guardian for his children and placed it on a substantial business basis. In October, 1901, he opened an office in this city and in 1902, became dean of the medical department of the University of Dallas. This school was later merged with and became a part of Baylor Medical College and Dr. Cary was continued as dean of the combined school, a position he held until 1920 when he became chairman of the staff faculty and advisory board. He also served the school as chief of the eye, ear, nose and throat division. To his untiring efforts, energy and determination is attributed much of the success achieved by Baylor Medical School and the elevation in 1915 to its present rank as a class A institution.

Dr. Cary is a native of Alabama and is a native of Union Springs, where he was born February 28, 1872. He is a son of Major Joseph Milton and Lucy Janette (Powell) Cary who were of Virginia families and prominent figures in the ante bellum history of Alabama and during the trying period of the reconstruction days following the Civil War.

The academic education of Dr. Cary was received at the Union Springs Academy and his medical training at Bellevue and other of the prominent clinics of the country.

In April, 1911, Dr. Cary was married to Miss Georgia Fonda Schneider, daughter of Jules E. and Florence (Fonda) Schneider of Dallas. Mr. Schneider had been for many years a well known wholesale grocer and capitalist of Dallas. They have three children: Georgie, Edward, Jr., and Florence. The family resides at 4712 Lakeside Drive, Highland Park.

Dr. Cary has been a leading figure in making Dallas a great medical center and has been tireless in his efforts to forward and bring to a successful termination this great humanitarian movement. Largely through his efforts also the present comprehensive building program for the Baptist Memorial Sanitarium, involving an expenditure of several hundred thousand dollars, was undertaken. To further

strengthen this city as a medical center, Dr. Cary has made arrangements to build an eighteen-story building for the medical and dental professions.

During the World War he was chairman of the Fourteenth District Medical Advisory Board and was a member of the Council of National Defense. He organized the Baylor Hospital Unit, comprising twelve doctors, twenty-five nurses and fifty enlisted men which went to France in 1918. After this unit had sailed Dr. Cary organized a smaller group which was trained at the base hospital at Fort Worth from whence they went abroad into the service.

Dr. Cary has one of the largest operative clinics in the South, doing from four to six hours' surgery each day. He is a recognized authority on the eye, ear, nose and throat and difficult cases are referred to him by physicians from not only Texas but many other states as well. He has contributed many papers of scientific merit to the American, Southern and State Medical societies.

Dr. Cary is a member of the National, Southern and Texas Medical associations, the North Texas and Dallas County Medical societies and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. In 1910-11 he was president of the Dallas County Medical Society, in 1917-18 he was president of the Texas State Medical Society, in 1919-20 served as president of the Southern Medical Association, comprising sixteen states of the South. In 1916 Baylor University conferred the degree of doctor of laws upon Dr. Cary.

Although intensely devoted to his profession and the movement for making Dallas a great medical center, Dr. Cary is a member of clubs and fraternal organizations in which he finds social enjoyment and recreation from the arduous duties that devolve upon him from day to day. Among others he is a member of the Idlewild and Dallas City and County clubs and the University Club. At college he was a member of Alpha Chapter of Phi Alpha Sigma. He is a 32nd degree Mason, a member of the Shrine and Knights Templar bodies.



**R. J. W. GARTH**, for the past decade an influential member of the medical profession at Beaumont, and a vital force of progress in this city, is a recognized leader in the field of ophthalmology, otology, rhinology and laryngology. Dr. Garth came to Beaumont in 1913, and since that time has specialized in eye, ear, nose and throat work, and has established one of the largest practices here. He has made a splendid professional record, enjoying the highest esteem of his confreres, and is a leader in all medical advancement. Dr. Garth has his offices in the San Jacinto Life Building, and has at his disposal all the facilities of the modern practitioner.

Dr. Garth was born at Jackson, Iowa, the seventh of July, 1867, the son of Thomas Garth, a native of England, who came to the United States at the age of seventeen years, and was a very prominent citizen of Iowa until his death, at the age of seventy. His mother, whose maiden name was Mima Johnston, was a native of Ireland. Dr. Garth attended the public schools of Iowa and Chicago, then entered the University of Illinois, in the medical department at Chicago, where he took his M. D. degree in 1899. He began his practice at Clarion, Iowa, where he remained until coming to Port Arthur in 1910, practicing in that city until 1913, when he came to



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Beaumont, where he has since engaged in practice. Dr. Garth has taken post-graduate work at the medical centers of Chicago, New York, New Orleans and at Rochester, Minnesota, and is equipped to meet any professional demands.

Dr. Garth was married at Beaumont, the twenty-fourth of November, 1892, to Miss Estelle L. Tyrrell, daughter of Capt. W. C. Tyrrell of Jefferson County, and a foremost capitalist, who has perhaps done more for the advancement of this section than any other one citizen. Dr. and Mrs. Garth make their home at 1347 Calder Avenue, the old Captain Tyrrell home, and have four sons: Thomas, James, Tyrrell and LeRoy, who is married and has two children. Dr. Garth is a member of the Lions Club, and is an Elk, a Knight of Pythias, and a Mason, Blue Lodge Chapter and Royal Arch. He belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association, and is one of the most enthusiastic representatives of the medical profession at Beaumont.



**DR. CHAS. M. ROSSER**, senior member of the medical and surgical partnership of Rosser, Rosser and Carter, came to Dallas in 1889 from East Texas and today is one Southwest. He is senior surgeon at the Baptist Memorial Sanitarium and was the founder of the Good Samaritan Hospital on the grounds of which the Baptist Sanitarium now stands. Dr. Rosser also established the first medical school in Dallas and this school later became the Baylor University College of Medicine. For eighteen years Dr. Rosser has been professor of surgery in this college, and many prominent surgeons today had their first training under him.

Dr. Rosser was born near Cuthbert, Georgia, December 22, 1862, a son of Rev. M. F. and Amelia (Smith) Rosser. His father was a well known Methodist minister and during the Civil War served as chaplain of the 41st Georgia regiment. He came to Texas following the close of the war in 1866 and located in Camp County.

Dr. Rosser received his preliminary education at the East Texas Academic Institute under the noted Professor John M. Richardson and studied medicine at the University of Louisville, graduating there with the degree of doctor of medicine in 1888.

Before taking up the study of medicine Dr. Rosser taught school in East Texas from 1881 to 1884 and following his graduation began practicing at Waxahachie, removing to Dallas one year later. In 1891 he was elected city health officer, serving one term, and from 1895 to 1897 was superintendent of the North Texas Hospital for Insane at Terrell, having been appointed by Governor (now United States Senator) Chas. A. Culberson. He returned to his private practice at Dallas in 1897.

On September 11, 1889, Dr. Rosser was married to Miss Elma Curtice of Eminence, Kentucky, a member of a well known Kentucky family. They have two children: Dr. Curtice Rosser who is associated with his father, and Mrs. George McBlair of New York.

Dr. Rosser is a forceful writer and an eloquent speaker. His addresses before medical bodies have attracted wide attention and his papers have received prominent places in magazines and other publications devoted to the profession. During the late

war he spoke for five months in the interest of government war work and occupied 65 pulpits, preaching the doctrines of loyalty and of thrift and savings. In this work Dr. Rosser was personally invited to take part by Wm. G. McAdoo.

For three years Dr. Rosser has been chairman of the committee to secure for the medical profession a building which is about to be erected and will probably be 18 stories. He was appointed to this work by Dallas County Medical Society.

A Fellow of the American College of Surgeons and member of all the recognized medical bodies, Dr. Rosser has been honored several times by election to offices in different organizations. He is a member of the Dallas Country Club.



**GULIUS J. GOUDCHAUX**, although a resident of Beaumont but a comparatively short time, has been a factor in the commercial advancement of this city, and is well and favorably known to the drug trade. Mr. Goudchaux is the owner of the Service Drug Store, a business which was established a number of years ago, as the Caswell-Preston Drug Company, and operated under that name until 1918, when Mr. Goudchaux bought out the business and changed the name to the Service Drug Store. Under his management the business has been increased around five hundred per cent, and has built up a very large trade. The Service Drug Store is well located in the down town district, at 516 Pearl Street, where a modern building is occupied. The interior is one of the most attractive in Beaumont, the tile floor, fine fountain and fixtures combining to advantage. The stock is complete and includes everything that one would expect to find in a drug store. A force of fifteen employees assist Mr. Goudchaux in rendering the many patrons of the store a real service. The prescription department, where every care is used in the compounding of prescriptions, has been very successful, the serial number on prescriptions running well over five hundred thousand. Mr. Goudchaux has to a large extent eliminated delivery troubles through the adoption of a percentage basis of payment, and finds that the boys, thus encouraged to increase their earnings, are more alert and take more interest in their work.

Mr. Goudchaux was born at Big Cave, Louisiana, the thirtieth of December, 1893, the son of Leopold Goudchaux, a cotton and sugar grower of that state, and Mrs. Flora Goudchaux. Mr. Goudchaux was educated in the schools of Louisiana, attending the Chamberlain-Hunt Academy at Port Gibson, Mississippi, for two years, and the New Orleans College of Pharmacy, where he graduated, in 1912, for a like period. He has since engaged in the drug business at various places, owning drug stores in the oil fields of Louisiana. He came to Beaumont in 1920 and bought out the present business, and has since been active in its management.

Mr. Goudchaux was married at Elgin, Texas, in 1917, to Miss Leah Bassist, daughter of Phillip Bassist, an old resident of that place, having come there a half a century ago, and one of the pioneer wholesale grocers of Elgin. Mr. and Mrs. Goudchaux reside at 1800 North Street, and have one child, Dorothy. Mr. Goudchaux is an Elk, a Mason, and a member of the Beaumont Club. He is one of the most progressive of the younger business men, and is one of the leaders in the drug business here.





**D**R. R. W. KNOX, Physician and Surgeon, of Houston, has for upwards of four decades performed conspicuous service in his city, where he gives his best energy and enthusiasm to the improvement of medical standards. Dr. Knox is Chief Surgeon for the Southern Pacific Railway, having held this position with distinction since 1902, his work along the lines of first aid winning him wide recognition. Dr. Knox's work along this line began to take definite shape with the establishment of an Emergency Hospital, located in the San Antonio shops, in December, 1915. At that time a trained nurse was appointed, and is still in charge of this institution. In August, 1919, a building for the same purpose was established on a larger scale and with better equipment, and opened at Algiers, Louisiana. In November, 1921, another first aid station, completely equipped, was established in the new general stores building that was being erected in the Texas and New Orleans Railroad shop at Houston. January the sixteenth, 1922, saw another first aid station opened in the Southern Pacific General Office Building, this latter also completely equipped. Probably the best appointed, and the only other first aid building is the one erected in El Paso, and opened in February, 1922. Dr. Knox has personally sponsored the development of his first aid system, carefully working out each detail, with the result that it has been remarkably successful on the Southern Pacific Lines, and has attracted considerable attention from the medical and railroad fraternity.

Along the lines of his first aid work Dr. Knox has perfected a first aid box containing dressings, sterilized in sealed envelopes, with the idea of preventing outside contamination in the wound until the doctors can take charge. These dressings are provided in small boxes, containing thirty-two dressings each, and placed in every train, passenger and freight, on the Southern Pacific Lines. The dressings are compressed and sterilized before being put in the paste board boxes, and are covered with wax paper and sealed, not to be opened until placed on the wound.

Another achievement of Dr. Knox is the Southern Pacific Hospital, built in 1912 at a cost of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, used as a convalescent hospital for the entire road, and for a general hospital for the Houston territory. This hospital is completely equipped, and has one hundred and twenty-five beds, operating theater, and facilities for the care of the employees of this road. Dr. Knox has recently completed a fifty thousand dollar improvement to provide more fully for the care of employees, and has built a nurses home at a cost of forty thousand dollars.

Dr. Knox was born at Danville, Kentucky, son of David Abner Knox, who died in that State in 1869, and Martha Hughes Maxwell Knox, also of Kentucky. Dr. Knox was educated at Center College, graduating in 1880, with the degrees, A. B. and A. M. He then entered the University of Virginia, in the Medical Department, graduating in 1882 with the M. D. degree. He came to Texas the following year and began the practice of his profession at Richmond, coming to Houston in 1885 and engaging in private practice until 1902, in which year he became Chief Surgeon for the Southern Pacific Lines.

Dr. Knox was married at Galveston, the tenth of November, 1892, to Miss Pearl Wallace, daughter of

J. E. Wallace, of Kentucky, who came to Galveston before the war and engaged in the wholesale grocery business. Dr. and Mrs. Knox have three children, Mrs. Thomas E. Stark, of Kentucky, Landis M. Knox, with the Mercantile Trust Company, of San Francisco, California, and Robert W. Knox, in the cotton business at Houston. Dr. Knox is a member of the Houston Country Club, the Houston Club, the University Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and is a Mason. He is active in the work of the various medical associations and is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, and the American Medical Association, and has been a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons since 1914.



**W**ILLIAM BURTON THORNING, M. D., F. A. C. S., since coming to Houston in 1910 has contributed materially to the advancement of organized medicine in this city. Dr. Thorning, in association with a group of Houston physicians, established the Houston clinic in 1916. The Houston Clinic is composed of men of high standing in the medical profession, and has specialists in every field, including dental surgery. They have their own laboratories and other equipment in their own building, located at the corner of Main Street and Pease Avenue where they have over eighteen thousand feet of floor space. There are fifteen physicians in the clinic, representing all special fields. The group does a great deal of industrial work, Drs. Howard and Thorning being chief surgeons for two railroads.

Dr. Thorning is actively identified with the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas State Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, the Southern Surgical Association, the Texas Surgical Society, of which he is a charter member and ex-president, the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons, to which he was elected in 1914. He is counsellor for the Ninth District of the State Medical Society, and chairman of this board.

Dr. William Burton Thorning was born at Sullivan, New Hampshire, the second of July, 1872, son of William H. Thorning, whose family came to America in the sixteen-thirties, and Elizabeth (Knight) Thorning, also of an old New England family. Dr. Thorning was educated in the public schools of his native state, graduating from the high school at Keene, New Hampshire, after which he entered the University of Vermont as a medical student, receiving the M. D. degree in 1899. He then went to Winchendon, Massachusetts, where he engaged in practice from 1899 until 1909. He then spent a year doing post graduate work in Europe and on his return to the United States came to Houston in December, 1910, where he has since become one of the leading physicians and surgeons.

Dr. Thorning was married at Keene, New Hampshire, the first of June, 1905, to Miss Gertrude M. Goodnow, daughter of an old New England family, whose ancestors came to America from France during the Huguenot persecution. Dr. and Mrs. Thorning have one son, William Burton, Jr. Fraternally, Dr. Thorning is a Mason, being a member of Artisan Lodge of Winchendon, Massachusetts, a member of Galveston Consistory and of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is a member of the Houston Club, the Glenbrook Country Club and the University Club.





**R. GAVIN HAMILTON**, an acknowledged leader in the fields of medicine and surgery at Houston, has for two decades devoted his talents to the service of humanity along the lines that promote the best development of his life's vocation. Dr. Hamilton came to Houston in 1903, from East Texas, after a decade of actual practice and post graduate work, and has since been prominently identified with the medical and surgical fraternity in the city. He specializes in abdominal and pelvic surgery, in which field he has had exceptional training. Dr. Hamilton has an extensive private practice and maintains well appointed offices in the Scanlan Building, where he has a complete X-ray and clinical pathological laboratory. Dr. Hamilton is on the staff of the Baptist Sanitarium, the oldest man in point of service on the staff, and for six months of each year is in charge of the work in abdominal and pelvic surgery. Dr. Hamilton organized the nurses training school, operated in connection with the sanitarium, and has taken an active interest in this school and other movements resulting advantageously for the sanitarium. He is a member of the staff of the Municipal Hospital of Houston. He also taught and demonstrated anatomy at the Texas Dental College, at Houston, for five years.

Dr. Hamilton has done much to promote Houston as a medical center and sees a future in this field for the city. He has for many years advocated post graduate schools in each state where medical men could each year take special courses and review basic subjects of medicine. His plans include a graduate course in anatomy and allied subjects. If introduced in Rice Institute and Hermann Hospital, they would be of recognized value to the medical fraternity throughout the state.

Dr. Hamilton began his practice in 1894, at Cascade, Michigan, where he remained for four years, coming to East Texas in 1898 and engaging in practice for two years. In 1900, he went to Europe and spent two years in study, his work taking him to the great medical centers of Vienna, Berlin, Edinburgh and London. His work here was in the field of abdominal and pelvic surgery, with the exception of six months in general surgery. In 1902 he returned to East Texas and practiced at Pollock until 1903, in that year coming to Houston. During the recent war, he devoted his services to his country, serving as major in the United States Medical Corps, at Camp Greenleaf, Camp Custer, Camp Johnson and Fort McHenry, spending eight months at the last named as chief of general surgery, and four months as chief of the surgical service. During this period his work was wholly confined to the surgery of gun-shot injuries in bones, and he originated a new method of bone grafting which has been accepted by some of the foremost bone surgeons in this country; also an original operation for lengthening bones.

Dr. Hamilton was born at Bright, Ontario, Canada, the eighth of July, 1872, son of James Hamilton, a contractor who came to Canada from Scotland, and Margaret Laird Hamilton, native of Scotland. He was educated in the public schools of Canada, and attended the Collegiate Institute at Woodstock and St. Catherines. He entered the University of McGill, at Montreal, where he took his medical course, graduating in 1894 with the degree M. D. C. M. Following his graduation he entered upon his career as

a physician and surgeon.

Dr. Hamilton is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is also a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, to which he was elected in 1914. He is a member of the Houston Club, the Houston Country Club, and River Oaks Country Club. Fraternally he is a Mason and Knight of Pythias.



**JOHN W. THOMASON, M. D., F. A. C. S.**, physician and surgeon of Huntsville, whose prestige in the medical profession is in proportion to his years of practice, was born in Walker County, one and one-half miles west of Huntsville, the twenty-first of August, 1864, the son of Dr. J. A. Thomason and Emily (Fisher) Thomason. Dr. J. A. Thomason, a native of Alabama, came to Walker County in 1854, at which time he bought a large plantation and was one of the leading planters of this section, owning a number of slaves. Mrs. Thomason was also a native of Alabama, her marriage to Dr. Thomason occurring in that state. Completing his work in the schools of Walker County, Dr. J. W. Thomason entered Texas A. and M. College, taking academic and literary work there and at the University of Virginia. When later he entered the medical department and took his medical degree in 1885. Dr. Thomason then went to New York City, entering the New York Polyclinic where he spent one year, after which he came to Huntsville and established his private practice. Since that time Dr. Thomason has taken post-graduate work at several important clinics in the United States, including those at Johns Hopkins and the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospitals, and has kept in close touch with all progress made in his chosen field of medicine and surgery.

Dr. Thomason was married at Rusk, Texas, the twenty-fourth of February, 1892, to Miss Sue Goree, a daughter of T. J. Goree, prominent Texas citizen and for fifteen years superintendent of the penitentiary at Huntsville. Dr. and Mrs. Thomason have one of the most beautiful old homes of Texas, where they have resided for many years. They are the parents of a family of nine children, Captain J. W. Thomason of the United States Marine Corps and a veteran of the World War; Dr. T. H. Thomason, a graduate of the University of Texas with the A. B. Degree, and of Johns Hopkins, with the M. D. Degree and now engaged in private practice at Fort Worth, Texas; Miss Sue Goree Thomason, a graduate of Sam Houston Teachers College, and the University of Texas, A. D. Degree; James Thomason, University of Texas, LL.B. Degree; Miss Emily Thomason, graduate of Peabody Conservatory at Baltimore, Maryland; Miss Mary Thomason, College of Industrial Arts, with the B. S. Degree; Robert H. Thomason, a student at Texas A. and M. College, and Elizabeth and Margaret Thomason, students in the Huntsville schools. Dr. Thomason is a member of the Walker County Medical Society, the South Texas District Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and is a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons. Well equipped professionally for any demands Dr. Thomason has been a leader in medical advancement in Walker County, and has always stood for things highest and best in his profession and in the life of his community and state.



**D**R. E. W. BERTNER, specialist in surgery, gynecology and female urology, came to Houston from New York in 1913. Dr. Bertner gives his time not only to his private practice but to the broader interests of his profession as well. He is House Surgeon of the Rice Hotel, on the Surgical Staff of the Baptist Sanitarium, President of the Staff of the Municipal Hospital and a member of the Board of Trustees of the Houston Academy of Medicine. His offices are located at 410-11-12 and 13, Second National Bank Building, where he has a complete clinical and X-Ray Laboratory.

Dr. Bertner received his medical training in the Medical Department of the University of Texas at Galveston, graduating in 1911 with the M. D. degree. He served his internship at the John Sealy Hospital during his senior year and the year following his graduation did hospital work at the Willard Parker Hospital, Saint Vincent's Hospital and the Manhattan Maternity Hospital, all in New York City. He came to Houston in July, 1913, engaging in practice until May, 1917, when he enlisted in the American Army, receiving a commission as First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps. He was assigned to the British Army, and went overseas in June, 1917.

He remained with the British forces until March, 1918, when he was transferred to the American Army, and assigned to the Headquarters Medical and Surgical Consultants, at Neufchateau, France. While at this post he was promoted to the rank of Captain and in January, 1919, he went to Tours, France, as Personal Officer in the Chief Surgeon's office. In May he was returned to the United States and was discharged one month later at Camp Dix, New Jersey. The following month he resumed his practice in Houston. In May, 1921, he went to Baltimore, Maryland, for a year's post graduate work at Johns Hopkins Hospital, and at this time was assistant to Dr. J. M. T. Finney, Dr. Thomas F. Cullen and Dr. Hugh H. Young. He returned to Houston in May, 1922, and has since limited his practice to surgery, gynecology and female urology.

Dr. Bertner was born at Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas, the eighteenth of August, 1889, the son of Gustave Bertner, an insurance man of Little Rock, who came to Texas in 1880, and Anna (Miller) Bertner, daughter of a well known Ohio family who came to Texas in 1882. Dr. Bertner began his education in the public schools of Colorado City, later attending New Mexico Military Institute, where he graduated in 1905, after which he went to Galveston for his medical training.

Dr. Bertner was married at St. Louis, November 30, 1922, to Miss Julia Williams, daughter of W. E. Williams, formerly general manager of the M. K. & T. Railroad in Texas, and now in St. Louis as manager of the Personnel Department of the M. K. & T. System. Dr. and Mrs. Bertner make their home at the Rice Hotel. Dr. Bertner is a member of the Alpha Kappa Medical Fraternity, the University Club, the Lumberman's Club, the Houston Club, the Houston Country Club, the Glenbrook Country Club, and the Kiwanis Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, being affiliated with Holland Lodge No. 1, San Antonio Consistory, Ruthven Commandery No. 2 and Arabia Temple Shrine. He belongs to the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the Texas Surgical Society, the Southern Medical Association, the American Medical Association,

the American Urological Association, the American Gynecological Society, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, to which body he was elected in October, 1921. Dr. Bertner sees in Houston a medical center for the Southwest and is ready at all times to do anything to advance his profession and assist his adopted city in its development.

**H**AROLD L. D. KIRKHAM, Physician and Surgeon, with office at 422-4 Keystone Building, came to Houston in 1914 from Brownsville, where for four years he had practiced his profession, devoting the greater part of his time to surgery. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Kirkham is Local Surgeon for the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway, and Professor of Anatomy and Oral Surgery at the Texas Dental College. He is on the Surgical Staff of St. Joseph's Infirmary and is Oral and Plastic Surgeon to the Municipal Hospital.

Dr. Kirkham was born in Norfolk, England, March 24, 1887. His father, Dr. F. W. Kirkham, was one of the most prominent and successful physicians and surgeons of both England and America. He came to the United States in 1900 and died in Brownsville in 1910. His splendid surgical skill has been cited by leading medical writers. His mother was Miss Delphine Laurens, a native of the Island of Jersey. Dr. Kirkham has had unusual educational advantages. He attended Bedford Modern School of England, which was founded in 1566. He received his Junior Oxford Local from this honored institution in 1903. Dr. Kirkham came to the United States in 1904 and in 1905 entered the University of Texas and graduated from the Medical Department in 1909 with the M. D. degree. During the remainder of 1909 and in 1910 he served as an interne at St. Joseph's Infirmary, Houston, Texas. In 1910 he went to Brownsville, Texas, where he was local surgeon for the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad, and continued his practice there until 1914, when he came to Houston and has gradually devoted more and more time to surgery, and expects soon to limit his practice to this field of medical science. In 1918 Dr. Kirkham entered the World War, and was with the Naval Reserve Forces in Houston, where for six months he was in the Marine Recruiting office. He then went to Hampton Roads, Virginia, at the Base Hospital, where he was Chief of the Surgical Division from February, 1919, to August, 1919, when placed on inactive duty. He had the rank of Lieutenant, senior grade, which compares with Captain in the army.

Dr. Kirkham was married in February, 1911, at Cuero, Texas, to Miss Frida Buchel, a native of Cuero and a daughter of Otto Buchel (deceased since 1909), Banker, Merchant, and prominent citizen of Cuero, Texas, and a member of an old Texas family, whose members served in the Civil War. They have two children, Harold Buchel and Doris Buchel. Dr. and Mrs. Kirkham reside at 3711 Mount Vernon Street. Dr. Kirkham is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, to which he was elected in 1918, the Texas Surgical Society, having been Secretary of this organization since 1921, and is also a member of the following: American Medical Association, State and County Medical Societies, Southern Medical Association, Houston Country Club and the University Club. Dr. Kirkham believes that Houston is fast becoming one of the leading cities of the Southwest in medical lines.





**R. F. W. AVES**, during the decade of his residence at Galveston, has occupied a high place in public esteem as one of the leading members of the medical fraternity here, and has been a factor in forwarding public health measures and has also contributed to make Galveston one of the leading medical centers of the South. Dr. Aves came to Galveston in 1913, as instructor in surgery in the medical department of the University of Texas here, and was on the faculty until 1918, when he resigned due to the pressure of his large private practice. Dr. Aves is familiar with the entire scope of modern medicine, and while his practice is along broad and general lines, he gives special attention to surgery, in which field his work has attracted favorable notice, and for which he is particularly well equipped. He is on the staff of St. Mary's Infirmary, and does his hospital work there. Dr. Aves is a man of fine mental talents and attainments and has demonstrated a professional ability which has placed him at the head of the local fraternity, and marked him as a physician who has far to go in his profession. His record as a private practitioner has been creditable along all lines, and he has found favor with the public, establishing a large practice. Dr. Aves has his offices on the second floor of the modern building at the corner of Avenue D and Twenty-first Street, at Galveston, but on the completion of the new Medical Building, a fine structure of Spanish architecture, at the corner of Twenty-second Street and Avenue I he will have his office there. This building, exclusively for medical men, and with offices for eight physicians, providing a clinical laboratory and prescription pharmacy, has been built largely through the influence of Dr. Aves, who is president of the corporation erecting the structure.

Dr. F. W. Aves was born at Norwalk, Ohio, the eleventh of August, 1886, and spent his boyhood in his native city, attending the public schools there. Later he entered Ball High School, in Galveston, and after graduating here entered Kenyon College, in Ohio, where he took his pre-medical work, and where he spent three years. He then entered the medical department of the University of Texas, taking the M. D. degree in 1911, spending the following year at Kansas City, as interne in the General Hospital there. The next year he spent at Kensington Hospital for Women, and following this went to the University of Pennsylvania where he took a three months post graduate course. In 1913 he returned to Galveston as instructor in surgery at the University of Texas, in the medical department here, and held this post for the ensuing six years, resigning in 1919, since which time he has devoted his time to his private practice.

Dr. Aves was married in Ohio, in September, 1913, to Miss Florence Houston, whose family is distantly related to General Sam Houston, whose name is one of the most prominent in Texas history. Dr. and Mrs. Aves have three children—Frederick, Arch and Florence, and reside at 2311 Thirty-first Street. Dr. Aves is a member of the Galveston Country Club and takes a prominent part in social activities. He belongs to the Galveston County Medical Society, the Texas State Medical Association, the South Texas Medical Association, American Medical Association, and is a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons and a Fellow in the Texas College of Surgeons. Dr. Aves has for a number of years past been

interested in developing a small farm on Galveston Island, where he is growing a number of fruits not ordinarily grown in this section, and has found relaxation from his exacting professional life in this hobby.



**AUBREY DICKSON, B. S., M. D., F. A. C. S.**, for more than a decade has been one of the leading eye, ear, nose and throat specialists at Houston and his name carried with it a prestige that is an asset to the city in which it is associated. Dr. Dickson came to Houston in 1914 after almost a decade and a half of successful practice in Alabama and has since been one of the factors in the medical advancement of this city. He has limited his work to ophthalmology, otology, rhinology and laryngology since 1896 and his work in this field has attracted the attention of his confreres. Dr. Dickson has his offices in the Bankers Mortgage Building and is on the staff of the Southern Pacific Hospital, of St. Joseph's Hospital and the Methodist Hospital.

Dr. Dickson was born at Montgomery, Alabama, the fifteenth of August, 1870, the son of David M. Dickson, one of the large cotton growers of that state. Dr. Dickson spent his boyhood on his father's three thousand acre plantation in the heart of the cotton growing district of Alabama. As a boy he attended the schools near his home, later going to the University of Alabama for two years. This was followed by one year at Howard College where he took his B. S. degree, after which he went to the Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical College at Auburn, Alabama, where he took a special course in chemistry for one year. He then entered Tulane University of New Orleans, Louisiana, taking his medical degree from that institution in 1892. The following year he was interne at the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, in New York City, after which he served as interne at the Polyclinic Hospital in New York City. He has specialized in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat since 1896. He practiced in Mobile, Alabama, until 1913 when he came to Dallas on a Shrine trip and liked the state. Looking over the various cities, and summing up the medical advantages they had to offer, he determined to make Houston his home.

During the World War Dr. Dickson was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps and was stationed at the base hospital of Camp Bowie. Prior to this he was for eighteen months a member of the medical advisory board at Houston.

Dr. Dickson was married at Ozark, Alabama, the first of December, 1896, to Miss Pauline Martin, a member of an old Alabama family. They have one adopted son, Aubrey Dickson Martin, a cousin of Mrs. Dickson. The family reside at 3510 Yoakum Boulevard, in Montrose. Dr. Dickson is a Mason, a member of Holland Lodge No. 1, of the Scottish Rite, and a life member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Houston Country Club, the University Club and is an Elk and a Knight of Pythias. Dr. Dickson is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the South Texas Railway Surgeons Association, the Houston Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Society, and was elected to fellowship in the American College of Surgeons at Boston in 1921.





**OSCAR L. NORSWORTHY, M. D.**, for upwards of three decades an acknowledged leader in the field of medicine and surgery, and especially in radium work, to which he has devoted many years, has throughout his career given his services to humanity along lines that best promote his life's vocation. Dr. Norsworthy came to Houston in 1895, engaging in general practice until 1908, when he established his hospital, from which time until 1919, when he began to devote his time exclusively to radium work, he spent a great deal of his time in hospital work. Norsworthy's Hospital was established by him in 1908 to care for his personal practice, and had at that time a capacity of thirty beds. Dr. Norsworthy ran and maintained the hospital until 1923, when he made a gift of the entire building and the adjoining ground, together with all the equipment, to the Texas Methodist Conference, with the understanding that they were to build an additional structure sufficient to furnish beds for a total of one hundred and twenty-five patients. A small payment was required, for which straight notes, without security, were given Dr. Norsworthy. This was in order that he might retain an influence over the new hospital and see that it is properly equipped in a modern manner, and complete in every detail. To this end Dr. Norsworthy is using the notes given him by the conference for equipping the new hospital, and will himself receive no money from the original purchase price. Dr. Norsworthy, however, has no desire to have his name appear in the new hospital, nor will he allow it, and the new name will be Methodist Hospital, his only object in retaining an influence being to direct the equipment of the new institution.

Dr. Norsworthy was born at Jasper, Texas, February 26th, 1871, son of Laertius Norsworthy, a native of Louisiana, and for many years a farmer and planter in Texas, and Sallie B. (Ryall) Norsworthy, a member of an old Texas family. Dr. Norsworthy worked on the farm until he was sixteen, attending the rural schools near his home. He then began working in a saw mill, earning sixteen dollars a month. After leaving the public schools at Jasper he entered Tulane Medical University, graduating with the M. D. degree in 1895. He further supplemented his college work with two years as an interne at the Charity Hospital at New Orleans, and was also city ambulance surgeon in that city. He has also had one year post-graduate work in Vienna and in Germany, and has studied hospital methods in India, China and Japan. He was a member of the delegation of the American College of Surgeons which visited various countries on both the east and west coasts of South America, in 1923, during a trip whose purpose was the inspecting of the hospitals of that continent and the establishment of more friendly relations between the surgeons of North and South America.

Dr. Norsworthy was married at Huntsville, Texas, on November 30, 1910, to Miss Sarah Sanford Gibbs, daughter of Sanford Gibbs, a business man at Huntsville, and a member of one of the oldest families in that part of the state. Dr. and Mrs. Norsworthy make their home at 3015 Main Street, Houston. Dr. Norsworthy belongs to the Harris County Medical Society, the South Texas District Medical Society, the Texas State Medical Association, and the

American Medical Association. He is also a member of the Texas Radiological Society, the American Radium Society, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He is an ex-president of both the county and district medical societies, and keeps in close touch with all advancements in modern medicine. Dr. Norsworthy also belongs to various civic and social clubs, among them the University Club, the Houston Country Club, the River Oaks Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, in which organization he represents the surgeons of his district. Dr. Norsworthy is a member of the Methodist Church, which he supports actively, and in which he has been for many years an officer. Well worthy the obligations and honors associated with his profession, he has always believed in doing good to his fellowman, and has used his profession in a practical way to achieve this desire. The gift of his hospital to the Texas Methodist Conference is but one of a long list of services to humanity, and few men have been more interested than he in the welfare of their fellowmen. He represents the highest type of medical man, and not only Houston, but the medical profession, is proud to claim him in the ranks.



**JAMES A. HILL, M. D.**, Physician and Surgeon, has been actively identified with the medical profession in Houston for nearly fifteen years, having removed here from his former home at Groveton, Texas, in 1909. Dr. Hill has an extensive suite of offices at 602 Keystone Building and is a member of the surgical staff of the Baptist Sanitarium and the Methodist and Municipal Hospitals. He also is General Consultant to the Arabia Temple Shrine Clinic. Dr. Hill devotes almost his entire time to surgery and it is not unusual for him to spend several hours in a day over the operating table. Other physicians regard him as one of the best technical surgeons in the city and no small part of his work in major operations is referred to him by other physicians who do not specialize in surgical practice.

Dr. Hill is a native of Texas and was born in Madison County on May 14, 1872, a son of Dr. J. T. and Sarah (Womack) Hill. His father before him was also a physician and one of the best loved and most popular men of Madison County. He was a native of Mississippi and served throughout the Civil War with the forces of the Confederacy. He was actively engaged in the practice of his profession until his death in 1911.

The younger Dr. Hill received his early education in the public and high schools at Rogers Prairie and his pre-medical education at the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. Entering the medical department of Tulane University at New Orleans, Dr. Hill graduated with the class of 1900, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and located at Groveton, Texas, where he was engaged in general practice until his removal to Houston in 1909. While at Groveton, a large saw mill center, Dr. Hill handled hundreds of accident cases and received a highly valuable training in surgery.

Recognition of the ability and high ethical standing of Dr. Hill was accorded him in 1915 by his election as a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, an honor that is accorded to only the ablest surgeons. During the late war he served in the Medical Corps of the United States Army with the





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rank of Major. He was stationed at the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C., where he was Chief Operating Surgeon, Chief Consulting Surgeon and Chief of the Surgical Division for eight months.

On September 4, 1921, Dr. Hill was married at Houston to Miss Fan Etta Wortham, daughter of John L. Wortham, prominent insurance man and well known citizen of Houston. Mrs. Hill is a niece of Col. Louis J. Wortham of Fort Worth, publisher of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and one of the best known men in Texas. Dr. and Mrs. Hill reside at 3603 Montrose Boulevard.

A man of remarkable skill and ability in his profession, Dr. Hill is modest and retiring and can be induced to speak of his work only with the greatest reluctance. He is untiring in his efforts for humanity and his entire life, thought and energy is devoted to his profession. An intense student and thinker, he has contributed many scientific papers to medical journals that have attracted widespread attention among surgeons all over the country.

Besides a fellowship in the American College of Surgeons, Dr. Hill is also a member of the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Society and Harris County Medical Society. He also is an honorary member of the A. K. K. and is a communicant of Saint Paul's Methodist Church.



**R. CHARLES M. AVES** came to Houston in 1911 from Philadelphia and since that time has been active in the practice of his profession. Dr. Aves is Medical Director of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and came with this company following his return from France where he served throughout the World War. Dr. Aves has a semi-hospital in the Humble Building, consisting of eight rooms; two rooms with two beds each. He has X-Ray and complete laboratory equipment in this office, and minor operations are attended to here. Fifty doctors do work for the Humble Oil and Refining Company in Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma and are paid for the amount and class of work they do; all of which is handled through this office. One physician is employed on a salary at the Refinery at Baytown, where they have a modern hospital, with fourteen bed capacity, with a possible increase if necessary to twenty or twenty-four beds. A modern operating room and an X-Ray outfit is a part of the equipment at this hospital. Dr. Aves has at all times been an advocate of the First Aid Cabinets, and for these cabinets to be at all times filled, and these are found in the offices as well as in the field for the workers who may need them at any time, and many lives have been saved by their presence, particularly in the cases of broken bones, and loss of blood. The employees of the Humble Oil and Refining Company are given lectures on the subject of the care of their health, and the matter of pure drinking water is at all times stressed, as well as diet, and they are withal a very healthy lot of men, due largely to the precaution of Dr. Aves and his corps of able assistants.

Dr. Aves was born in Cleveland, Ohio, November 14th, 1881. His father, Dr. C. S. Aves, deceased since 1923, was an Episcopal minister, and lived in Galveston, where he was Emeritus Clergyman of Trinity Church. His mother was Miss Jessie Olivia Hughes, a member of a prominent family of Lima, Ohio. His early education was obtained

in the public schools of Norwalk, Ohio, and he later attended Kenyon Military Academy, and graduated from this institution in 1900. He then entered Kenyon College, where he remained for two years, and then became a student of the University of Texas for one year in the Academic Department. He then entered the Medical Department of the University of Texas, from which he graduated in the class of 1907, receiving the M. D. degree. During the remainder of 1907 and in 1908, Dr. Aves served as an interne in the Sealy Hospital at Galveston. From 1908 to 1910 he served in the Episcopal Hospital at Philadelphia and in doing post-graduate work in the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Aves was one of the first medical men to leave Houston for service in the World War. On May 31st, 1917, he was commissioned captain, and went across in August, 1918. In the meantime, he had taken two post-graduate courses—at Washington University, St. Louis, where he remained for two months and spent this time on the subject of Brain Surgery. He then went to the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, where he spent two months in general surgery. The remainder of the time, before leaving America, was spent at Fort Bliss, Camp Grant and Camp Devens, Massachusetts. Dr. Aves went across as Chief Surgeon of Evacuation Hospital No. 24, with the rank of Major, and served at Mesves during the time he was in France, becoming Commanding Officer in 1918. On February 17th, 1919, Dr. Aves was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and brought his unit back to the United States on June 1st, 1919. During the time Dr. Aves was in France, his unit handled 10,584 wounded Americans in his hospital, which is the record in any war hospital. This hospital was one of the largest used during the war, and had a 4,200-bed capacity, with thirty-four medical officers, and had as many as forty-eight when necessity demanded that they have that number. The hospital at Mesves, France, was a unit of the largest hospital center in the world with a capacity of sixty thousand beds, and Dr. Aves' unit was the largest; and he handled all cases of head injury. On his return to Houston in 1919, he assumed his duties as Medical Director of the Humble Oil and Refining Company in August of that year. In addition to the hospital equipment of the company in the Humble Building, a nurse is in constant attendance and two nurses are employed at the hospital at Baytown. Dr. Aves is active in the business and commercial interests of the city and is a director of the National Bond and Mortgage Company.

Dr. Aves was married in Houston, May 5th, 1915, to Miss Ruby Lynn Arnim, a daughter of F. F. Arnim, a well known real estate man of Houston, and her grandfather was one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence. They have one son, Charles Arnim Aves. Dr. Aves is a member of the American Medical Association, Texas State Medical Association, Harris County Medical Association, Texas Surgical Society, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, to which he was elected in 1915. He is also a member of the A. F. & A. M., Delta Kappa Epsilon of Kenyon College and the Phi Alpha Sigma, a medical fraternity of the University of Texas. Dr. Aves believes that Houston will soon become, not only the medical center of the Southwest, but the leading city as well.





**JOHN W. BURNS, M. D., F. A. C. S.**, of the Medical Fraternity of Cuero, where he engages in practice, and has performed a conspicuous service to his community through the establishment of the Burns Hospital, a memorial to his father, the late Columbus Burns, honored Cuero pioneer, Dr. Burns is a native of Cuero and began his medical practice here in the early nineties as a general practitioner. With the passing of years he began to give special attention to surgery in which field he was particularly successful, and at intervals went abroad, where he worked at the great surgical clinics in Vienna. In 1911 he established the Burns Hospital, as a memorial to his father. This hospital, equipped with thirty beds, is modern in every respect, with all facilities available that modern surgery and medical practice demand. A nurse's training school is operated in connection with the hospital, with ten student nurses and three graduate nurses. Dr. Burns, while not limiting his work to surgical cases, has a large majority of surgical work and has attained prominence for his work in this field, having been made a fellow of the American College of Surgeons, in recognition of his eminence as a surgeon.

Dr. Burns was born at Cuero, in 1866, son of Columbus Burns, and a member of one of the most prominent families of this section. He attended the public schools of Cuero. He then entered Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tennessee, taking his medical degree in 1891. He then returned to Cuero, entering private practice here. In 1899 he spent six months at the clinics of Vienna, and again in 1902 and in 1908 spent a like period there. He also goes annually to the medical centers at Philadelphia, Chicago, Cleveland and Rochester, where he does special surgical work under eminent surgeons of the United States.

Dr. Burns was married at Cuero, to Miss Gellett, a member of a well known Cuero family. They have four children, Dr. Gellett Burns, a physician at Rochester, Minnesota; Dr. Arthur Burns, a physician at Rochester, Minnesota; Dorothy, now Mrs. LeRoy Hamilton, and Miss Antoinette Burns. Dr. Burns is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Chapter and Council at Cuero, Commandery at Yoakum, Shrine and Consistory at San Antonio. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a former president of that organization, is president of the Rotary Club, and belongs to the DeWitt County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association; the American Medical Association, the Texas Surgical Society, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Columbus Burns, father of Dr. Burns, was born in Texas the eleventh of December, 1829, and spent his life in this state. Mr. Burns' entire life was governed by a conspicuous honesty that placed him among the outstanding Texans of his day, and there was attached to his name an integrity that was one of his proudest possessions. The Burns family originally settled in Pennsylvania, and were of pioneering stock. Later descendants went across to Ohio and in all western states as the tide of emigration flowed west. Arthur Burns, grandfather of Dr. Burns, came to Texas with the DeWitt settlement, and directly after the Austin Colony had settled in the state. His league and labour of land was

located near the present site of Cuero, his son, Columbus Burns, spending his life on this place. Arthur Burns was with the wagons ahead of the army when the Battle of San Jacinto was fought, and took a prominent part in the early life of this section, as did his son, Columbus Burns, father of Dr. Burns.



**E. CHAPMAN, M. D.**, began the practice of his profession in Galveston in 1917 and he also became instructor of the department of medicine of the University of Texas during the same year, and has continued in this capacity since that time. Dr. Chapman is engaged in the general practice of medicine, with special attention to internal medicine, and has established an enviable reputation in his chosen branch of the medical profession. While Dr. Chapman received the degree of M. D. from the University of Texas in 1915 he did not begin the practice of his profession until two years later. During these two years he was instructor in the Departments of Physiology and Pharmacology at the University of Texas. Dr. Chapman's offices are located at 720 American National Insurance Company Building.

A native Texan, Dr. Chapman was born at Georgetown on August 28th, 1887. His father, W. E. Chapman, is a well known attorney of Ennis, Texas, where for many years he has been prominent in the legal profession of North Texas. His paternal grandfather and grandmother came to Texas from Tennessee in the early days of the Lone Star State, and were highly esteemed citizens of Ellis County. Dr. Chapman's education was obtained at the Trinity University of Waxahachie, Texas, and he graduated from this institution in the class of 1909 with the A. B. degree. From 1909 until 1911 he was on the teaching staff of the Ennis High School. He then entered the University of Texas, graduating from the medical branch of this college with the M. D. degree in the class of 1915, and after graduating, he served as an interne at the John Sealy Hospital of this city for one year.

Dr. Chapman was married at Galveston on June 8th, 1918, to Miss Cecelia Sedgwick, a native of Galveston and a member of a pioneer family here. They have two children, Frances Louise and L. E. Chapman, Jr. Dr. and Mrs. Chapman reside at 3202 Avenue Q. Dr. Chapman is a member of the Galveston Country Club, the Kiwanis Club, the County, State, District and the American Medical Associations, and also holds membership in the Congress of Internal Medicine and the college fraternity A. K. K. Dr. Chapman is enthusiastic as to the future of Galveston, and believes that this city is entering into an era of great business prosperity along all lines. He is popular in the business and professional circles of Galveston, and has a host of friends in this city and in South Texas. Texas, he says, is just getting started toward attracting the attention of the country, and he expects Galveston to profit largely by the interest now being centered on the Lone Star State. Dr. Chapman believes that Galveston is the logical location for a great medical center. There is need for more hospital room and better teaching facilities, but he is confident that these will be provided along with the other advantages that are being added to Galveston day after day.





**ALVIS E. GREER, M. D.**, Physician and Surgeon, and well known member of the medical fraternity of Harris County, has rendered conspicuous service in his community, giving his best energy and enthusiasm to the improvement of medical standards. Dr. Greer came to Houston in 1910, from Chicago and has since been a leader in the field of internal medicine and diagnosis, contributing to medical literature and active in organized medicine. Dr. Greer is on the staff of the Baptist Hospital, and the staff of the Houston Municipal Hospital, in charge of charity work in medical service, and is Chief of Staff of the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital. He is active in the work being done by the Harris County Medical Society, a group of men who co-operate with each other and for the best interests of their city, and one of the strongest medical societies in the State. Dr. Greer sees in Houston the medical center of the Southwest and gives freely of his time and means toward the realization of this great plan. He was Director of the State Public Health Association in 1922 and takes at all times an interest in this important work. He has been for a number of years active in the work of the Houston Anti-Tuberculosis League, of which he is a Director, and has helped make possible the development of this organization until now they conduct a regular clinic for diagnosis, with three nurses making calls, and a seventy-five bed hospital. Dr. Greer, with his associates, has one of the finest equipped and planned private medical buildings in the South, with waiting and examination rooms and a complete laboratory, with equipment for test work in blood chemistry, and of May, 1885, son of John S. Greer, a merchant in Southern Illinois, and Miranda May (David) Greer. He attended the schools of Chicago, graduating from Mount Vernon High School in 1902, after which he entered Northwestern University, taking his pre-medical and medical courses there, and graduating in 1908 with the M. D. degree. He served his internship at the Cook County Hospital, from 1908 until 1910, at which time he came to Houston.

Dr. Greer was married at Chicago, the twenty-seventh of June, 1912, to Miss Claire Eleanor Gadde, daughter of N. Gadde, well known lumberman of Wisconsin. They have two children, Dorothy Eugenia, and June Eleanor. Dr. Greer is a member of the Alpha Kappa Kappa, medical fraternity, Alpha Omega Alpha, an honorary medical fraternity, the Rotary Club, and is a Thirty-Second degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also a member of the Houston Country Club, the Houston Club, the University Club, and various organizations. Dr. Greer keeps apace of modern medical development and is a member of the different associations and societies, the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the South Texas District of the American Society of Tropical Medicine, the Southern Medical Association, the American Medical Association, the National Tuberculosis Association, and is a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Greer takes an active interest in civic affairs, and gives freely of his services and means toward any activity for the development of the community.



**T. DeTar, JR., M. D.**, is engaged in a general practice of medicine and surgery at Victoria, Texas, where he is the junior member of the firm of DeTar and DeTar, with offices at 507-508 Welder Building. Associated with Dr. DeTar in the medical firm of DeTar and DeTar is his father, Dr. W. T. DeTar, Sr., one of the oldest and most widely known physicians and surgeons of this portion of the state. In addition to their large private home practice, Drs. DeTar and DeTar own and operate the DeTar Hospital, a private institution of fourteen beds, in this city. While not as large as some private hospitals, the DeTar Hospital is modern in every particular, all equipment being the best and latest in design and efficiency. The DeTar Hospital is not an institution where student nurses are employed and trained, but employs only graduate nurses with established records as to their knowledge, training and efficiency. Dr. J. L. Smith, well known in the medical circles of Texas, is in charge of the X-Ray equipment of the DeTar Hospital, and this branch of the institution is also up to the standard in every respect. Dr. DeTar, Sr., is gradually retiring from active practice, leaving his medical mantle on the capable shoulders of his son, Dr. W. T. DeTar, Jr., for whom the DeTar Hospital was built and equipped. The city offices of Drs. DeTar and DeTar are located at 507-508 Welder Building.

Dr. DeTar was born in Alabama on August 2nd, 1889, but was brought to Texas by his parents when one year old. He is the third generation of the DeTars to engage in the practice of medicine. His father, Dr. W. T. DeTar, Sr., who is a graduate of the Louisville University, came to Texas in 1890, and has for more than forty years been engaged in a general practice of medicine. He was for several years a leading druggist of Boone County, Alabama. The grandfather of the subject of this sketch was a pioneer in the medical profession, and was one of the leading physicians and surgeons of his time, in Iowa. Dr. DeTar's early education was obtained in the public schools, after which he became a student of the Southwestern University, where he remained for two years. He then entered Baylor University and graduated from that institution in the class of 1922, with the M. D. degree. After his graduation, Dr. DeTar served an internship at Baylor Hospital and eight months at Fort Worth. He then came to Victoria in order to assist his father in the building of the DeTar Hospital and has remained here since that time.

Dr. DeTar was married at Palestine, Texas, on November 29th, 1923, to Miss Grace Duff, a daughter of W. R. Duff, well known in the railroad circles of Texas, where for many years he has held an official position with the International and Great Northern Railroad. They have two daughters, Grace Margaret and Valeria. Dr. DeTar is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Victoria Lodge. He is also a member of the county, district, state and American Medical Associations, in which he takes an active interest. He holds membership in the college fraternity—Chi Zeta, and was master of this organization in 1922 at Baylor College. Dr. DeTar is popular in the medical, business and social circles of Victoria, where he is regarded as one of the leaders of the medical fraternity, and also one of the city's most progressive citizens.





**PHILO HOWARD, M. D.**, President of the Houston Clinic, is one of the best known surgeons of Southern Texas. The Houston Clinic, composed of Drs. Thorning, Howard, Stokes and Cruse, each a specialist in his particular line of work, acts as chief surgeon for a number of railroads, insurance companies and other large organizations of Houston and maintains a special clinic building at the corner of Main Street and Pease Avenue. Dr. Howard, President of the Clinic, besides general surgery, specializes in bone surgery and orthopedics and has achieved a wonderful success in both these lines of work.

A native of Texas, Dr. Howard was born at Palestine, in Anderson County, on October 25, 1878. He is a son of A. R. and Georgia (Granger) Howard. His father was for many years Treasurer of the International and Great Northern Railway Company and was a pioneer in the cotton mill industry in this State, owning one of the first mills ever built in Texas in Anderson County. Dr. Howard's mother is a member of one of the pioneer families of East Texas, the Granger's having come to Texas in 1834 and played an important part in the early history of the Republic of Texas.

The literary education of Dr. Howard was received in the schools of Palestine, Houston and Saint Louis and at Staunton College, Virginia, where he completed his preparatory work prior to entering the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania. He graduated with the class of 1901, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and served an internship at the Missouri Baptist Hospital at Saint Louis. He then returned to Palestine and was appointed house surgeon at the International and Great Northern Railway Hospital. From 1902 to 1906 he was demonstrator of anatomy and osteology at Saint Louis University and during the same time served as Assistant in the Department of Gynecology.

Dr. Howard came to Houston in 1907 as Chief Surgeon of the Frisco and Rock Island System and still is Chief Surgeon for the Gulf Coast Lines and the Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroads. The Houston Clinic acts as Chief Surgeon for the Oil Men's Reciprocal and Lumbermen's Reciprocal Insurance Associations, two organizations headed by former Governor William P. Hobby.

On November 30, 1908, Dr. Howard was married at Houston to Miss Nancy Flewellen, native of Houston, and a daughter of John D. Flewellen, large Brazos Valley land owner. Dr. and Mrs. Howard are the parents of four interesting children, Eugenia, fourteen; Alfred Ryland, Jr., ten; Georgia, four, and A. Philo, Jr., two years of age.

Dr. Howard is a Thirty-Second degree Mason and a life member of Arabia Temple Shrine. His medical college fraternity is Nu Sigma Nu and he is a member of the American Medical Association, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, member of the Texas Surgical Society, Harris County and Southern Medical Societies and the American Railway Surgeon's Association. He is a Director of the Public National Bank, and President of the Houston Board of Health.

During the World War Dr. Howard was a member of the Medical Corps of the American Expeditionary Forces and was stationed at General Hospital Fourteen and Evacuation Hospital Forty. After the

close of the war he returned to the United States and was in charge of ortopedic surgery at Camp Logan Hospital until receiving his discharge on March 15, 1919.

Dr. Howard, while one of the busiest surgeons in Houston, takes an active interest in civic affairs and is ever ready to give aid and encouragement to any movement for the betterment of the city as a whole.



**HARLES C. GREEN, M. D., F. A. C. S.**, 414 Second National Bank Building, began the practice of medicine in Houston May 28, 1910, and has limited his work to surgery and obstetrics since 1922. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Green is Assistant Chief Surgeon of the Southern Pacific Lines in Louisiana and Texas, on the staff of both St. Joseph's Infirmary and the Municipal Hospital, and is President of the staff of the Methodist Hospital. During the World War Dr. Green was commissioned as Captain in the Medical Corps, U. S. A., in March, 1918, and was assigned to special instruction at New Orleans, where he remained for one month. He was then made Assistant Chief Surgeon at Camp Gordon. Dr. Green went overseas as a member of Surgical Group No. 4 and remained with them until after the signing of the armistice, when he was placed in charge of the Surgical Section of Camp Hospital No. 48. Dr. Green was discharged on May 24, 1919, when he returned to Houston.

Dr. Green was born in Alabama, March 22, 1882, and came to Texas as a boy. His father, John E. Green, Sr., has been for many years a well known minister of the Lone Star State, where he has built many churches, five of them being in Houston. Rev. Green is now pastor of the Methodist Church in the Denver Addition, Houston, at the age of sixty-eight years. The preliminary academic education of Dr. Green was received in the public schools of Houston, after which he attended preparatory school here. He then entered Vanderbilt University and graduated from this institution with the B. S. degree, after which he became a student at Tulane University, New Orleans, graduating in 1910, with the M. D. degree. Dr. Green then served an internship of two years at the Charity Hospital at New Orleans.

Dr. Green was married at New Orleans, January 24, 1911, to Miss Lucretia Barrow Gore, deceased, a member of a well known New Orleans family. They had two children, Nellie Katherine and Charles C. Green, Jr. Dr. Green resides at 3420 Roseland Avenue, in the Montrose Addition of Houston. Dr. Green is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1, of Houston, and is a member of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of this order and of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the South Texas District Medical Association, Texas State Medical Association, Texas Surgical Society, the American Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, to which body he was elected in 1917. He served the Harris County Medical Society as President during 1924, and was Vice-President of the South Texas District Medical Association in 1916. The Houston Country Club, the River Oaks Country Club, and the University Club are the social organizations in which Dr. Green holds membership. Dr. Green never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for Houston.



*Arthur Harold, M.A.*





Arthur H. Fleckner M.D.





**D**R. ARTHUR H. FLICKWIR, for a decade has performed conspicuous service in the field of public health at Houston, and has attained a place of acknowledged leadership in the medical fraternity. Dr. Flickwir was made city health officer of Houston in 1920, after a number of years practice in this city, during which time he took a deep interest in all civic affairs, particularly those which had to do with public health. Since entering upon the duties of this office Dr. Flickwir has built up one of the best organized Health Departments in the Southwest, and has attained a prominence more than local for his activities incident to the dispatch of these duties. He has studied all phases of community health measures, especially those concerning industrial problems, occupational diseases, communicable diseases, malaria surveys and mosquito control work, and the results of his activities in these important fields has been far reaching. Dr. Flickwir has three able assistants and a large medical staff, with more than fifty employees in his department.

Dr. Arthur H. Flickwir was born at Beardstown, Illinois, the twenty-eighth of April 1879. His father, D. Henry Flickwir, a native of Pennsylvania, and a resident of Illinois for many years was a druggist in that state until his death. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Rebecca Catherine Norbury, was a native of Illinois and lived in that state until her death. Dr. Flickwir attended the public schools of his native state and after graduating from the High School there entered the University of Illinois, where he took his premedical work, later entering the University of Pennsylvania, in the medical department, taking his medical degree from that institution in 1901. He then spent some time traveling in Europe and studying at the various medical centers abroad. Returning to Philadelphia he spent some time in a hospital there. He then went to Maplewood Hospital at Jacksonville, Illinois, where he specialized in mental and nervous diseases, remaining there one year. The following year he was medical examiner for the Burlington Railway, in charge of medical work over the entire system. This was followed by a period of private practice in Illinois, and five years general practice in the Valley in Texas, with a short period spent at Blessing. Dr. Flickwir came to Houston in 1912 and opened his office here, building up a large practice. Under Mayor Campbell he was appointed to the board of health, where his work at once attracted attention. He continued his private practice and his interest in public health measures until 1917, when he entered military service as Navy Surgeon, U. S. N., serving at different stations, and making eight round trips as surgeon on transports. He was discharged the third of January, 1920, and returned to Houston, receiving his appointment as city health officer a little later.

Dr. Flickwir was married at Chicago, Illinois, the second of November, 1903, to Miss Nettie Frances Ginn, a native of Missouri, and the daughter of Dr. John Ginn, a physician of St. Louis for many years. Dr. and Mrs. Flickwir live at 4316 Dallas Avenue, and have two children, Kathryn Elizabeth, and Elva Jane. Dr. Flickwir is a member of the Military Order of Foreign Wars, of the American Legion, and fraternally is a Knight of Pythias and Mason. He belongs to the various medical societies and associations, such as the Harris County Medical Society

and the Texas Medical Society. He is a fellow of the American Medical Association, and a fellow of the American Public Health Association. During his college days he was a great athlete, and was on the rowing crew of the University of Pennsylvania that broke the world's record in 1898. He also captained the American crew that rowed at Henley, England, in 1901. He belongs to the Phi Sigma Kappa college fraternity and the Alpha Kappa Medical fraternity. Dr. Flickwir is one of the leaders in public health work in the state, and through his efforts work along these lines is assuming an importance never before attached to it. He is now president of the Texas Association of Sanitarians and has written a number of pamphlets relating to the public health office and the scope of his work, and takes an active part in forwarding all movements directed toward this end.



**R**L. COX, M. D., for more than two decades has held a place of recognized leadership in the fields of medicine and surgery at Houston, and during this time has established the reputation of a careful practitioner, content in all branches of his calling, and well worthy the honors of his profession. Dr. Cox came to Houston in 1902, and began his practice in this city, as a general practitioner. He has since continued his practice along the broad and general lines on which it was established, keeping pace with the advancements made in modern medicine, and has been especially successful in surgery. Dr. Cox is on the staff of the Baptist Hospital, and has his offices in the Scanlan Building, being associated with Dr. Brenner.

Dr. Cox was born at Gonzales, Texas, the twenty-second of August, 1875. His father, Dr. J. M. Cox, came to Texas as a young man and was for many years one of the best loved physicians of his community. His mother, prior to her marriage was Miss Lizzie B. Carroll. Dr. Cox early formed the ambition to follow his father as a physician, and after completing his pre-medical education entered Tulane University, where he took his M. D. Degree in 1899. He spent the two following years at the Charity Hospital in New York City, and also took a post graduate course in that city, returning to Texas in 1902, and coming to Houston, where he established his practice.

Dr. Cox was married at Houston, in 1905, to Miss Margaret Anderson, a member of a prominent Houston family. Dr. and Mrs. Cox make their home at 1116 Jefferson Street, and have one child, Lavoy Cox. Mrs. Cox is a woman of accomplished intelligence, and a musician of distinctive and interpretative talent, equally at home in the drawing room, or in her home. Dr. Cox is a Mason, Holland Blue Lodge, York Rite, Scottish Rite and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club, and affiliated with the various medical societies, belonging to the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Dr. Cox takes a deep interest in the development of Houston, and particularly in the advancement of the medical center here, and has done much to make this city one of the leading cities of the Southwest from a medical standpoint. He is also interested in all welfare work, and throughout his career has demonstrated his devotion to the best interests of his city.





**R. BENJAMINE H. VAUGHAN**, who is well known at Port Arthur for his interest in the medical advancement of the city, is a leader in the field of otology, ophthalmology, rinology and larynology, and is one of the foremost professional men of his community. Dr. Vaughan came to Port Arthur the first of January, 1918, and became associated with his brother, Dr. E. W. Vaughan, practicing with him for one year, since when he has practiced alone. Dr. Vaughan has his offices in the Deutser Building, and has demonstrated a professional ability that has placed him at the head of the eye, ear, nose and throat specialists of the city. Dr. Vaughan has a very large practice, and has at his command every mechanical facility of his profession.

Dr. Vaughan was born at Russell, Kentucky, the fourteenth of September, 1890, the son of C. N. and Elizabeth Melvin Vaughan, both natives of the Blue Grass state. Mr. Vaughan has been for many years a farmer at Russell, Kentucky, and is prominent in agricultural and civic circles there. Dr. Vaughan received his elementary education in the public schools of his native state, and after two years in high school went to Valparaiso University for two years. He then entered the Chicago College of Medicine, taking his medical degree the thirty-first of May, 1917. He then went to New York City, where he entered New York Post Graduate Hospital for ten months in eye, ear, nose and throat operative and treatment graduate work. His record in the hospital there of more operations to his credit than any other doctor of his specialty for his six months work, is significant of the enthusiasm that has marked his career. Leaving New York Dr. Vaughan came to Port Arthur, entering upon his profession in this city.

Dr. Vaughan was married to Miss Pearl Walter, a native of Kentucky, and the daughter of Luther M. Walter, one of the prominent men of that state. Dr. and Mrs. Vaughan reside at 2121 Lake Shore Drive, and have one child, Mildred. Dr. Vaughan is a member of the Country Club, the Elks Club, the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Business League. Fraternally he is a Mason, a Cosmopolitan Blue Lodge. Dr. Vaughan gives his interest not alone to his private practice, but to the highest development of his vocation, and is interested in all civic and welfare work. He foresees a great future for Port Arthur, and is active in all movements that are directed toward this end, and is in every way one of the sterling residents of the community.



**P. POYNOR, M. D.**, pioneer physician of the Lone Star State, and for the past decade one of the most honored members of the medical fraternity of Harrisburg, began the practice of medicine some three and a half decades ago, and has continued to follow his vocation to the present time, advancing to a position among the foremost physicians of the State. Dr. Poynor came to Harrisburg in 1904, and has a large general practice, both in Harrisburg and in Houston, and in the smaller towns around Houston. Dr. Poynor is well worthy the honors and obligations of his profession, and has devoted himself not only to his private practice, but to the broader interests of his profession in city and state, and as a physician occupies a high place in the hearts of the people.

Dr. Poynor was born in the village of Dallas, in 1869, when that now great city was in its infancy. His birth occurred the twenty-seventh of October. His father, Captain W. S. Poynor, a Civil War Veteran, came to Texas as a boy, and was a rancher and physician of the early days. He was the typical pioneer medical man, specializing in hard work and mud, riding his horse many miles, often in the dark and cold, to alleviate the suffering of some pioneer family. Loved, as only the old family physician can be loved, he was known throughout a broad area, and his death in 1898 was sincerely mourned. Dr. Poynor's mother, before her marriage Miss Sarah Oliver, was also a member of a pioneer Texas family. Dr. Poynor attended the schools of Dallas as a boy, later taking his pre-medical work at Add-Ran College, at Thorpe Springs, in Hood County, Texas. He then went to Nashville, where he took his medical work at Nashville and Vanderbilt Universities, taking his degree in 1889. Later he went to Tulane University, at New Orleans, and took the M. D. Degree there, in 1904, and, in 1905 and 1906, did post-graduate work at that institution. Dr. Poynor has been engaged in general practice since 1889, and was, for many years, a physician at Palestine, before he came to Houston.

Dr. Poynor was married, at Palestine, the twenty-eighth of March, 1913, to Miss Martha Stewart, daughter of Top Stewart, a typical frontiersman, and one of the pioneer settlers of the Lone Star State. Dr. and Mrs. Poynor reside at 7901 Harrisburg Boulevard. Dr. Poynor is ex-president of the American State Bank of Harrisburg. He served during the Spanish American War as First Lieutenant, Medical Corps, United States Army, serving during the Porto Rico campaign. Fraternally Dr. Poynor is a Knight of Pythias, belonging to the East Gate Blue Lodge. He is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Dr. Poynor is a man of high intellectual attainments and splendid discrimination, and his work is the ripened result of many years' experience and enthusiasm in his profession. He has hosts of friends, both in and out of his profession, and is one of the sterling residents of Harrisburg.



**LVA A. WRIGHT, M. D.**, has for a decade and upwards, performed conspicuous service in her community, giving her best enthusiasm to public health work, and has attained the reputation as an authority in the field of obstetrics and medical gynecology. Dr. Wright has her office in the Kress Building, and as a physician has held a high place in the hearts of the people. She has demonstrated a professional ability that has placed her among the leaders in her special field, and her work in medical gynecology and obstetrics has won the approval of her associates. Dr. Wright has also been particularly active in tuberculosis work, and organized and is president of the Houston Anti-Tuberculosis League, an organization that has accomplished much in this field and has been the means of placing many a tubercular patient on the road to regained health, as well as stamping out the disease through educational work along preventive lines. This movement was started by Dr. Wright, and she has vigorously pushed the move-



ment, interesting others in it, and working indefatigably in behalf of the tuberculars of the city, and their improvement. Dr. Wright is on the active staff of the Tuberculosis Hospital, a sanitarium for tubercular patients that is supported by the city and county. Another phase of welfare work that has made special appeal to Dr. Wright is among the girls and young women of the city, and she is physician of the Harris County School for Girls, and the Juvenile Court.

Dr. Wright was born at Hillsdale, Pennsylvania, and was educated in the Purchase Line Academy of Western Pennsylvania, after which she entered Valparaiso University, in Indiana, expecting to make pedagogic work her career. She took her B. S. degree from that institution in 1895, at which time she had decided upon medicine as her life's vocation, and entered Northwestern University, in the medical department, taking her degree in 1900. Dr. Wright then practiced a number of years on the North Side of Chicago and then spent one year abroad, taking post graduate work at the University of Edinburg, Scotland, and in the clinics at Vienna, Berlin, and London, after which she came to Houston, and has since practiced her vocation. Dr. Wright is a physician of high scientific attainments, and she has achieved a place at the head of her profession and won the highest regard of all who know her, and this, without a sacrifice of those feminine qualities which have distinguished American women throughout the years. Dr. Wright has an altruistic attitude regarding her duty to humanity, and in regard to public health work, and Houston is greatly indebted to her for her work among the tuberculars and unfortunate of the city.



**R. PHILIP B. GREENBERG**, one of the recent recruits to the medical fraternity at Beaumont, is particularly well equipped for the practice of medicine and surgery, and is held in high esteem in this city for his professional activities. Dr. Greenberg came to Beaumont in 1920, establishing his practice here at that time, and has since engaged in the general practice of medicine, and as a private practitioner has found favor with the public, building up a large practice. Dr. Greenberg has his offices in the Perlstein Building.

Dr. Greenberg is a native of Russia, his birth occurring in that country the thirtieth of April, 1892. His father, Barnett Greenberg, also a native of that country, came to the United States in the nineties, and spent a number of years travelling over the country, but was in Chicago for the greater part of his time. He came to Beaumont in 1892, and realizing that this city was one offering exceptional advantages, bought real estate here, but only lived here a few years, returning to Chicago, where he now makes his home. As a boy Dr. Greenberg attended the schools of Beaumont for around five years, and later the schools of Chicago. Finishing his elementary and high school work he entered the University of Chicago, where he took the B. S. Degree, after which he entered Rush Medical College, taking his M. D. Degree from that institution. He entered the Annie Durant Hospital for Contagious Diseases, and after six months there the Wesley Memorial Hospital, where he spent two years. At the entrance of the United States in the World War he enlisted in service, and in January,

1918 was commissioned Lieutenant in the United States Army, Medical Corps. He was called to active service in June, 1918, and sent to Camp Greenleaf, and later to Fort Benjamin Harrison, during the flu epidemic, and afterward to Camp Crane, where he remained until January, 1919, when he was sent to Fort Sheridan, where he remained until December, 1919, when he was discharged, as First Lieutenant, U. S. A. He returned to Chicago and took postgraduate courses in that city, after which he came to Beaumont, establishing his practice in this city.

Dr. Greenberg is a member of the American Legion, the Harmony Club, and fraternally is a Knight of Pythias, an Elk, and a Redman. He keeps in close touch with the advancement of modern medical science and is affiliated with the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association, and is regarded as a man with an assured future in his profession.



**R. L. C. SERAFINO**, who has for the past several years been identified with the professional life at Beaumont, is a leader among the younger medical men of the city, and has attained the reputation of a physician and surgeon, competent in all branches of his calling. Dr. Serafino engages in the general practice of medicine, and surgery, and is particularly successful in the latter, building up a substantial practice. He came to Beaumont in August, 1919, and has his offices in the San Jacinto Building. Dr. Serafino is one of the most enthusiastic exponents of modern medicine and surgery, and keeps in close touch with all advancements made in this field.

Dr. Serafino is a native of Beaumont, and is the son of Charles Serafino, a retired capitalist of this city, who owns much property here and is prominent in all civic activities. Mr. Serafino was formerly a tailor here, for around two decades, and was a factor in the commercial development of the city. Dr. Serafino attended the public schools of Beaumont, graduating from the Beaumont High School with the class of 1911. He spent one year at the University of Texas and one year at Southwestern University, prior to entering the University of Texas, in the medical department, at Galveston, where he took his M. D. degree, the thirty-first of May, 1918. The following year he served as interne at John Sealy Hospital, at Galveston, after which he came to Beaumont and began his private practice.

Dr. Serafino was married at Sour Lake, Texas, the 16th of September, 1919, to Miss Cora Ellen Lloyd, who was born at Bryan, Texas, and is the daughter of D. B. Lloyd, prominent Texan, and a niece of W. D. Lloyd, United States public health officer and head of the public health department at Washington, D. C. Dr. and Mrs. Serafino reside at 1300 College Avenue, and have one child, L. C. Jr. Dr. Serafino is a member of the Phi Bet Phi college fraternity, the Elks Club, the Redmen, and the Knights of Pythias. He is affiliated with the various medical associations, belonging to the Jefferson County Medical Society, and the Texas and American Medical Associations. He has been a leader among the younger physicians of Beaumont, and is active in all civic affairs, taking a deep interest in the advancement of the city.



**LE** M. F. STEPHEN, M. D., has been active in the medical circles of Galveston, Texas, since 1916, where he has established a creditable record, both in his private practice and in the United States Public Health Service. Throughout his career as a physician and surgeon, Dr. Stephen has been associated with the public health service here, where on April 1st, 1920, he became assistant Surgeon in charge of this branch of the medical service of the United States. The Galveston station is known as relief station No. 245. This station dates back to the early 60's and has been officered by many men who became famous in the medical world as public officers. Eight Coast Guard stations along the coasts of Florida, Louisiana and Texas report through the Galveston office. Patients, who are in need of hospital treatment are cared for by contract at the John Sealy Hospital of this city. The Galveston office has three medical officers, one pharmacist, one clerk, an attendant, and one interne. As an example of the vast number of patients treated here, during the fiscal year, 1925, there were 4,691 people treated, 14,834 treatments given, hospital patients numbered 698, surgical operations numbered 3,450 and physical examinations in office by the officers in charge, reached almost 5,000.

After receiving his academic education, Dr. Stephen taught school for a period of eight years before beginning the study of medicine. After receiving his M. D. degree, he began in the public health service, and has continued in this work since that time. During the World War, Dr. Stephen was on duty at Galveston, doing full time duty and subject to call.

A native Texan, Dr. Stephen was born at Stephenville, on December 20th, 1886. His father, M. L. Stephen, also a native of the Lone Star State, resided practically all his life in Erath County, where he was well known and highly esteemed. Dr. Stephen's great-grandfather, came with Stephen F. Austin to Texas from Missouri, located the site where the City of Waco now stands, and built the first house there—a crude habitation of logs. His grandfather, William F. Stephen, came to Texas in 1836 with the Austin Colony, being born on the road while the colony was traveling to this State. His grandfather married a Miss Howard. He and his brother removed to Erath County and settled the town of Stephenville, which is the county seat of that prosperous county. Dr. Stephen's early education was obtained in the public schools after which he entered John Tarleton College, and later became a student of the University of Texas, graduating in the class of 1916 with the M. D. degree. He then served an internship at St. Mary's Infirmary of Galveston, and entered his present work, in which he has met with success. His office is located in the United States National Bank Building.

Dr. Stephen was married in Erath County, Texas, on December 20th, 1908, to Miss Beva Wilkerson, a member of a pioneer Texas family. Dr. Stephen is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Tucker Blue Lodge, Galveston, where he belongs to the Texas Consistory No. 1, and is a Shriner of El Mina Temple. He is a member of the Lion's Club, the Galveston County, State, District and American Medical associations. He was for one term president of the Galveston County Medical Association.

He is also a member of the Association of Military Surgeons, and Kappa Psi College fraternity. It is said of Dr. Stephen that he is the hardest working physician and surgeon of the Island City, but in doing so his achievements in both private practice and in the public health service speak for themselves, and show the results of his work.

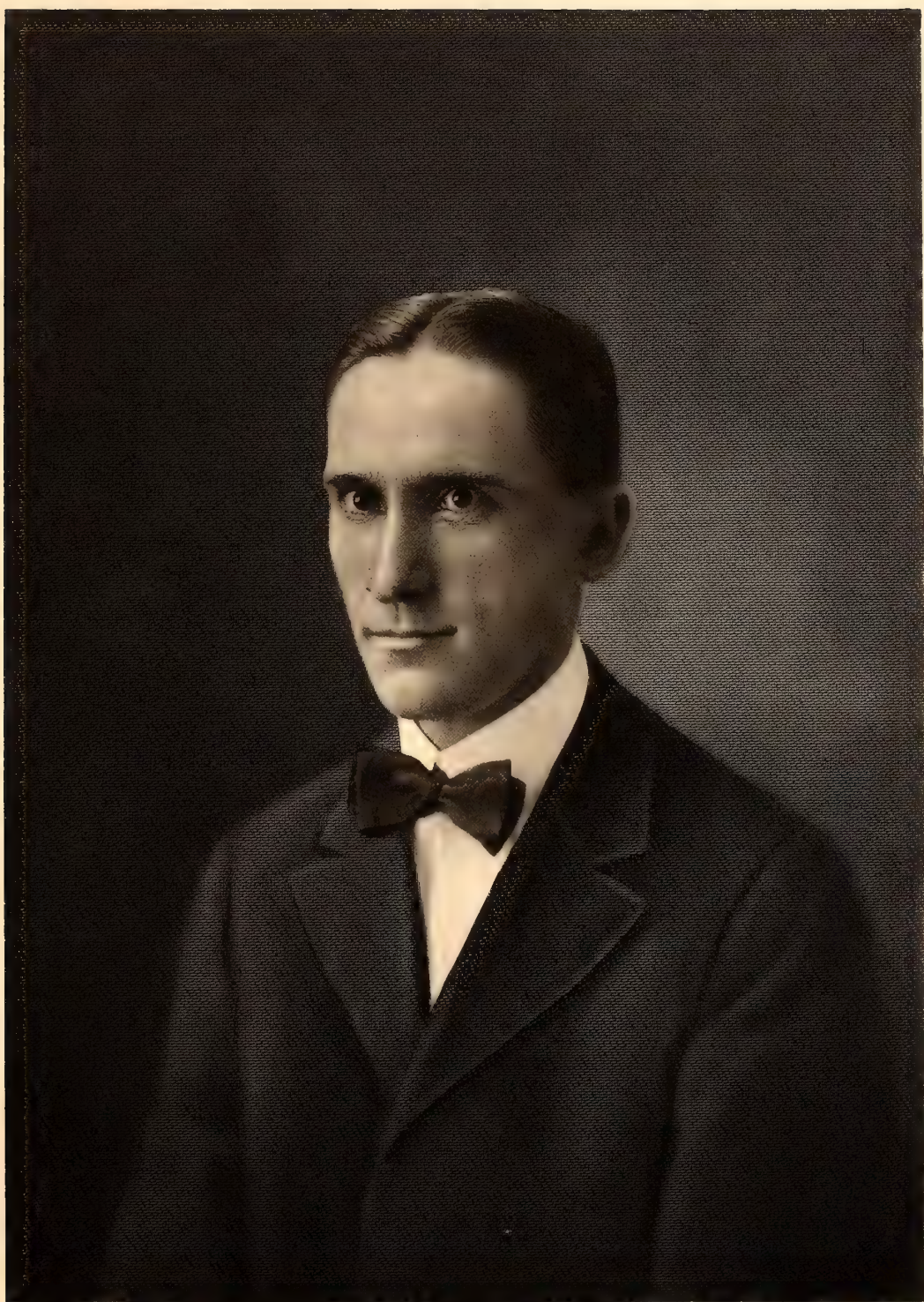
**DR. J. R. FROBESE**, physician and surgeon of Cuero, has built up a large practice in this section, and has also taken an active part in the business and civic life here. Dr. Frobose practices general medicine and surgery, a field for which he is particularly well equipped, having received excellent training, perfected by wide and varied experience. Dr. Frobose is connected with the Burns Hospital, a private hospital in which he is associated with Drs. Burns and Dobbs. Dr. Frobose is also president of the Cuero Buick Company, which he organized in 1916 to sell Buick automobiles in this territory. He has developed this company from a small agency until it is one of the largest automobile agencies in Southwest Texas, and has proven himself a business man of acumen as well as a physician with a large and successful practice. Dr. Frobose is also vice president of the Yorktown Motor Company.

Dr. J. R. Frobose was born at Cuero, the thirteenth of July, 1884, son of William Frobose, a member of the pioneer firm of H. Runge & Company, one of the oldest business houses in the state. William Frobose was one of the most prominent men of his time, and much of the development of Cuero today is due to his early influence over the prosperity of this section. Dr. Frobose attended the public schools of Cuero, later entering the academic department of the University of Texas, where he was a student for two years. He then went to Galveston, taking his medical training in the medical department of the University of Texas, receiving his degree in 1910. He served a one-year internship at John Sealy Hospital, after which he began his private practice at Cuero, in the fall of 1911. Dr. Frobose has taken frequent post-graduate courses, attending the clinics at New York, New Orleans and Rochester, and professionally is one of the best equipped physicians of Cuero.

Dr. Frobose was married on December 16th, 1917, to Miss Mary Valerie Maire, of Houston. Dr. and Mrs. Frobose reside at Cuero and have three children, Joseph Cade, Alfred Searcy and Mary Valerie Frobose. Dr. Frobose is a member of the Alpha Kappa Kappa medical fraternity, the Delta Tau Delta Academic fraternity, and Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Mason, also a member of the Commandery at Yoakum and Consistory and Shrine at San Antonio. He belongs to the Rotary Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Baptist Church, of which he is a member of the board of trustees. He is taking an active interest in the organization of the Boy Scouts of America, being chairman of the Cuero Council and one of the directors of the Guadalupe Valley District Council.

He is a member of the DeWitt County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. Dr. Frobose is deeply interested in public health and welfare work and is a worker for the upbuilding of Cuero and the Cuero section.





*E.M.F. Stephen*







**JAMES R. BOST, M. D.**, specialist in surgery of the bones and joints, with offices in the Keystone Building, has been a resident of Houston since February, 1922, and in May of that year began active practice of his profession here. He is a member of the staff of the Municipal and Tuberculosis Hospitals and the Baptist Sanitarium and is engaged in orthopedic surgery exclusively, being the only surgeon in Houston devoting his entire attention to this line of work. Dr. Bost has been highly trained in orthopedics and since coming to Houston has been retained as consultant by many prominent surgeons of South Texas who have been more than glad to welcome a man competent to handle the most difficult cases of this character. He has done considerable operative work on crippled children in the Shrine ward at the Baptist Sanitarium, where his knowledge of the proper methods of treatment of cripples has been of great value.

A native of North Carolina, Dr. Bost was born at Newton on August 18, 1882. He is a son of E. R. and Martha (Estes) Bost and received his preliminary education in the schools at Newton and at Catawba College at Newton. Entering the medical department of the University of Louisville, he graduated there with the class of 1911, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and began active practice of his profession at Louisville in that year. He remained at Louisville from 1911 until 1915 and then was located at Coyle, Oklahoma, until 1917. During his practice at Louisville, Dr. Bost was assistant to a general surgeon at the Louisville hospitals for two years and later was assistant to an orthopedic surgeon. He also served as assistant professor of anesthesia at the University of Louisville during this time.

At the outbreak of the war with Germany, Dr. Bost enlisted in the medical corps of the air service and was commissioned first lieutenant. He was sent overseas on board the ill-fated *Tuscania* and was on board this vessel when it was sunk. When the vessel went under from the blow of a German torpedo he managed to climb aboard a life raft and was on this frail support for several hours before being rescued by a trawler and carried to Scotland. He saw active service with the thirty-second division in Belgium and France and also served a training period with the British forces in England, Ireland and Scotland.

After receiving his discharge from the medical corps of the army, Dr. Bost took up an intensive study of orthopedic surgery and in 1920 and 1921 was stationed at the Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled in New York City where he studied with Dr. Royal Whitman and Dr. Virgil P. Gibney, two of the foremost men in America in this line of surgery. During a portion of 1921 and 1922 he was located at the J. N. Adam Memorial Hospital at Buffalo, New York, remaining there until his removal to Houston where he decided to locate permanently.

Dr. Bost is a member of the American Medical Association, Texas Medical Society and of the Harris County Medical Society. He is a Mason and a communicant of the Methodist Church.

A man of pleasing personality and splendid professional attainments, Dr. Bost is popular alike among the laity and members of the medical profession. Among members of the profession he is

counted as one of the rising young surgeons and a brilliant career is predicted for him in his chosen field of orthopedics. Dr. Bost is unmarried and resides at the Houston Club.



**BIRTO T. VANZANT, M. D.**, specialist in X-ray work, 439-41-43 Kress Building, began the practice of his profession in Houston in 1912. Prior to locating here, Dr. Vanzant was for several years engaged in the wholesale drug business at Paris, Texas, and later removed to Oklahoma City, where he continued in the drug business until coming to Houston. Dr. Vanzant is one of the pioneer men of Texas in X-ray work and is equipped to do work in his X-ray laboratory that is possible for any one in this country to do. He worked for several months with Dr. Martin, of Dallas, and enjoys the distinction of being probably the first man in Texas to take an X-ray photograph. The services of Dr. Vanzant are sought, not only by the people of Houston and other portions of Texas, but many come from other portions of the country to avail themselves of his superior work along the line in which he is devoting his entire time and attention.

A native Texan, Dr. Vanzant was born at Paris, September 14th, 1875. His father, T. J. Vanzant, came to Texas at the close of the Civil War and has been engaged in farming in Lamar County since that time. His mother was Miss Frances Moore, a member of a well known Texas family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Paris, Texas, after which he entered the University of Texas, and for three years pursued an academic course at this institution. He then became a student of the medical department of the Texas University at Galveston and graduated in the class of 1899 with the M. D. degree. After graduating, Dr. Vanzant served as an interne at St. Mary's Hospital.

Dr. Vanzant was married at Austin, May 12th, 1897, to Miss Lucile Ralston, a daughter of Captain J. C. Ralston, a member of a prominent pioneer Texas family. They have four children, R. B., a lieutenant in the United States navy and a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, class of June, 1921; Frances, a B. A., from Rice Institute and a medical student at the University of Texas branch at Galveston; Thomas J. and Joseph Courtenay. Dr. and Mrs. Vanzant reside at 627 Hawthorne Street. Dr. Vanzant is a member of the Rotary Club and the County, District, State and American Medical Associations, where he is one of the most active members. He served as secretary of the Harris County Medical Association for two years, has been several times a delegate to the State Medical Conventions, and for a period of three years was a member of the Board of Censors. Dr. Vanzant spends all his time that can be spared away from his duties in hunting and fishing and assisting in beautifying of his beautiful home, which he says are his two hobbies. His home is surrounded on grounds on which are growing tropical and semi-tropical trees, shrubbery and plants of every description and the passer-by involuntarily stops to look and admire, but it would be necessary to have an expert knowledge of plants to be able to fully appreciate it. Mrs. Vanzant is very well versed in plant lore and deserves the credit for the beautiful gardens surrounding the Vanzant home.



**D**R. MURFF F. BLEDSOE, one of the most prominent and honored representatives of the medical profession in the Lone Star State, and a surgeon whose name has associated with it many distinctions, has for a decade and a half been the outstanding figure in the surgical world at Port Arthur, and has a reputation in this field that has brought him national honors, and the conferring of the degree of Fellow in the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Bledsoe came to Port Arthur in 1910, and has limited his work to the field of aseptic surgery, with its special technic and diverse professional interests, and has advanced in this field to a place among the leading surgeons of the Lone Star State. As an operative surgeon Dr. Bledsoe is splendidly equipped, and his high attainments in this field are the result of an exceptional training, combined with a talent of high order, and perfected by a wide and varied experience, and it is given to few men to fill a more vital place in the life of a community. For a decade Dr. Bledsoe has been one of the leaders of the Texas Medical Association, and has been officially connected with the association since 1915, when he was elected secretary, advancing from this position to the highest honor the association can confer, his election to the presidency of the Texas Medical Association, in 1923. Dr. Bledsoe has also been a factor in the South Texas District Medical Association, serving as president of that organization from 1912 until 1914, and has also served on the board of counsel, a part of the time as chairman of the board of this association for many years. He is also active in the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons, in which he is a fellow.

Dr. Bledsoe was born in Vozier Parish, Louisiana, the twenty-fourth of September, 1879, the son of W. H. Bledsoe, a native of Georgia, who came to Louisiana in 1840, and was a planter until his death, and Sallie Arnold Bledsoe, of Louisiana. Dr. Bledsoe attended the public schools of his native state, later entering the medical department of the University of Tennessee, where he received his medical degree in 1902 and came to Rocklin, Texas, where he practiced for around a decade. He then came to Port Arthur, a city of which he had heard favorable reports, and which he felt offered an exceptional future in the field of surgery. During the recent World War Dr. Bledsoe entered military service and was chief surgeon at Prescott, Arizona. He was in service for a period of six months, receiving his discharge the thirty-first of December, 1918, returning to Port Arthur, and assuming his professional interests.

Dr. Bledsoe was married at Rocklin, Texas, the twenty-third of February, 1903, to Miss Ella Jackson, a native of the Lone Star State, and the daughter of Thomas F. and Jennie Cline Jackson. Dr. Bledsoe is the owner of the home built by John W. Gates, builder of Port Arthur, and a one time resident here. This home, the finest in Port Arthur, and one of the finest in this section of the state, is at 2100 Lake Shore Drive. Dr. and Mrs. Bledsoe have four children, Beulah Floy, a graduate of the Port Arthur high school, and of the National Park Seminary, class of '23, where she specialized in English and music; Murff F., Jr., a graduate of the Port Arthur high school, and a pre-medical student at Texas A. and M. College, and Elizabeth and Lu-

cille. Dr. Bledsoe is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Port Arthur, a Knight of Pythias, a member of the Rotary Club, of which he is a past president, an assistant director of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the school board, of which he was formerly president. Dr. Bledsoe has been especially interested in educational matters, and it is largely due to his interest that Port Arthur owes the splendid school system that ranks it as one of the first cities of the state, and the fine business schools that offer unusual opportunities in the field of commercial education. Dr. Bledsoe is active in all civic work, especially along lines of public health and the beautification of the city, and is a member of all the medical associations, and one of the best known surgeons in the Lone Star State.

**D**R. H. A. BARR, acknowledged leader in the field of surgery at Beaumont, and one of the most prominent surgeons in the medical fraternity of Jefferson County, has dignified his profession by a quarter of a century of practice and service in this city. Dr. Barr came to Beaumont some twenty-five years ago, and for the first five years practiced general medicine, demonstrating a professional ability that placed him at the head of the local fraternity. He soon found his surgical practice making such demands on his time that he was forced to drop his general practice, and for two decades has limited his work to surgery, bringing to bear an assured knowledge in this field, and approaching the most difficult cases with confidence. Dr. Barr has his office in the Perlstein Building.

Dr. Barr was born at San Felipe, in Austin County, Texas, the third of August, 1868. His father, Elija Barr, one of the real pioneers of the Lone Star State, came to Texas in 1856, settling first in Austin County, and later going to Coryell County, where he was a farmer for many years. He is now retired and lives at Gatesville. Dr. Barr's mother, whose maiden name was Mary McDougal, is a native of Scotland, and came to Texas as a girl with relatives. Dr. Barr attended the public schools of Coryell County as a boy, later entering the University of Texas, in the medical department, at Galveston, and took his medical degree from that institution in 1896, serving the following year as interne at the John Sealy Hospital in Galveston. At the conclusion of his internship he came to Beaumont, establishing his practice in this city, and has so continued to the present time. Dr. Barr has had the advantage of a number of excellent post-graduate courses, and has taken all the major post-graduate work offered in this country, and has also done post-graduate work in London, England.

Fraternally Dr. Barr is a Mason, Blue Lodge, and belongs to the Elks Club. He is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, the South Texas Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. As a surgeon he has occupied a high place in the hearts of the people, and is well worthy the honors and obligations associated with his profession. Dr. Barr has devoted himself not alone to his private practice, but to the broader interests of his profession in city and state and has done much for the advancement of Beaumont along medical and civic lines.





**C. FISHER, SR., M. D.**, pioneer physician and surgeon of Galveston, whose years of practice have brought him both success and prestige, is the oldest practicing physician in Galveston, in point of years of practice here, and is looked upon as the dean of the local fraternity. Dr. Fisher came to Galveston in 1881, at the beginning of his career, and was shortly sent to the Mexican border, in the service of the state, maintaining quarantine against Mexico for yellow fever. He returned to Galveston in 1883, beginning his private practice at that time, and has continued to follow his vocation to the present, advancing to a position among the foremost physicians of the city. Dr. Fisher has a large general practice, and is well worthy the honors and obligations of his profession, throughout his career of more than four decades remaining faithful to his duties as guardian of his patients' welfare. Dr. Fisher has his offices in the American National Insurance Company Building.

Dr. W. C. Fisher was born in Matagorda County, Texas, the eighteenth of January, 1860, the son of S. W. Fisher, a merchant at Matagorda, Texas, and whose father was the first secretary of the Navy in Texas, under Sam Houston. His father, S. Rhodes Fisher, was one of the pioneers of the state who came to Texas with Stephen F. Austin's colony, and was a pioneer of the pioneers. Dr. Fisher received his academic education in Locust Dale Academy, in Virginia, and continued his studies under private tutors. Later he entered the office of Dr. Wooten, reading medicine there, and still later went to the University of Virginia, where he took his medical degree in 1881. In 1882 he came to Galveston, and with the exception of two years on the border, has continued to reside here, practicing general medicine in all that term implies until the present.

Dr. Fisher was married at Galveston, the twenty-fifth of June, 1884, to Miss Alice Porter, daughter of a Georgia family who were living here at that time. Dr. and Mrs. Fisher had a family of five children, Dr. W. C. Fisher, Jr., a practicing physician of Galveston who served his country during the World War as officer in the United States Army; Sidney L. Fisher, also an officer in the United States Army during the World War, and whose death occurred in France while in service; Captain Royden Kenner Fisher, of the Nineteenth Infantry, U. S. A., and who also saw service in the World War; and two daughters, Mrs. W. C. Cromby, of El Paso, and Mrs. C. C. Forskey, of Houston. Dr. and Mrs. Fisher reside in Galveston at 1727 Avenue I. Dr. Fisher is a member of the Galveston County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and is active in his work for the advancement of medical standards in county and state. He belongs to the Zeta Psi college fraternity and is a member of the A. M. P. O. medical fraternity and during his college days mailed out circular advertising from Austin during the campaign to locate the medical department of the University of Texas. Dr. Fisher served as city health officer for six years and for one year was president of the Galveston County Medical Society. He is also division surgeon for the Southern Pacific Railroad, and is active in civic work and especially in all public health work.



**M. BRUMBY, M. D.**, of Houston, inherited both taste and talent for medicine and surgery, his father and grandfather being medical men.

Dr. Brumby is probably the best known physician in Texas, having served the city of Houston as Health Officer from 1900 to 1907, and the State as Health Officer from 1907 to 1911, and during the last named period was largely instrumental in passing the Board of Health Law, and became its first president, and during his incumbency the Medical Practice Law was made more effective and much was accomplished for the good of the people of the State. Dr. Brumby is specializing in life extension work, and is making an effort to limit this work to people who are past the age of forty years.

Dr. Brumby began the practice of his profession in Delhi, Louisiana, in 1889, and came to Houston in 1896, and in 1911 was made Medical Director of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of San Antonio; in 1915 he was appointed Assistant and later Medical Director of the Amicable Life of Waco. In 1920 he became interested in this present work of life extension and resigned his position with the Amicable Life in order to devote his entire time and attention to this work and to return to Houston.

Dr. Brumby was born at Delhi, Louisiana, March 11th, 1866. His father, Dr. G. Mc D. Brumby, was a well known physician and surgeon of North Louisiana. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Louisiana and the University of Alabama, after which he entered the Medical branch of Tulane University at New Orleans, and graduated from this institution in the class of 1889 with the M. D. degree.

Dr. Brumby has been twice married, his first wife was Miss Thekla Meagher, by whom he has two children, G. Mc D. and Anna Brumby; his second wife was Miss Lila Ralston, to whom he was married in Houston on July 11, 1916. Mrs. Brumby is a daughter of Captain J. C. Ralston, a pioneer of Wallis County, who, through his ancestors, David Meade of Virginia, (1690), and Sir Richard Everard, Colonial Governor of North Carolina, (1724), was a direct descendent of Edward III, King of England. They have three children, Birto, Courtenay and Lila Ralston.

Doctor and Mrs. Brumby reside at 201 Hawthorne Street. Doctor Brumby is a member of the County, District, State and American Medical Associations, in which organizations he takes an active interest. His church affiliation is with Trinity Episcopal of Houston.

Doctor Brumby has been the recipient of many honors, particularly along medical lines, at the hands of his fellowmen. He was a member of the Committee of Awards at the International Congress of Tuberculosis at its first session in North America in 1908 at Washington. As President of the State Health Board, he carried a delegation to Washington and brought the first exhibit of tuberculosis south from New York to the State Fair at Dallas, Texas, in 1908. In addition to his special work in diseases of middle life, Doctor Brumby is on the staff of the Baptist Hospital of Houston. Perhaps there is no man in the State of Texas who works harder for the building up of citizenship of his State than does Doctor W. M. Brumby.





**FREEMAN ROBBINS, M. D.**, for more than a decade, has taken an influential part in affairs at Houston, and, as one of the leading physicians of the city, has established a large patronage, and made a splendid record in his profession. Dr. Robbins is a general practitioner, and, since leaving the army has given special attention to Gynecology, a field of medicine and surgery for which he is particularly well equipped. He is president of the Staff of the Baptist Hospital, a position he has held since 1922, and has been on the staff of that hospital for the past decade. His office is in the Union National Bank Building.

Dr. Robbins was born near Fort Worth, Texas, the twenty-first of August, 1888. His father, E. F. Robbins, came to Texas from his native state of Mississippi, in the early seventies, and was a ranchman for many years. He was killed in an interurban accident in 1913. His mother, whose maiden name was Kate Holdridge, was also a native of Mississippi. Dr. Robbins attended the public schools of Mineral Wells, graduating from the High School there. He took his pre-medical work at Baylor University at Waco, where he went for two years, after which he entered Baylor University Medical College, at Dallas, taking his medical degree in 1911. The following year he served as interne at the Baptist Sanitarium at Dallas, and then came to Houston, as interne at the Baptist Hospital here. He afterward engaged in general practice until the entrance of the United States in the World War, at which time he enlisted, and was commissioned First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, and went overseas with Base Hospital No. 59, in the Surgical Section. He was returned to New York in April, 1919, and discharged in May of the same year. He has taken post-graduate work from time to time. In 1916 he went to Cleveland, New York and Baltimore, where he took special work, and, in 1917, took post-graduate work at New Orleans. After leaving the army he again went to New Orleans for another post-graduate course.

Dr. Robbins was married at Houston the twenty-ninth of May, 1918, to Miss Maude Taylor, daughter of H. D. Taylor, a lumber man of this city. Dr. and Mrs. Robbins make their home at 1112 Eagle Avenue, and have one child, Maude Marion. Dr. Robbins is a Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He belongs to the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Society, the Southern Medical Association and the American Medical Association.



**H. LANDER, M. D.**, acknowledged leader in the field of surgery at Victoria, has been a factor in forwarding public health measures here, and his standing as a surgeon has been stamped with the approval of the public. Dr. Lander came to Victoria toward the close of the year 1919, and entered private practice here, limiting his work to surgery. Shortly after his arrival he established the Victoria Hospital, at that time a twelve bed hospital equipped and organized to conform to the American Medical Association standards, and ranking as a first-class hospital. The hospital has since been increased to a thirty-five bed hospital, and equipment increased to meet the demands of the larger capacity. A nurse's training school is in connection with the hospital. In 1922, Dr. Lander sold the Victoria Hospital to the Vic-

toria Hospital Association, an organization comprising himself and Drs. Shields, McMullen and Hopkins. Dr. Lander is head of the surgical department, doing surgical work only.

Dr. J. H. Lander was born in Mississippi, the sixteenth of January, 1884, and was taken to Alabama as an infant. He was reared in Mobile, attending the public schools there, and later entered the medical department of the University of Alabama, taking his Medical Degree in 1908. He followed this with work at Southwestern University, taking post-graduate work at the time he came to Texas with a view to locating in this state. He spent some time in Dallas, where he had hospital experience, and later located at Beeville, where he established a hospital. Three years later he leased the hospital, with a buying option to lessee, and enlisted in military service. He was commissioned First Lieutenant, Medical Corps, United States Army, and later promoted to captain, and then major, commanding a Sanitary Train overseas. He was discharged in 1919, coming to Victoria, where he has since been active in the medical fraternity.

Dr. Lander was married at Lone Oak, Texas, in 1915, to Miss Elizabeth Floyd, daughter of a pioneer physician of Lone Oak. They have two children, Roy and Floyd Harper Lander, and reside at Victoria. Dr. Lander is a member and ex-president of the Rotary Club, a member and ex-president of the Victoria County Medical Society, and belongs to the Texas Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association and the American Medical Association, and takes a leading part in medical affairs and has done much to secure the medical advancement of Victoria.



**R. L. C. POWELL**, one of the most distinguished of the younger physicians of Beaumont, began the practice of his profession in this city several years ago, and is steadily advancing to a position among the foremost medical men of the state. Dr. Powell has a suite of offices in the San Jacinto Life Building, and practicing general medicine and surgery in all that the term implies, has been accorded a substantial patronage. Dr. Powell is enthusiastic in his chosen work, and is a physician whose genuine talents have won the highest regard of his associates. Trained in progressive methods, he is an exponent of the principles of modern medicine and keeps in close touch with all advancement in this field. Dr. Powell is also deeply interested in the advancement of medical standards and has contributed to make Beaumont one of the most medically advanced cities in this section. He was secretary and treasurer of the Hotel Dieu Hospital Staff and was house surgeon at Hotel Dieu for four years.

Dr. Powell was born at Laurel, Texas, the fourth of October, 1894, the son of Dr. Charles N. Powell and Annie Trotti Powell, both natives of the Lone Star State. The elder Dr. Powell, a graduate of the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, and of the Louisville College of Medicine, has been practicing medicine at Deweyville, Texas, for more than three decades, and is one of the prominent physicians of that place. Dr. Powell was a student in the Newton County Schools until his entrance at Allen Academy, at Bryan, Texas. After several years there he entered Southwestern University for his pre-medical work, and afterward the medical



department of the University of Texas, at Galveston, where he took his M. D. degree, the thirty-first of May, 1919, spending the following year as interne at John Sealy Hospital at Galveston. He then came to Beaumont, beginning his practice in this city, and has so continued.

Dr. Powell lives at 308 Washington Boulevard. He is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Beaumont, Consistory No. 1 of Galveston, and is a member of El Mina Temple Shrine also at Galveston and also a member of El Mina Temple Patrol. He belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, of which he was vice president in 1921, and the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Highly accomplished and cultured, Dr. Powell represents the best type of modern medical man, and has a real future in his chosen vocation.

**D**R. ALFRED RANSOM AUTREY, for around a decade has been one of the vital forces of progress at Port Arthur, and is a recognized leader in the local medical fraternity, and enjoys the highest esteem of his fellow citizens. Dr. Autrey has a large general practice, for which he is particularly well equipped, and gives special attention to surgical cases. Dr. Autrey has contributed to make Port Arthur one of the most medically advanced cities of the coast and is an exponent of the most advanced medical theories, especially in the field of preventive medicine. He finds opportunities for service greater in general practice, than in specialized lines, and his practice is broad and general. Dr. Autrey occupies a well appointed suite of offices in the Deutser Building.

Dr. Autrey is a native of North Carolina, where he was born at Fayetteville, the sixth of November, 1881. His father, Alfred Ransom Autrey, also of that state, was for many years the owner of a number of turpentine camps, and a turpentine distillery. He is now deceased. His mother, also deceased, was before her marriage Miss Elizabeth Johnson, and was a North Carolinian. Dr. Autrey received his elementary and high school education in the public schools of North Carolina, after which he went to Wake Forest College, for his pre-medical work, and took his A.B. degree from that institution. He then went to Chicago, entering Chicago University, receiving his M.D. degree from that well known medical college in 1905. The following year he served an internship at St. Mary's Hospital, Milwaukee, after which he came to Texas, going to Walker County. The following decade he engaged in general practice there, building up a large patronage, and taking an active part in the professional life of his community. In 1915 he came to Port Arthur, as offering a broader field, and has since been one of the very able members of the medical profession here. Dr. Autrey's practice has grown steadily, and the years have brought increased popularity, and he has one of the largest practices in the city. He entered the United States army in 1918 as first lieutenant in the Medical Corps, serving in various hospitals in Texas and North Carolina until his discharge.

Dr. Autrey was married at Eagle Lake, Texas, the fifteenth of September, 1909, to Miss Ida Mae Ernst, a native of the Lone Star State and the daughter of Edward Ernst, who has lived in Texas for many years and been prominently identified with commercial activities. Dr. Autrey

finds Port Arthur as desirable a residence city as it is from the professional standpoint. He owns his home at 3100 Fifth Street. He and Mrs. Autrey have two children, Elizabeth and Ida Mae. Dr. Autrey is active in Masonic affairs, and is a member of Cosmopolitan Blue Lodge, 872, the Commandery of Port Arthur, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He belongs to the Country Club, the Tarpon Club and the Elks Club, and with Mrs. Autrey is a popular member of the social set of the city. Dr. Autrey is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, the S. E. Texas District Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association, and is a fellow of the American Medical Association.

**D**R. FELIX S. MARTIN, an honored resident of Beaumont for many years, and one of the ablest physicians in this section, has earned noteworthy prominence in his profession, and his standing as a physician has been stamped with the approval of the community. Dr. Martin came to Beaumont in 1901, since which time he has practiced general medicine and surgery, and has established one of the largest practices in the city. He has never formed an association with other physicians, always practicing alone, and has his offices in the Perlstein Building, equipped with those aids modern medicine demands.

Dr. Martin was born at Trinity, Texas, in August, 1870. His father, R. W. B. Martin, was brought to the Lone Star State as a boy of ten years old, and was later one of the prominent farmers and land traders of this state, buying and selling many sections of land. Around a decade before his death he retired and went to New Mexico, where he made his home with one of his children. Dr. Martin's mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Jane Dunlap, is a native of the Lone Star State, and now makes her home in New Mexico. She was born in Walker County. Dr. Martin attended the schools of Trinity as a boy, and after graduating from Trinity Academy, and from Sam Houston Normal Institute he entered the Barnes Medical College, at St. Louis, Missouri, where he took his M. D. degree in 1894. He then entered the City Hospital, at St. Louis, as interne, and after serving his internship, returned to his home in Trinity where he began his practice. After a short time there he took the U. S. Medical Civil Service Examination, and was appointed and sent to Parker, Arizona, as agency and school physician in the U. S. Indian Service at that point. He remained there five years, resigning in 1901 to come to Beaumont and establish his private practice. Dr. Martin was married at Galveston, Texas, in 1906, to Mrs. Ophelia Pettigrew Beaty, a widow, and a member of a prominent Corpus Christi family. Mrs. Martin had three children by her first marriage, she and Dr. and Dr. Martin having one child, James Robert Martin. Dr. Martin and his family reside at 2234 Liberty Avenue. He is prominently identified with Masonic activities, and is a Blue Lodge Mason, No. 1165, Knights Templar and Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Dr. Martin belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, of which he is a past president, the Texas State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the Southern Medical Association.





**R. B. WEEMS TURNER**, urologist and dermatologist, came to Houston in 1913 and since that time has been specializing in this branch of medical science. Dr. Turner is the executive head and the owner of the Turner Urological Institute, located at 506 Caroline Street, which is a modern, fireproof, three story and basement building, with hospital accommodations for eighteen people. This institution is equipped with complete laboratories, both X-ray and clinical, and the equipment for handling work of this kind is said to be among the most complete in the Southwest. Dr. Turner is on the staff of the Baptist Hospital and the Municipal Hospital.

Dr. Turner was born in Brazoria County, March 20th, 1889. His father, Frank W. Turner, a native Texan, is engaged in farming, stock raising and stock dealing on a large scale. His mother was Miss Annie D. Krause, a native of the Lone Star State. Dr. Turner's grandfather, Sugars Turner, came to Texas prior to 1836 and was in the Mexican war, and four of his sons participated in the Civil War. Dr. Turner's academic education was obtained in the Sam Houston Normal Institute, at Huntsville, Texas, and he graduated from that institution in 1907. He early evinced an interest in medicine, and entered the medical department of the University of Texas, graduating in the class of 1911 with the M. D. degree. In 1911 and 1912, he served an internship at the Kansas City General Hospital, and in 1912 and 1913 he did postgraduate work at Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore. Associated with Dr. Turner in his practice are Dr. Herbert T. Hays, well known in the medical circles of Houston and Harris County, and his brother, Dr. John Harolde Turner, who recently joined him in Houston.

Dr. John Harolde Turner graduated from the Sam Houston Normal Institute at Huntsville in 1913, after which he entered the academic department of the University of Texas, and was a student in this department for two years. He graduated from the medical department of the University of Texas in 1919 with the M. D. degree. In 1920 and 1921, Dr. Turner served as an interne at St. Vincent's Hospital of New York City, and in 1921 and 1922 he did post-graduate work in the Johns Hopkins Hospital as assistant urologist at the Brady Urological Institute. He is a Mason, to the 32nd degree, a member of Arabia Temple Shrine and is also a member of the Houston Club, the American Medical Association, and the State and County Medical Societies. He is popular in the social circles, and in the business and professional circles as well and is regarded as a valuable asset to the citizenship and profession of Houston. He was married at Richmond, Texas, October 6th, 1923, to Miss Carrie Mac Johnson, daughter of Dr. J. C. Johnson, and a member of a pioneer Texas family.

Dr. B. Weems Turner was married in Houston in 1915 to Miss Margaret Carnes, a member of an old Texas family and a daughter of P. H. Carnes, pioneer Texas stock man. They have three children, Margaret Ann, Dorothy Jean, and B. Weems Turner, Jr. Dr. Turner is a Mason to the 32nd degree, a Knight Templar, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is a member of the American Medical Association, Texas State Medical Society, Harris County Medical Society, American Urological Association, Texas Surgical Society, and is a fellow

of the American College of Surgeons. He also belongs to the University Club, the Houston Country Club, and the Houston Club. That Houston is ideally located and destined to become the medical center of a great portion of the Southwest, is the belief of Dr. Turner. He is regarded by other members of the medical profession as one of the state's foremost experts in the branch in which he is specializing.



**M. HARGROVE, M. D., B. S., F. A. C. S.**, while one of the younger men connected with the medical profession in Houston, has attained a remarkable standing among members of the medical fraternity since his location here in 1919. Practically all of his time is devoted to surgery, his specialty being orthopedics.

Dr. Hargrove has an elaborate and splendidly equipped suite of offices at 508 Keystone Building, where he is the senior member of the medical firm of Hargrove, Dunnam, Levy and Spiller. The firm has one of the best equipped offices in the South, including a complete laboratory and X-ray equipment and with each man connected with the firm, a specialist in his line, patients are assured the best of attention.

Besides Dr. Hargrove, the firm is composed of Dr. T. E. Dunnam, who does general practice; Dr. J. B. Spiller, a specialist in X-ray and laboratory work, and Dr. M. D. Levy, internal medicine and diagnosis. Dr. Hargrove does general surgery besides paying special attention to difficult orthopedic cases.

A native of Texas, Dr. Hargrove was born at Smithville, in Bastrop County, on January 19, 1884. He is a son of C. C. and Mima Rebecca (Walker) Hargrove. His father was a native of Louisiana who removed to Texas in the early days and established a mercantile business at Smithville, which he operated until his death some years ago. Dr. Hargrove's mother was a native of Texas and a member of a pioneer family which came to Texas with Stephen F. Austin's colony. Her mother was a member of the Eggleston family which played an important part in the early day history of the Republic of Texas, and a relative named Coleman was a member of the staff of General Sam Houston at the battle of San Jacinto.

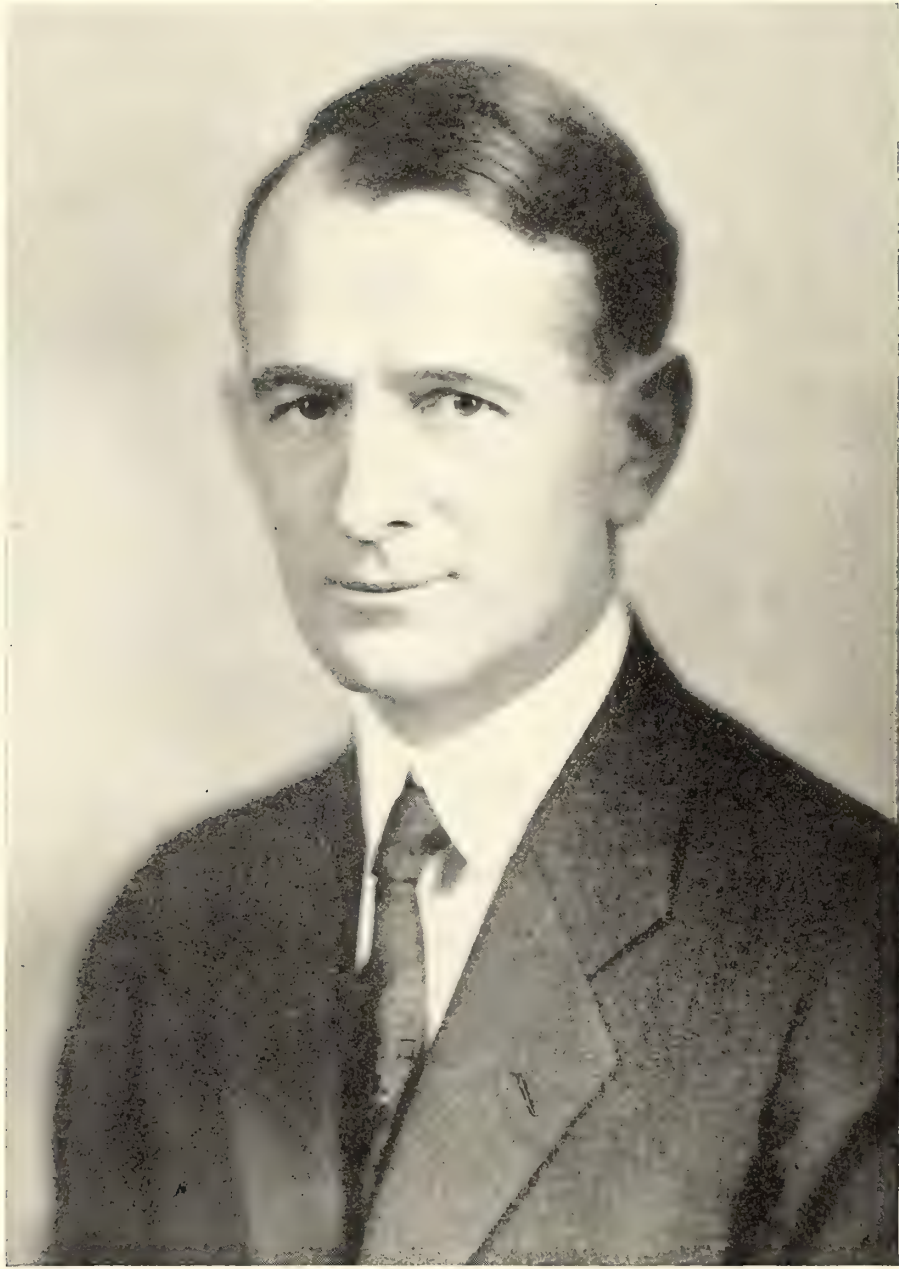
Dr. Hargrove attended the public schools of Smithville and graduated at the high school there in 1901. He was a student at Baylor University in 1903 and 1904 and then entered the medical department of the University of Texas, where he graduated with the class of 1912, receiving the degree of Doctor of Medicine. During 1912 and 1913, he was demonstrator of anatomy at the University and during 1913-14 served as house surgeon at Kensington Hospital at Philadelphia. He then located at Beaumont and practiced there during 1915 and a part of the year following. He was elected professor of anatomy at the University of Oklahoma in 1916 and during his service with this institution did special work and was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science there in 1917.

In December, 1917, Dr. Hargrove enlisted in the United States army and was commissioned first lieutenant and served as special instructor at Camp Greenleaf, Camp Travis, at Camp Travis Hospital and Base Hospital No. 150 until his discharge in March, 1919. Following his discharge from the



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army, he decided to locate in Houston and his success here has been such that he has never regretted the decision.

On August 29, 1915, Dr. Hargrove was married in Beaumont to Miss Mildred Montgomery, a native of Montgomery County and member of a well known family there. They have three children, Carey J., Mildred and Ruth.

In 1921 Dr. Hargrove received the honor coveted by all surgeons by being elected a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. He takes a very active interest in all matters pertaining to the medical profession and is a member of the American Medical Association, State and County Medical Societies and the Texas Surgical Society. He also is a licentiate of the National Board of Medical Examiners. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of Arabia Temple Shrine and his college fraternities are the Sigma Chi, academic, and Phi Beta Pi, medical.



**R. HERMAN W. JOHNSON**, whose practice is limited to obstetrics, with office in the Scanlan Building, came to Houston in 1920 from Gowanda, New York, and since that time has been an active figure in the medical circles of this city. Prior to coming to Houston, Dr. Johnson had practiced his profession for about eighteen years in Gowanda, New York. Besides his private practice, he is visiting Obstetrician at both the Baptist and the Municipal Hospitals.

Dr. Johnson was born at Andover, Vermont, August 2nd, 1883. His father, Charles H. Johnson, was engaged in farming in Vermont practically all of his life. His mother was Miss Adelina Lincoln, a member of a prominent Vermont family. Dr. Johnson's early education was obtained in the public schools of Gowanda, New York, where he graduated from the high school in 1901. He then entered the University of Buffalo, New York, and graduated from this institution in the class of 1905 with the M. D. Degree. During the remainder of 1905 and in 1906, he served an internship in the Dannemora State Hospital. From 1906 to 1917, Dr. Johnson was engaged in the general practice of medicine at Gowanda, New York, but devoted most of this time to obstetrics. In 1917 he entered the United States Army as First Lieutenant in the Medical Corps and was assigned to British service in France. In 1918 he was transferred to the American forces, returned to America and became executive officer in the United States Army General Hospital No. 2 at Baltimore, Maryland. During this time he was promoted, first to the rank of captain and later to that of major. He remained in this official position and hospital until he was discharged from the service in January, 1920, when he came to Houston. Since coming here, his practice has been limited to obstetrics.

Dr. Johnson was married in Buffalo, New York, June 26th, 1912, to Miss Myrtle Howard, a native of New York, and a member of an old, and esteemed family of that state. They have one son—Robert L. Johnson. In fraternal and social organizations, Dr. Johnson is a member of the Masonic fraternity, being affiliated with Phoenix Lodge No. 262 of Gowanda, New York, Salamanca Commandery No. 62 at Salamanca, New York, and Ismailia Temple of Buffalo, New York; the University Club, The River Oaks Club, the American Medical Association,

the Texas State Medical Society, the Harris County Medical Society, and the Houston Obstetrical and Gynecological Society. Dr. Johnson considers that Houston has a bright future as a medical center and that it is becoming one of the leading cities of the Southwest in medical lines as well as all other.



**ROBERT A. JOHNSON, M. D.**, one of the recent recruits to the medical world at Houston, has since coming to this city been one of the vital forces of medical advancement, and is a recognized leader in the field of Gynecology and Obstetrics, to which his practice is limited. Dr. Johnston is associated with the Houston Clinic, a group of physicians whose names are significant in the medical world at Houston, and who occupy their own building at the corner of Main Street and Pease Avenue. Dr. Johnston specializes in Gynecology and Obstetrics, and is on the staff of St. Joseph's, the Municipal and the Methodist Hospitals, and on the visiting staff of the Baptist Hospital.

Dr. Johnston was born in Macon County, Alabama, the sixteenth of August, 1895, the son of Dr. L. W. Johnston, one of the prominent physicians of Alabama, and a member of the State Board of that State. With a medical ancestry dating back to Dr. Launcelot Johnston, and the days of 1776, since which time there has always been a physician in the Johnston family, it was natural for Dr. Johnston, as a boy, to light on this as his vocation. After finishing his work in the public schools of his native State, he entered the University of Alabama for his pre-medical work, and took his B. S. degree in 1915. The following fall he entered Johns Hopkins for his medical work, taking his medical degree in 1919. The following two years he was at Johns Hopkins, as Assistant in Obstetrics, and at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The ensuing nine months he was Assistant in Gynecology, at Columbia University Medical School, and at the Sloan Hospital for Women. During the World War Dr. Johnston served with the S. A. T. C. at Camp Mead, and was on Hospital Relief duty. He came to Houston in 1921, and has since been associated with the Houston Clinic.

Dr. Johnston was married at Houston, the twenty-fourth of October, 1923, to Miss Marie Louise Hogg, the daughter of Dr. Frank B. Hogg, of Houston, who until his death on the twenty-first of March, 1909, was one of the most prominent physicians of this city, and a man of high standing in the medical world. Dr. Hogg was a Spanish American War Veteran. He was married at New Orleans, Louisiana, the twenty-third of November, 1898, to Miss Josephine Connally, who now resides in Houston, making her home at the Bender Hotel. Dr. and Mrs. Johnston have an attractive home at the corner of San Jacinto and Stewart Streets. Dr. Johnston is a member of the Houston Club, the University Club, the Kiwanis Club, the River Oaks Country Club, Phi Delta Theta, at the University of Alabama, and Phi Chi at Johns Hopkins. He is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the American Medical Association and is Vice-President of the Houston Gynecological and Obstetrical Society. Dr. Johnston is interested in all community progress work, and is one of the most popular and best liked of Houston's younger citizens.





**R. RICHARD E. BARR** came to Orange, Texas, when the Frances Ann Lutchter Hospital, the finest and best equipped institution of its kind in the South, was opened to the public in 1920. At first he was in charge of X-ray and laboratory work, but soon was made director, and in addition to managing this great hospital Dr. Barr is in charge of X-ray, radium treatments and laboratory work, and has limited his practice to these branches only. The Frances Ann Lutchter Hospital at Orange is a gift to humanity by the noble woman whose name this institution bears, and is the culmination of a dream begun long ago, when as a real helpmate to her beloved young husband, Henry J. Lutchter, they saw terrible accidents among their saw mill family, and only emergency treatment was at hand, and in those days it was often of the crudest kind. The hospital is the realization of a lifelong desire to help the poor and the families of the men who assisted in building the fortune of Mr. and Mrs. Lutchter. Though not a charity hospital in any sense, it is embodied in the charter that not a cent of remuneration shall ever be received by the owner but shall return to the upkeep fund, and it is Mrs. Lutchter's express desire that the portals shall never be closed to the sick or suffering. Although a comparatively young man, Dr. Barr is particularly suited for the responsible position he holds, on account of his educational advantages, and years of travel, where he came in direct contact with all the classes of people in the world, and viewed all the diseases to which the flesh is heir. He spent nine years in travel, and visited all portions of the world. In addition to being a leader in the medical profession, Dr. Barr has a remarkably retentive memory, and is one of the best posted men along all lines in the entire country.

A native Texan, Dr. Barr comes of one of the pioneer families of the Lone Star State. He was born at Sprinkle, Texas, on July 31, 1888. His father, William B. Barr (deceased), was one of the most prominent citizens of Travis County, where for many years he was engaged in the mercantile business at Sprinkle, near the capital city, having come to Texas from Virginia and located at this point in 1873. His mother was Miss Tillie Birdwell, a native of Illinois, and is now residing in Denver, Colorado. As a youth Dr. Barr attended private school, after which he went to Austin and became a student of the high school there, but did not quite finish the course, and attended private school again during the summer months. He entered the A. and M. College of Texas in 1903, where he remained for two years and was transferred to the University of Texas, where he pursued a pre-medical course. He then left the university and spent nine years in travel, and returned to Texas in 1915 and entered the medical department of the University of Texas at Galveston, graduating from that institution in the class of 1919 with the M.D. degree.

Dr. Barr is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in the Blue Lodge and the Chapter of this order. He is also a member of the Rotary Club and the American, Texas and County Medical Societies. Dr. Barr is regarded as one of the leading physicians of the state doing his class of work and today he is one of the recognized authorities in this line. He believes that more hos-

pitals are needed in Texas and the continued growth of the Lone Star State is making the need more imperative every year.



**R. FRANK D. MABRY**, for around a decade one of the leading members of the medical fraternity at Port Arthur, has practiced his vocation here during that time, steadily advancing in his profession, and building the reputation of an authority in genito-urinary diseases. Dr. Mabry has for a number of years devoted much time to the study of this field of medical science and is well equipped to meet any professional demands. He has a very large practice, other physicians frequently referring to him cases coming within his specialty. His offices, in the Deutser Building, are equipped with the mechanics of his special field, and are well appointed throughout. Since September, 1923, Dr. Mabry has been associated with Dr. T. A. Fears, also a leading genito-urinary specialist, and the firm has taken a prominent part in medical advancement. Prior to forming his present association Dr. Mabry was with Dr. C. A. Penman, until the latter's death in July, 1923.

Dr. Mabry is a native of Madisonville, Texas, where he was born the ninth of July, 1888. He is the son of G. M. Mabry, who came to Texas shortly after the Civil War and was one of the pioneer cattle men of the state. During the early years he was one of the cattle men who drove their herds to the markets at Kansas City, and in doing so had to protect them from the outlaws and Indians along the route. He was one of those rugged pioneers who paved the way for the future of the industry, and to whom the stock raisers of the present owe much. Dr. Mabry's mother before her marriage was Miss Henrietta Lack, a native of Grimes County, Texas. Both parents are deceased.

Dr. Grimes attended the public schools of Madisonville, later entering the University of Texas in the medical department at Galveston, where he took his M.D. degree in 1911. He then entered St. Joseph's Hospital, where he served an internship, and spent three years there. He also spent some time at St. Vinnin's Hospital, and later returned to Chicago and took up post-graduate work. He came to Port Arthur in 1914, and has since engaged in practice in this city, with the exception of a period in military service. Dr. Mabry was commissioned first lieutenant, Medical Corps, U. S. A., in May, 1918, and sent to Camp Cody, New Mexico, and then to France, spending eleven months and twenty-three days overseas. He was discharged the twenty-ninth of July, 1919, and returned to Port Arthur, resuming his practice.

Dr. Mabry was married at Leona, Texas, the fifteenth of April, 1914, to Miss Lillian Mahanson, a native of Leona County, and the daughter of the late Jim Mahanson, a resident of that county for many years. Dr. and Mrs. Mabry reside at 2812 Procter Street in Port Arthur, and are well known members of their representative social set. Dr. Mabry is a Mason, member of Chapter Council, Sherry, Texas, and belongs to the Elks Club, the Country Club, and the Texas Medical Society, the South Texas Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. Dr. Mabry takes a deep interest in civic advancement, particularly along the lines of public welfare, and is one of the most esteemed residents of Port Arthur.





**S. McMULLEN, M. D.**, of Victoria, Texas, has for more than two decades been an active figure in the medical circles of Texas where he has established an enviable record as a physician and surgeon. Dr. McMullen is engaged in a general practice of medicine and surgery, not specializing in any particular branch of the medical profession. Prior to locating in Victoria, Dr. McMullen practiced at Rockport, Texas, beginning his practice there in 1905, later he was for a short period located at Goliad, Texas. He has for several years been on the staff of the Victoria Hospital, and is the manager of this hospital, one of the best equipped institutions of its kind in this portion of the state. Dr. McMullen has seen service in both the Spanish-American and the World Wars, during the first named conflict he was a member of the 3rd United States Artillery. He took part in the Spanish-American War before he had finished his academic work at college. During the World War, he was commissioned First Lieutenant, United States Medical Corps, in 1917, being located at Camp McArthur and later at Camp Pike. He was assigned to Evacuation Hospital No. 27. Overseas he was at South Hampton, LeMans, Nevers, Coblenz and others. He was during the period spent overseas, promoted to captain. He returned to America and was discharged on August 12th, 1919. Dr. McMullen is captain of the Medical Reserve Corps, U. S. A.

A native of Arkansas, Dr. McMullen was born on January 8th, 1882, but was brought to Texas by his parents when an infant. His father, Dr. W. F. McMullen, after several years practice of medicine in Arkansas, came to Rockport, Texas, where he is regarded as one of South Texas' leading physicians. Dr. McMullen's family has a distinction in the medical profession, which is perhaps without a parallel in the entire country—four generations of medicos, all actively engaged in practice at the same time—Dr. McMullen, his father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Dr. McMullen's early education was obtained in the public schools, Bay View Academy, the A. and M. College of Texas, which he attended for a period of three years and then entered the Spanish-American War. After his return to Texas, he took up his studies in the Medical Department of the University of Tennessee, then at Nashville, now at Memphis, and graduated from this institution in the class of 1905, with the M. D. degree. Dr. McMullen distinguished himself during his college days, in that he was second honor man in his classes and won the internship at City Hospital at Nashville and also at Davidson County Hospital. Dr. McMullen has lived in various portions of the state and has made investments in many portions, which has along with other Texas properties, paid wonderful returns to the investors. He lived in Wise County, Texas, for a time and at Aransas Pass until 1893, and is familiar with places and conditions throughout the Lone Star State.

Dr. McMullen was married at Goliad, Texas, in 1906 to Miss Wilhelmina Dorbritz, a native Texan, but the family came from Germany. They have five children, Theo. Louise, Walter Henry, Ruth, Patricia and Joe D. Dr. McMullen is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in the Victoria Lodge, and Chapter. He is also a member of the B. P. O. E., I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias,

Victoria Chamber of Commerce, Victoria County Fair Association, American Legion, of which organization he is the organizer and first commander. He served as the head of the American Legion here for a period of two years. He is a member of many of the social and civic organizations of the city, in which he takes an active interest. His church affiliation is with the Presbyterian faith. Dr. McMullen is not an advocate of "Gold digging" in the medical profession and is a staunch supporter of the highest ethics in medicine and surgery. He is a member of the County, District and State Medical Associations, and is councillor of the State Medical Association for this district. Dr. McMullen has since locating in Victoria, exerted an influence for good throughout a wide range of the city's activities—a leader in the medical profession, and a steadfast exponent of its highest standards, one of Victoria's most progressive citizens, on which he has indelibly impressed the seal of his usefulness in every way.



**R. SAMUEL J. PATE** has been for a number of years past one of the influential members of the surgical profession of Beaumont, a field wherein he is recognized as an authority, and has enjoyed many distinctions in his profession. Dr. Pate came to Beaumont the sixteenth of June, 1910, and has continued his practice in this city since that time, limiting his work to the field of aseptic surgery with its definite technic, and has attained the highest standing in this field. He has a very large practice, and maintains his offices at 1103 San Jacinto Life Building.

Dr. Pate was born at Woodville, Texas, the ninth of February, 1878, the son of W. J. Pate, a native of Georgia, who came to East Texas many years ago, as a young man, and was a farmer for many years. He is now retired and lives at Woodville. Dr. Pate's mother, who before her marriage was Miss Emily Odom, is also a native of Georgia. Dr. Pate received his early instructions in the public schools of Woodville, and later completing his work there, entered Tulane University, in the medical department at New Orleans, and received his M. D. Degree from that university in 1905. He then did postgraduate work at Charity Hospital at New Orleans, during 1906 and 1907. Dr. Pate entered the army in 1917, as surgeon, and was sent first to the Medical Officers Training Camp for two months of intensive training, after which he went to Illinois, as regular surgeon at General Hospital No. 28, located thirty miles out of Chicago. He remained there until his discharge, in October, 1919, when he returned to Beaumont and resumed his practice. Dr. Pate has taken all the important postgraduate work offered in this country, at the clinics in New Orleans, New York, Mayo Brothers Clinic, and others. In 1921 he spent eight months abroad, visiting all the countries and clinics of Europe, among them the major clinics in England, Germany, Austria and France.

Fraternally Dr. Pate is a Mason, Blue Lodge, and is affiliated with the Jefferson County Medical Society, the South Texas Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He is a man of high scientific and professional attainments, and is well worthy the honors that have come to him professionally, and the place he occupies in the life of his community.



**J**AMES GREENWOOD, M. D., for more than a decade a factor in medical advancement at Houston, has occupied a high place in the confidence of the people of his city, and is a man of achievement in his profession. Dr. Greenwood came to Houston in 1912, establishing the Greenwood Sanitarium in that same year. This sanitarium, with a capacity of thirty beds, is housed in three modern buildings, and employs twenty people in its operation. Dr. Elliott is House Physician. Dr. Greenwood had a decade of experience prior to coming to Houston, and was from 1903 to 1907 physician at the Southwest Texas Insane Asylum, where his work in this field attracted attention from his confreres. From 1908 until 1912 he was instructor in Medicine at the University of Texas, coming to Houston at the conclusion of this period. He also engaged in general practice at Seguin for four years, and was well known there for his enthusiasm in his profession. Dr. Greenwood served on the Advisory Board during the war, and has been Examiner for the Veteran's Bureau since its establishment, taking a deep interest in the welfare of World War Veterans. Dr. Greenwood has an office in the Keystone Building, dividing his time between his office practice and his work at the sanitarium.

Dr. James Greenwood was born at Seguin, Texas, the eighteenth of April, 1878. His father, James C. Greenwood, came to the Lone Star State from Mississippi in 1855, and is a well known attorney at Seguin. His mother, before her marriage, Miss Corinne Henderson, is a native of Tennessee. Dr. Greenwood attended the public schools of Seguin and after graduating from high school there entered the Medical Department of the University of Texas, taking the M. D. degree in 1901. He immediately began the practice of his profession, at Seguin, and his career thereafter has been given in the opening paragraph.

Dr. Greenwood was married at Seguin, Texas, the twenty-fourth of September, 1906, to Miss Ella Harris, daughter of J. F. Harris, well known lumberman, who came to Texas from Mississippi around 1855. Dr. and Mrs. Greenwood make their home at the Sanitarium, on the South Main Street Road, and have five children, James, Jr., Joe Harris, Ella Corinne, Marvin Henderson and Mary Lois Greenwood. Dr. Greenwood is a Mason, York Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He belongs to the Rotary Club, the Harris County Medical Society, the South Texas Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the American Psychiatric Association.

**D**R. L. H. BUSH, M. D., F. A. C. S., an honored resident of Huntsville for many years, and one of the ablest physicians and surgeons of this section, has earned noteworthy prominence in his profession, and his standing as a physician has been stamped with the approval of the community and his confreres. Dr. Bush, while specializing in surgery, is familiar with the entire scope of modern medicine, and his work is the ripened result of many years' experience and study. He is regarded as the finest surgeon in this section, and is chief surgeon for the state penitentiary at Huntsville, with some four thousand prisoners, and also has an extensive private practice. Dr. Bush began his practice at Huntsville

directly after finishing his medical training in 1892, and has continued here since that time, with the exception of absence from the city while taking post-graduate work at various clinics. Dr. Bush has been with the I. & G. N. Railroad as local surgeon for the past nine years.

Dr. L. H. Bush was born at Huntsville, Texas, the twenty-third of December, 1865, the son of John W. Bush and Sarah E. (Ewing) Bush. Mr. Bush, a native of Virginia, came to Huntsville in 1853 and was prominent here until his death, which occurred in 1891. Mrs. Bush, a native of Tennessee, was reared in Virginia. She was a granddaughter of the famous minister, Alexander Campbell, and is now deceased. Dr. Bush received his early instruction in the schools of Huntsville, later entering Tulane University at New Orleans, in the medical department, and taking his degree in 1892. Since that time Dr. Bush has attended many of the post-graduate courses in the principal clinics of the United States and also attended the various meetings of surgeons.

Dr. Bush was married at Texarkana, Texas, the twenty-third of December, 1897, to Miss Mamie Read, a native of Texarkana, and a daughter of Dr. R. W. Read, a prominent physician of that city. Dr. and Mrs. Bush have three children—Katherine, wife of C. S. Keator, and advertising man of New York City; Leonard Ewing Bush, a medical student at Tulane, and Mary Read Bush, a student of the Huntsville schools, also State University. Dr. Bush is a member of the Walker County Medical Society, the Southern Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association, and is a Fellow in the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Bush is well worthy the honors and obligations associated with his profession and has devoted himself not only to his private practice but to the broader interests of his profession in city and state and has done much to make Huntsville one of the most medically advanced cities of this section.

**D**R. TACITUS WESLEY YOUNG, Jr., for upwards of a decade has been prominently identified with the medical fraternity at Port Arthur, giving special attention to obstetrics.

Dr. Young was born in East Baton Rouge Parish of Louisiana, the fourteenth of February, 1878. His father, Tacitus Young, Sr., a native of Zachary, Louisiana, has been a civil engineer in that State throughout his active business career. His mother, now deceased, was prior to her marriage Miss Lucy Bonner, a member of a well known family of North Louisiana, and a resident of that State throughout her life. As a boy Dr. Young attended the schools near his home, later taking a business course, following this with several years at preparatory school, and later at the Louisiana State University, where he took the B. S. degree in 1900. Following this he was for four years with an oil company of that State, leaving the oil business to enter Tulane University and train for the medical profession. He took his medical degree from that institution in 1907, going to Clinton, Louisiana, where he established his practice immediately following. For the ensuing eight years he was one of the leading physicians of that section, his exceptional training and



faculties winning him a large patronage and the highest esteem of all who knew him. In 1915 he came to Port Arthur, a city offering distinct professional advantages, and has since made this city his home, rapidly advancing to a position among the foremost physicians and surgeons here.

Dr. Young was married at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the first of May, 1902, to Miss Addie Timmons, a native of that State. They have made their home in Port Arthur, since Dr. Young has been an integral part of the professional life here, and have an attractive home at 816 Proctor Street. Dr. and Mrs. Young have two children—James T. Young, a student at Baylor University at Waco, and Elizabeth, a student in the Port Arthur schools. The family take an active part in the social life of the community and their home is the seat of a gracious hospitality. Dr. Young devotes a great deal of time to religious and church work, and is a most generous contributor to the support of the First Church, of which he is an active member. He is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Port Arthur; Commandery of Port Arthur, Knight Templar, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He is also a Knight of Pythias. Dr. Young belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, working with this organization for the medical advancement of Port Arthur, and is a member of the S. E. District Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.



**JOHN J. CADENA**, for almost two decades a resident of Houston, has during this time been associated with the drug trade here and has been a factor in raising the standards of drug store operation here. Mr. Cadena is proprietor of the Model Pharmacy, one of the finest residence drug stores in the city, which he established in 1921. The Model Pharmacy is well located, at 1808 Louisiana Avenue, and since opening his store there Mr. Cadena has built up an extensive patronage and his business has met with a consequent expansion. A complete line of drugs and drug sundries is carried for the accommodation of the residents of this section, all stock being chosen carefully, and with a view to supplying the trade with the best merchandise on the market. The fountain, installed by Mr. Cadena at great expense, is especially attractive and does a brisk trade. The prescription department is in charge of a competent druggist and using only the purest drugs in compounding prescriptions, has met with the approval of the medical profession as well as the many patrons of the store. Four experienced operatives are employed by Mr. Cadena to assist him in maintaining the high standards for service he has set and the Model Pharmacy shows every indication of a prosperous future.

Mr. Cadena was born at San Antonio, Texas, the sixth of September, 1875. His father, the late C. V. Cadena, also a native of Texas, spent many years of his life at San Antonio. His mother, whose maiden name was Jessie Martinez, is also a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. Cadena was educated in the public schools of San Antonio and as a boy of eighteen began to work in a drug store. After four years in various drug stores in San Antonio, he came to Houston, in 1904, and was a clerk in various stores here for several years. Later he became a member of the firm of the Smith Drug Company and was

with that firm for ten years. He then bought the City Drug Store, on San Felipe Street, which he operated a short time, later going back with the Smith Drug Store. In 1917 he again bought the City Drug Store, which he operated until 1921 when he opened the present Model Pharmacy on Louisiana Avenue which he has since owned and managed.

Mr. Cadena was married at Houston the third of October, 1906, to Miss Louise Marie Etie, a native of Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Cadena have one child, Edward, and live at 620 Jefferson Avenue. As a representative of the drug trade, Mr. Cadena has done much to improve standards for drug store operation and has impressed himself on the life of his community as a business man of integrity.



**FRANK H. CHENAULT**, for the past several years a resident of Houston, has been a factor in the drug trade as proprietor of one of the leading drug stores in the city. Mr. Chenault established his first Service Drug Store located on Washington Avenue, the first of June, 1921, and in May, 1923, established a second Service Drug Store in the downtown district at 1301 Capitol Avenue. During the early part of 1924 he sold the store on Washington Avenue and since has devoted his attention to the operation of his business at 1301 Capitol. Mr. Chenault has gained the confidence of trade in this vicinity because of the high class stock carried and the courteous treatment extended his patrons. The five employees engaged here are all trained in their respective lines. They take a real interest in rendering the class of service that has done much to popularize the Service Drug Store. A registered druggist is in charge of the prescription department. The purest drugs are used in compounding all prescriptions. The management of the store is in the capable hands of Mr. Chenault personally and he has organized many progressive merchandising methods that have been a factor in his success.

Frank H. Chenault was born in Hamilton County, Texas, in February, 1895, the son of S. A. Chenault, a native of Mississippi, who came to Texas as a young man and made this state his home until his death, and Bettie Hand Chenault, also a native of Mississippi, and who now makes her home in Houston. Mr. Chenault was educated in the public schools of Weatherford and at the age of fourteen began work in a drug store in that city. Prior to his enlistment in the army, in 1917, he worked in a number of different drug stores over the state and made rapid advancement in his profession. In April, 1917, he entered the army, with the Thirty-sixth Division, and after receiving his military training at Fort Worth, went to France with this famous division and served throughout the war with it. He was discharged in June, 1919, and came to Houston with the idea of going into business for himself. After several months with other drug stores here, during which time he was looking over the situation and deciding on a location, he established himself in business.

Mr. Chenault was married the twenty-first of August, 1921, in Houston, to Miss Carrie McCelney, a native of Texas, who was reared in Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Chenault reside at 3002 Preston Avenue. Mr. Chenault has made many friends in the business world here and is known as a progressive, wide awake druggist and a factor in the advancement of this profession in Houston.





**WILEY J. JINKINS, M. D.**, of Galveston, Texas, began the practice of medicine in this city in 1912, where he has established an enviable record, both as a physician and as a surgeon. Dr. Jinkins is a member of the well known medical firm of Jinkins and Jinkins, with office in the Medical Building. He is engaged in a general practice of medicine, with special attention to surgery. Dr. Jinkins does surgical work at both of the Galveston hospitals, but the greater part of it at St. Mary's Infirmary.

A native Texan, Dr. Jinkins was born at Normangee, Leon County. His father, J. F. Jinkins, came to Texas from Alabama as a boy and has been engaged in farming and ranching all his life. Mr. Jinkins, realizing the value of education, deprived himself in order to give to all his sons and daughters a college training. He is actively engaged in farming and is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of his county. Dr. Jinkins' mother, Mrs. Nellie (Martin) Jinkins, was a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a pioneer family. She died in 1908 and Dr. Jinkins' father reared a family of eight children, all of whom are among the representative citizens of the State. Dr. Jinkins' early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Normangee, after which he entered the University of Texas and graduated from that institution in the class of 1911 with the M. D. degree. He then served an internship of one year at St. Mary's Infirmary here, and began the practice of medicine in Galveston, where he has since remained and has earned a place of distinction along medical lines in the Island City and South Texas.

Dr. Jinkins was married at Galveston on April 15th, 1915, to Miss Celeste Randolph, a native Texan and a member of a prominent family of Palestine, Anderson County. They have one child—Wiley J. Jinkins, Jr. Dr. and Mrs. Jinkins reside at 2827 Avenue O. Dr. Jinkins is a Mason, with membership in Tucker Lodge of Galveston. He is a member of the Artillery Club, the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the County, State and District Medical Associations. He is also a member of the Southern Medical Association and the American Medical Association, and is vice president of the Medical Building, Inc. Dr. Jinkins takes a keen interest in the civic matters of the city and is active in all projects having to do with the betterment and progress of the Island City.



**EDGAR L. SEIXAS**, for more than two decades, has been active in commercial and lodge circles in Houston. For over ten years he was identified with the retail drug business here, and is particularly well known in this field. Experience thus gained and acquaintances made during this period is invaluable to him in his present work in the Elks Lodge.

Edgar L. Seixas was born at Dallas, Texas, in 1886, son of A. D. Seixas, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, who spent most of his life in Louisiana and Texas, his death occurring about seventeen years ago. Mr. Seixas was educated in the public schools of Houston, and, as a boy, began to work in a drug store. He went with the Anderson Drug Company, one of the pioneer drug stores of Houston, and worked his way up from the bottom, learning every phase of the profession. During his spare moments he devoted to study and in due course of time be-

came a registered pharmacist. He remained with the Anderson Drug Company about twelve years and at the time he left this firm he was one of its most valuable employees. After a time engaged in looking after his own business interests he joined the organization of Elks Lodge, devoted to looking after the welfare of its members. Being well qualified, and a member of the lodge of long standing he has met with success in his new work.

Mr. Seixas was married at Dallas, to Miss Ethel Williams, a native of Illinois. They reside at 401 Drew Avenue. In addition to his membership in the Elks Lodge, Mr. Seixas is a Mason of high degree, a member of Holland Lodge No. 1, and of Arabia Temple Shrine. Mr. Seixas is a man of genial disposition, held in high esteem by his many friends and acquaintances, and is a loyal citizen of Houston, believing that it is the metropolis of the great Southwest.



**HARL W. THOMA, M. D.**, has during the past several years built up the reputation of a careful practitioner, competent in all branches of his calling. Dr. Thoma came to Houston in 1920, and has since engaged in practice in this city. While he has no specialty in his profession, he has been exceptionally successful in surgery, and devotes a great deal of his time to this work. His offices are in the Scanlan Building. Shortly after coming to Houston Dr. Thoma became associated with Dr. Hamilton, and spent several years with him. Later he went to New York, where he did post graduate work, and since his return he has practiced alone. He has served on the staff of the Baptist Hospital in this city.

Dr. Thoma was born at Buffalo, New York, the tenth of March, 1892, the son of Dr. F. Thoma, a pioneer physician of that city, and still engaged in active practice, and Louise (Haynes) Thoma, also of Buffalo. He spent his boyhood in that city, attending the public schools there, and later entered the University of Pennsylvania, for his pre-medical work. He then went to the University of Buffalo, taking his medical work there, and received the M. D. degree from that institution in 1917. He served for ten months as interne in the Buffalo General Hospital, after which he enlisted in military service. He was commissioned first lieutenant, Medical Corps, U. S. A., in December, 1917, and assigned to the First Division, going overseas in April, 1918, with the Sixteenth Infantry. He was wounded twice, receiving two wound stripes, and was returned to the United States on account of his wounds, in March, 1919, and sent to Baltimore, as assistant surgeon at Fort McHenry. He was discharged in January, 1920, and came to Houston, where he has since engaged in practice, with the exception of several months spent in New York, where he took post graduate work at the New York Post-Graduate School and Hospital.

Dr. Thoma makes his home at the Warrington Apartments. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the University Club, the Buffalo Chapter of Nu Sigma Nu, the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas State Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the Erie County Medical Society, in New York. Although Dr. Thoma has had an unusually busy professional career, this has not deterred him from taking an active interest in the welfare of his city.



*W. J. Jenkins*





*H. Pearce, M. D.*



**D**R. ALANSON G. PEARCE, whose name has been of special significance in the medical fraternity of Orange for around a quarter of a century, and whose success and prestige in the medical world has been in proportion to his years of practice, is well worthy the honors and obligations associated with his profession and is looked upon as the head of the local fraternity. Dr. Pearce came to Orange the twelfth of May, 1900, after a decade of successful practice during which he demonstrated an unusually altruistic attitude, and began his practice in this city. He is familiar with the entire scope of modern medicine and surgery, and while his work is largely limited to that latter field, in which he brings to bear a highly specialized knowledge, he is accustomed to the diffuse responsibility of the general practitioner, and has some practice in this field. As a surgeon he has attained the highest standing, and few men are better informed as to surgical advancement in recent years. His record, highly creditable along all lines, shows the result of an excellent training, perfected by a wide and varied experience, and for the quarter of a century of his residence at Orange he has been faithful to his responsibilities as custodian of the welfare of his patients. Dr. Pearce has his offices in the Stark Building, and has at his command the clinical, analytical and mechanical facilities of the modern practitioner. For the last two years he has been associated with Dr. James H. Dameron, now, however as a partner.

Dr. Alanson G. Pearce was born at Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, the eleventh of June, 1867. His father, the late W. O. Pearce, was a native of Louisiana and a sugar planter there for many years. Later he retired and moved to Orange, where he made his home until his death in 1918. Dr. Pearce received his early education in the schools of Louisiana, later attending Georgetown University, at Georgetown, Kentucky, for one year, and later continuing his pre-medical work at the Louisiana State University. He then entered Tulane University at New Orleans, Louisiana, where he took his medical degree in 1890. After taking his degree he returned to his home and with his father operated a large sugar plantation, practicing medicine in that section, and giving the people there a medical service prompted rather by love of his profession than for any pecuniary gain. At the time the sugar tariff went into effect in 1900 Dr. Pearce disposed of his sugar plantation, removing to Orange, where he established a large practice, in a short time attaining high honors. Since coming here, each year has added to the esteem in which Dr. Pearce is held, by both laymen and confreres, and few physicians are more generally admired and respected.

Dr. Pearce was married at Washington, Louisiana, the twenty-fifth of June, 1890, to Miss Mary Eleanor Wynn, a native of that state, and a member of a very prominent family there. Dr. and Mrs. Pearce reside at the corner of Pine and Tenth Streets, and have five children, Malcolm, with the First National Bank of Orange; Lucile, wife of John H. Harrison, active vice president and director of the Orange National Bank; Sarah, wife of William M. Reid, secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Orange Rice Milling Company; Henry Wynn Pearce, like his father, a physician, and a '24 graduate, with the M.D. degree of Tulane, and is now

practicing medicine with Dr. Pearce, his father, and Maude Wynn, wife of Carl W. Bancroft, a prominent oil man of Orange. Dr. Pearce is a Mason, Orange Blue Lodge, of which he is past master, Royal Arch Mason, and is an Elk, being a past exalted ruler in this order, and also belongs to the Odd Fellows and Moose. He is a member of the Country Club, and Golf Club, and other social organizations, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Rotary Club, working with these organizations for the civic advancement of Orange. Dr. Pearce is a member of the Orange County Medical Society, and the Texas and American Medical Associations. He takes a deep interest in all welfare work, and has done much to advance Orange along medical lines, as well as influence civic development.



**D**R. I. T. YOUNG, acknowledged leader in the field of internal medicine at Port Arthur, has in the several years he has been in this city devoted his talents to the service of humanity along lines that best promote the development of his vocation. Dr. Young limits his practice to internal medicine, bringing to bear a highly specialized knowledge in this definite field, and is equipped to approach the most difficult cases with confidence. He has a large practice, and his genuine talents and qualifications have won the esteem of his confreres who refer to him cases that come within his field. Dr. Young has his offices in the Deutser Building. Dr. Young's work is the ripened result of many years of experience and practice, and a constant effort to keep apace of medical advancement, and while specializing in internal medicine, he is familiar with the scope of modern medicine, and is a leader in medical affairs.

Dr. Young was born at Slaughter, Louisiana, the fifth of May, 1885. His father, the late J. F. Young, was a merchant in that city for many years prior to his death, and was prominent in civic and commercial activities. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Mattie Palmer, was a native of Louisiana, and is now deceased. Dr. Young attended the public schools of Slaughter, Louisiana, until his graduation from high school, after which he entered Tulane University at New Orleans, taking his medical degree there the twenty-ninth of May, 1912. He went to Erath, Louisiana, establishing his practice there, and was during the decade of his residence in that city a factor in medical and civic advancement. In October, 1922, Dr. Young came to Port Arthur, as offering a broader future, and has made a splendid professional record in this city.

Dr. Young was married at Slaughter, Louisiana, the twentieth of November, 1912, to Miss Bernice Dunn, a native of Louisiana, and the daughter of the late J. B. Dunn. Dr. and Mrs. Young reside at 1845 Fifth Street, in Port Arthur, and have one child, Roy. Dr. Young is a Mason, Abbeyville, Louisiana, Blue Lodge, Chapter 192, Royal Arch, New Orleans Consistory, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, and a member of El Karuba Temple Shrine. He belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. Notwithstanding the exacting demands of his profession, Dr. Young takes a deep interest in all civic work, particularly along lines of public welfare, and is one of the sterling residents of Port Arthur.





**J. ROBINSON, M. D.**, has, for two decades, been prominently identified with medical activities at Houston, and his name carries a prestige in the medical world that is a distinct asset to the community with which it is associated. Dr. Robinson came to Houston in 1906, locating in Houston Heights, when development first started in that section, and has been on the same corner in the Heights since that time. Dr. Robinson has a large general practice, handling a great deal of county work, and also does much surgical work. His technical education and skilled faculties, gained through years of arduous experience, have been contributing factors to his years of successful practice, and Dr. Robinson is known and valued as an enthusiastic and progressive representative of the medical profession. Dr. Robinson does work at the Baptist and Norsworthy hospitals.

Dr. Robinson was born in Tennessee, the thirteenth of August, 1875, son of M. R. and Mattie Hill Robinson. Dr. Robinson was brought to Texas by his parents, as a boy, and was reared in this state on his father's farm, attending the public schools near his home. He early formed the ambition to become a physician, and after finishing his work in the public schools, raised and sold cotton at five cents a pound, to defray the expenses of his medical education. Dr. Robinson entered the University of Texas, in the Medical department at Galveston, taking his M. D. Degree in 1905. He served the following year as interne at St. Mary's Infirmary, after which he came to Houston, establishing his practice in Houston Heights.

Dr. Robinson was married at Houston, the twenty-ninth of June, 1909, to Miss Neva Robinson. Dr. and Mrs. Robinson have, for many years, resided at 130 West Eighteenth Avenue, and have five children, Shirley, Tryon, Dean, John, and Billy Bob. Dr. Robinson belongs to the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. Fraternally he is a Mason, Reagan Lodge, Houston. Dr. Robinson has kept apace with medical advancement, and has worked with the local fraternity to raise medical standards in Houston, and to make this city the medical center of Southeast Texas. He is interested in the civic development of Houston, particularly of the Houston Heights section, and has done much to aid in all development work in this district.



**K. PETERS, M. D.**, came to Galveston, Texas, in 1900 and on March 1st, 1901, began the practice of his profession in this city, and since that time has been an active figure in the medical circles here. Dr. Peters confines his work almost entirely to obstetrics, and his practice in this branch is large, but he also does some general practice. Prior to locating in Galveston, Dr. Peters had a wide and varied career in his chosen profession. After his graduation from Medical College, he returned to Germany for post-graduate work. He later practiced medicine and surgery in two German cities, but both were industrial centers and the conditions there were not to his liking, and he went with the German-Lloyd Steamship Company as ship's surgeon and in this capacity traveled to practically all parts of the world. Dr. Peters was in China as surgeon on a

German transport during the Boxer rebellion, and his experience there at that time was very interesting and exciting.

A native of Germany, Dr. Peters was born in Bremen on August 7th, 1871. His academic education was obtained in his native country, and after coming to America he attended a medical college at Fort Worth, Texas, and graduated and passed the board of examiners in 1899. He came to Galveston shortly after the disastrous storm of 1900, and located here the following year in the same office which he now occupies at 301 Trust Building, and has earned a place of distinction among the medical fraternity of this city.

Dr. Peters was married at Galveston in 1904, to Miss Elizabeth Hagen, a daughter of Prof. Hagen of the University of Berne, Switzerland. They have two children: Roland O. Peters, now a medical student at the Rice Institute, Houston, Texas, and Erika. Dr. and Mrs. Peters reside at 1202 Broadway. During his career, Dr. Peters has been a member of the various local, state and national medical associations. During his residence in Galveston of a quarter of a century, Dr. Peters has made a host of friends, who are numbered among his large clientele and his business and social associates of the Island City.



**D. H. B. PEDIGO**, whose activities for around two decades have identified him with the medical profession at Beaumont, has established one of the largest practices here and has given his best energy and enthusiasm to the improvement of the medical standards of the city. Dr. Pedigo engages in general practice, as a physician and surgeon, and has demonstrated a professional ability that places him among the leading physicians of the city. His record has been creditable along all lines, and as a practitioner he has found favor with the public, establishing a large patronage. Dr. Pedigo came to Beaumont in October, 1908, and has his offices on the third floor of the San Jacinto Life Building,

Dr. Pedigo was born in Hardin County, Texas, the thirtieth of August, 1877. His father, W. B. Pedigo, a native of Virginia, came to the Lone Star State in 1874, and was a prominent lumberman, taking an active part in the development of this industry until his death. His mother, before her marriage Miss Aline McCoy, is a native of Ohio. Dr. Pedigo attended the public schools of Hardin County as a boy and after finishing high school there entered Tulane University at New Orleans, in the medical department, taking his medical degree the thirty-first of May, 1901. His first practice was at Kountze, Texas, where he remained two years, after which he went to Dearborn, Texas, where after three years he came to Beaumont, as offering a broader future.

Dr. Pedigo was married at Kountze, Texas, the thirtieth of May, 1903, to Miss May Dies, a native of the Lone Star State. They now reside at Beaumont, at 2130 Hazel Street, and have one child, Maydee, a graduate of the Beaumont high school, and a student at the University of Texas. Dr. Pedigo belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association, and keeps in close touch with the developments of modern medicine.





**WILLARD R. COOKE, M. D.** is a native of Galveston, Texas, receiving his degree of M. D. from the University of Texas here, and after serving an internship at John Sealy Hospital of Galveston, began the practice of medicine in this city, specializing in gynecology and obstetrics. He began as instructor in gynecology and obstetrics of the University of Texas in 1910, and was promoted to the chair of professor in these studies following the death of Dr. Lee. He had for several years prior to this promotion been associate professor of gynecology and obstetrics. As a physician and instructor, Dr. Cooke has established an enviable reputation in Galveston. His office is located at 820 American National Insurance Company Building. Dr. Cooke inherited his liking for, and skill in the medical profession from his father, Dr. H. P. Cooke, who is the oldest practicing physician in Galveston. Dr. H. P. Cooke began the practice of his profession in the Island City in 1879 in the Marine Health Service, but after three years spent in this work, resigned in order to enter private practice. He served the city of Galveston with distinction as health officer from 1885 to 1891 and again from 1917 to 1919. For many years the elder Dr. Cooke served as lecturer and professor of pediatrics in the medical department of the University of Texas, and was dean of this institution for three years. He retired from this position in 1901. Dr. H. P. Cooke is a Virginian by birth, having been born in that state on March 21st, 1857. He received his medical education at the University of Virginia, having graduated from that institution in the class of 1877 with the M. D. degree. He then served by appointment in the New York Hospital for Ruptured and Crippled, until he came to Galveston. He was married at Galveston in 1886 to Miss C. L. Richardson and the family still reside in the home where she was born. He is a member of the various medical societies, and is ex-president of the Galveston County Medical Association. Dr. Cooke is one of the best known men in the medical profession of Texas, where his counsel and skill is well known throughout the environs of the Lone Star State. His office is located at 506 Trust Building.

Dr. Willard R. Cooke was born on September 6th, 1888. His early education was obtained in the public schools and Ball High School of this city, after which he finished his academic education in the Episcopal High School of Virginia, and the University of Texas, graduating from the latter institution in the class of 1910 with the B. A. degree. He then entered the medical department of the University of Texas and graduated with the M. D. degree in 1912. Dr. Cooke has spent his entire life in Galveston and is true to the customs and traditions of the Lone Star State.

Dr. Cooke was married at Galveston on April 25th, 1914, to Miss Aline Ruth Austin, a daughter of W. T. Austin, who was the first mayor of Galveston under the commission form of government, and who is a direct descendent of the old Austin family of Texas, which has figured prominently in the history of the Lone Star State. They have three children, Henry Austin, Willard R., Jr., and John Roger. Dr. and Mrs. Cooke reside at 805 23rd Street. Dr. Cooke is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, the Galveston Country Club and many other of the

city's social and commercial organizations. He is a member of the Sigma Chi, Phi Alpha Sigma and the A. O. A. college fraternities. He is an active member of the County, State and Southern Medical Societies and the American Medical Association. He is secretary of the South Texas District Medical Association and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.



**JACOB M. JACKSON, M.D.**, of Port Arthur, Texas, although a comparatively recent addition to the medical fraternity of this city, has since locating here, built up a large practice. Dr. Jackson is engaged in a general practice of medicine, with special attention to surgery. His office is located at 305 Deutser Building. Besides his large private practice, Dr. Jackson is on the staff of the Gates Hospital and is the house physician of the Central Hotel. After receiving his degree from college and serving an internship, he returned to his home at Ratcliff, Texas, to begin the practice of his profession, which he began in 1918. He remained in Ratcliff for one year, when he removed to Lufkin, Texas, and practiced medicine and surgery there from 1919 to 1923, when he came to Port Arthur. He is very popular with the Port Arthur people and his practice is growing rapidly, and he is regarded as one of the leaders of his chosen profession in this city.

A native Texan, Dr. Jackson was born at Ratcliff, Houston County. His father, John Jackson, was a native of Alabama, but for many years has been a resident of Texas, where he is well known in the business circles of the state. His mother was Miss Bettie Elizabeth Steed, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a pioneer family. Her father served throughout the Civil War, after his enlistment from Texas. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Ratcliff, where he graduated from the latter in the class of 1908. He then entered the medical department of the University of Tennessee, and graduated from this institution in the class of 1917 with the M.D. degree. He then served an internship at Erlanger Hospital of Chattanooga, Tennessee, after which he returned to his native state and began the practice of his profession.

Dr. Jackson was married at Ratcliff, Texas, on March 27th, 1910, to Miss Gertrude E. Davison, a native Texan also. Her father, E. W. Davison, a native of Illinois, came to Texas many years ago and settled at Nacogdoches, where he is well known and highly esteemed. They have two children: Lillian A. and Virginia E. Dr. and Mrs. Jackson reside at 528 De Queen Boulevard. Dr. Jackson is a member of the B. P. O. E. and is active in this organization. He is also a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, Texas State Medical Society, and Fellow of the American Medical Association, in all of which he takes a keen interest. He is a member of the Baptist Church, and is interested in all matters having to do with church work and organizations. Dr. Jackson is a booster for Port Arthur, and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for his city and its people. He expects facilities to be soon provided here that will enable the profession to take advantage of the splendid clinical material of this city, which will greatly aid the profession and the citizenship.



**D**R. L. H. LEDBETTER, whose name for the past several years has been of special significance in the medical world at Beaumont, is a leader in the field of Rontgentology and is one of the foremost professional men of the city. Dr. Ledbetter limits his practice to X-Ray laboratory work, and has one of the most completely equipped X-Ray laboratories in this section of the state. He is a man of high professional attainments, and his work in this field has attracted the attention of his confreres, who regard him as a leader in this field. Dr. Ledbetter came to Beaumont in July, 1920, and took over the hospital and X-Ray equipment, and has also added the latest and best equipment and has at his command every mechanical facility of this branch of medicine. His office and laboratory is in the San Jacinto Building, and he has established a very large patronage.

Dr. Ledbetter was born in Cherokee County, Alabama, the sixth of August, 1884, the son of Robert Newton Ledbetter, a Methodist minister of North Carolina and Alabama, whose death occurred in Paris, Texas, and Ella Dunn Ledbetter, of Alabama, also deceased. As a boy Dr. Ledbetter attended the schools of Alabama, and after graduating from the high school entered the University of Alabama, where he took his pre-medical work. He then entered the University of Louisville, taking his medical degree in August, 1907, after which he went to Alexander City, Alabama, where he began his practice. He remained there until June, 1917, when he entered the United States Army, and was commissioned lieutenant and sent to Fort Riley, Kansas, and later to Fort Sam Houston, Camp Cody, and Camp Pike, Arkansas, where he was discharged as captain, in October, 1919. He then went to Tulane University, at New Orleans, for post-graduate work, and came to Beaumont in July, 1920, since which time he has devoted his time to X-Ray work.

Dr. Ledbetter was married the second of May, 1916, in Alabama, to Miss Neva Marion Fulton, a native of that state. They have two children, Marion Ruth, and William R. Dr. Ledbetter is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Ware No. 173, Alabama. He belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. A man of highest standing, professionally, he has given his enthusiasm to the development of his city and its advancement as a medical center, and is a leader in all civic and welfare work along this line.

**D**O. HICKS, M. D., whose activities for the past several years have identified him with the medical profession of Victoria, has established a large practice here, and is regarded as an authority on eye, ear, nose and throat work. Dr. Hicks limits his practice to this field, and is the only eye, ear, nose and throat man at Victoria. He is on the staff of Victoria Hospital, and has a large private practice. Dr. Hicks began the practice of medicine in 1904, in West Virginia, later coming to Texas where he practiced in San Antonio for some years. In 1911 he began specializing in eye, ear, nose and throat work, and enlisted in military service with the medical corps in 1917. After his return from the army he came to San Antonio, then Victoria, establishing his practice here, and has so continued. He also has a small farm adjoining Victoria, where he is developing a

fruit orchard.

Dr. Hicks was born at Winfield, West Virginia, the twenty-third of April, 1881, son of a farmer in that state. His mother, a highly educated woman, early inspired her sons to seek educational advantages, and encouraged them in their ambition to secure an education. In spite of the fact that they all had to work their way through college six of her sons became physicians, four of them now being practicing physicians in Texas. Dr. J. O. Hicks completed his public school work, after which he entered Marshall College, in West Virginia, and later the Kentucky School of Medicine, where he took his degree in 1906. While completing his medical training he spent six years engaged in school teaching, and in 1904 began the practice of medicine by certification. From that time until 1917 he was engaged in private practice, in that year entering the army, as first lieutenant, United States Medical Corps. Later he was made captain, working in a base hospital, in his specialty. He was offered a major's commission, declining that he might leave the army and resume his private practice.

Dr. Hicks was married at West Virginia, in 1908, to Miss Annie D. Burns. He is a Mason, Blue Lodge, and Elk, and a member of the Rotary Club, and the American Legion. Dr. Hicks keeps abreast with medical advancement through frequent clinical work at Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, and is held in high esteem at Victoria, both by laymen and members of the medical fraternity.

**D**R. JOEL A. GIBSON, acknowledged leader in the field of medicine and surgery at Port Arthur, since coming to this city has devoted his talents to the service of humanity along lines that promote the best development of his vocation, and notwithstanding his exacting professional demands has taken an active part in all civic matters. Dr. Gibson has his office in the First National Bank Building, and though he has no specialty in his profession, has been exceptionally successful in surgery, and has a large practice. Shortly after coming to Port Arthur in 1918, Dr. Gibson was made assistant county health officer, and was the custodian of the health welfare of south Jefferson County from 1920 until 1923. In December, 1923, he was elected president of the Jefferson County Medical Society, an honor that gives testimonial to the esteem in which he is held by the local fraternity. Dr. Gibson is also director of the Utilities Board of the Chamber of Commerce, and is active in that work, giving particular attention to the relations of utilities to public health.

Dr. Gibson was born at Hackneyville, Alabama, the fourth of June, 1869, the son of the late Laban A. Gibson, a native of Georgia, who came to Alabama in 1850, and was a merchant there for many years, and Rebecca Sample Gibson, also deceased. Dr. Gibson attended the country schools of Alabama as a boy, later going to Lineville, where he graduated from high school, after which he entered the Atlanta Medical College at Atlanta, Georgia, where he took his medical degree in 1890. He then engaged in active practice for a period of one year in Alabama, going from there to Olive, Texas, where he remained for one year as surgeon for the Olive Sternberg Lumber Company. At the end of this period he took



a post-graduate course at New York Polyclinic during 1892 and 1893. He then returned to Texas, going to Rocklin, where he engaged in practice until 1902. He then went to Beaumont, remaining there six years, during which time he served as city health officer of Beaumont for four years. In 1908, on account of his wife's health, he went to Llano from San Antonio, and while there was county health officer of Llano County for two years. Still later he went to San Antonio, engaging in practice there until he came to Port Arthur. From 1920 until 1922, he was assistant county health officer of Jefferson County, and in January, 1923, became county health officer, a position he now holds, and while dispatching the duties involved in this office has also looked after his extensive private practice.

Dr. Gibson was married at Franklin, Texas, to Miss Katherine Ellison, a native of the Lone Star State, and a daughter of a pioneer attorney. Dr. and Mrs. Gibson have two children, Joe, who follows the high seas as second mate on a steamship, and John, who has chosen dentistry as his profession. The family reside at 1125 Procter Street. Dr. Gibson is a Mason, Cosmopolitan Blue Lodge, at Port Arthur, Knight Templar. He is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, of which he is president, and of the Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. Dr. Gibson takes a deep interest in all, giving freely of his time for the protection of public health and the prevention of disease, and the general welfare of the community.

**D**R. THADDEUS ALVIN FEARS, whose name for the past several years has been of special significance in the medical fraternity of Port Arthur, is one of a group of physicians who have taken a large part in the medical advancement of this city, and has attained a position of supremacy in the field of genito-urinary diseases. Dr. Fears is a member of the firm of Mabry and Fears, a partnership established the fifteenth of September, 1923, and composed of Dr. Fears and Dr. Frank D. Mabry, also a specialist in genito-urinary diseases. Drs. Fears and Mabry enjoy a very large practice, and have demonstrated a professional ability in their field that has placed them among the leading physicians of Port Arthur. They have their office in the Deutser Building, and have at their command laboratory and library facilities and other aids to the practice of modern medicine. Dr. Fears brings to his practice an assured knowledge in his definite line, approaching the most complicated and difficult cases with confidence, and gives a splendid enthusiasm to medical interests.

Dr. Fears was born at Garrison, Texas, the fourth of March, 1897. He is the son of Dr. J. B. Fears, one of the medical "Old Guard" of the Lone Star State, who came here shortly after the Civil War, from his native state of Georgia, and who practiced at Garrison, Texas, for many years. Dr. Fears, an octogenarian, is now retired. He was married to Miss Lula Bell, a native of Alabama. Their son, Dr. Thaddeus Alvin Fears, the subject of this sketch, received his elementary education in the public schools of Garrison, later entering the University of Texas, where he took two years of pre-medical work, after which he entered Tulane University, receiving his medical degree from that institution in 1920. He

then entered Charity Hospital, at New Orleans, and later the U. S. Emergency Hospital of that city, and further fortified himself by post-graduate work in New Orleans. He then went to Beaumont, establishing his practice in that city in July, 1921, and at the time of leaving there, to come to Port Arthur, had established a very large practice. Since coming to Port Arthur he has been associated with Dr. Mabry, through whose influence he came to this city, the firm specializing in the field of genito-urinary diseases.

Dr. Fears is a member of the Neches Club of Beaumont, and the Jefferson County Medical Society, and the Texas Medical Association. He is a man of high intellectual attainments, and splendid discrimination, and is known and valued as an enthusiastic and progressive representative of the medical profession.



**R. OTTO ROGERS** for around two decades has been identified with agricultural activities in Colorado County, making his home at Eagle Lake, and few men in this section are more familiar with scientific and progressive farming methods. Dr. Rogers has given special attention to potato growing, making this his principal crop, and has done much to encourage the growing of this tuber in Colorado County. He has around eight hundred acres in potatoes, planting scattered tracts from Eagle Lake to Wharton, and has had as high as two thousand acres planted to this crop. Dr. Rogers gets an average yield of around a hundred bushels of potatoes to the acre. He gets his seed potatoes from Nebraska, and has his own equipment, including machinery, mules and implements, to care for the large crops he raises annually. Dr. Rogers employs day labor to work his crops, employing on the average one hundred men. He farms bottom land largely, and in addition to the eight hundred acres of potatoes has around four hundred acres of cabbage, a crop requiring much water for successful cultivation. Dr. Rogers is known locally as the "Potato King" and since entering this industry has marketed one-fourth of a million dollar crop in a season.

Dr. Otto Rogers was born in Tennessee, the thirty-first of January, 1869, going to Oklahoma as a child, and was reared in that state. He received his early education in the public schools, later entering Louisville Medical College, at Louisville, Kentucky, where he took his medical degree in 1892. He spent one year at the City Hospital at Louisville, and then engaged in medical practice for several years, later giving up his practice entirely. Dr. Rogers first began potato cultivation in Oklahoma, in 1906, beginning with one hundred acres, and gradually increasing his acreage until he planted around a thousand acres, but due to climate condition he came to Texas and Eagle Lake, in 1912.

Dr. Otto Rogers was married in Oklahoma, in 1905, to Miss Cora Hicks. Dr. and Mrs. Rogers now reside at Eagle Lake, and have two children, Lucy Kate and John O. Rogers. Dr. Rogers is a Scottish Rite Mason, McAllister, Oklahoma, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He is held in high esteem for his businesslike farming methods at Eagle Lake, and is one of the most constructive farmers in this section. Dr. Rogers is an authority on all phases of potato culture, and has done much work in this section to advance this as one of the principal crops here.





**R. JOHN H. FLORENCE**, whose name has been of special significance in the medical world of the Lone Star State for the past three and a half decades, and who has been associated with the medical advancement of Texas and Houston for many years, is one of the best known public health authorities in the state, and is also widely known in the insurance world, as a medical director of definite attainments, and an expert knowledge of the medical aspect of insurance. Dr. Florence, who has his office and laboratory in the Mason Building, does special work for twenty different insurance companies, and also looks after his personal investments. He owns city property in Dallas and Houston, and has a number of farms where he raises cotton. Dr. Florence was formerly medical director for the Great Southern Life Insurance Company, holding that position for a number of years prior to his appointment as state health officer, in January, 1922, at which time he resigned as medical director, to give his undivided attention to the duties of his office. He served as state health officer until January, 1923, directing the health policy of the state with an assured knowledge, and making rapid advancement in the field of preventative medicine and the control of transmissible disease. Dr. Florence also gave his support in infant welfare work, and under his direction the registration area was increased, and Texas brought to a position of high standing among the states in infant mortality rates, and had an exceptionally low death rate. Dr. Florence also supported other important health measures, and was one of the best health officers the state has ever had. He was a member of the legislative committee to the State Medical Association from 1912 to 1919 where he rendered a signal service for better health laws and the advancement of organized medicine.

The doctor was born in Van Zandt County, Texas, the fourteenth of June, 1868, the son of D. W. Florence, a cotton farmer, who came to Texas from Alabama after the Civil War, and settled in Van Zandt County, and who now makes his home at Mesquite, where he is engaged in farming and banking. Dr. Florence's mother's maiden name was Miss Julie Beaty. Dr. Florence's grandfather, J. H. Florence, in the early days of Texas history colonized several leagues of land around Mesquite, with settlers from Alabama, Tennessee, and Georgia. The doctor received his early education in the public schools of Dallas, and after graduating from the high school there he entered Alexander Institute for his two years' pre-medical work. He received his medical training at Louisville Medical College, taking his degree from that institution in 1889, after which he did post-graduate work at New York Polyclinic, and the Cook County Hospital, at Chicago. He returned to Texas, beginning his practice at Trent, in 1889, remaining there until he went to Dallas, where he was elected health officer of Dallas County, in 1896, and city health officer of Dallas, in 1898, holding the position for four years. Later, he spent seven years with the State Health Department, and was at Brownsville, as federal medical examiner of immigrants from 1903 to 1905, and was later at Galveston and Sabine, as state quarantine officer. He came to Houston, in 1909, as medical director for the Great Southern Life Insurance Company, and spent a number of years in this city. Later he helped or-

ganize the Atlas Life Insurance Company, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and was vice president of the company in 1918 and 1919, when he sold his interest. He returned to Houston when the Great Southern Life Insurance Company moved their headquarters back to this city. More recently he has become associated with the Texas State Life Insurance Company with headquarters in San Antonio.

Dr. Florence was first married at Dallas, in 1889, to Miss Kittie Best, of a Dallas family, who died in 1912. He was again married in 1916, this time to Mrs. Stella J. Wood, and they make their home at 909 Kipling Avenue. Dr. Florence has seven children, John, a contractor at San Antonio; Dave, an expert rater, with the Fire Insurance Commission of Texas; Mrs. Hughie Call, of Montana; Mrs. Louise Berthold, of Houston, and Misses Isabel, Julie, and Zenaide. Dr. Florence is a Mason, Blue Lodge, at Dallas, Scottish Rite, at Dallas, and Arabia Temple Shrine, at Houston. He is a charter member of the Houston Club, and a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the South Texas Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association and the American Medical Association. As a citizen and as a physician, Dr. Florence has lived his life to the full, and Houston is proud to claim him as a citizen and a leader in civic and public health work. As an indication of their esteem and confidence in his ability, a committee representing the leading citizens and taxpayers of Houston in 1924 requested him to make the race for the State Legislature, which he did without opposition.



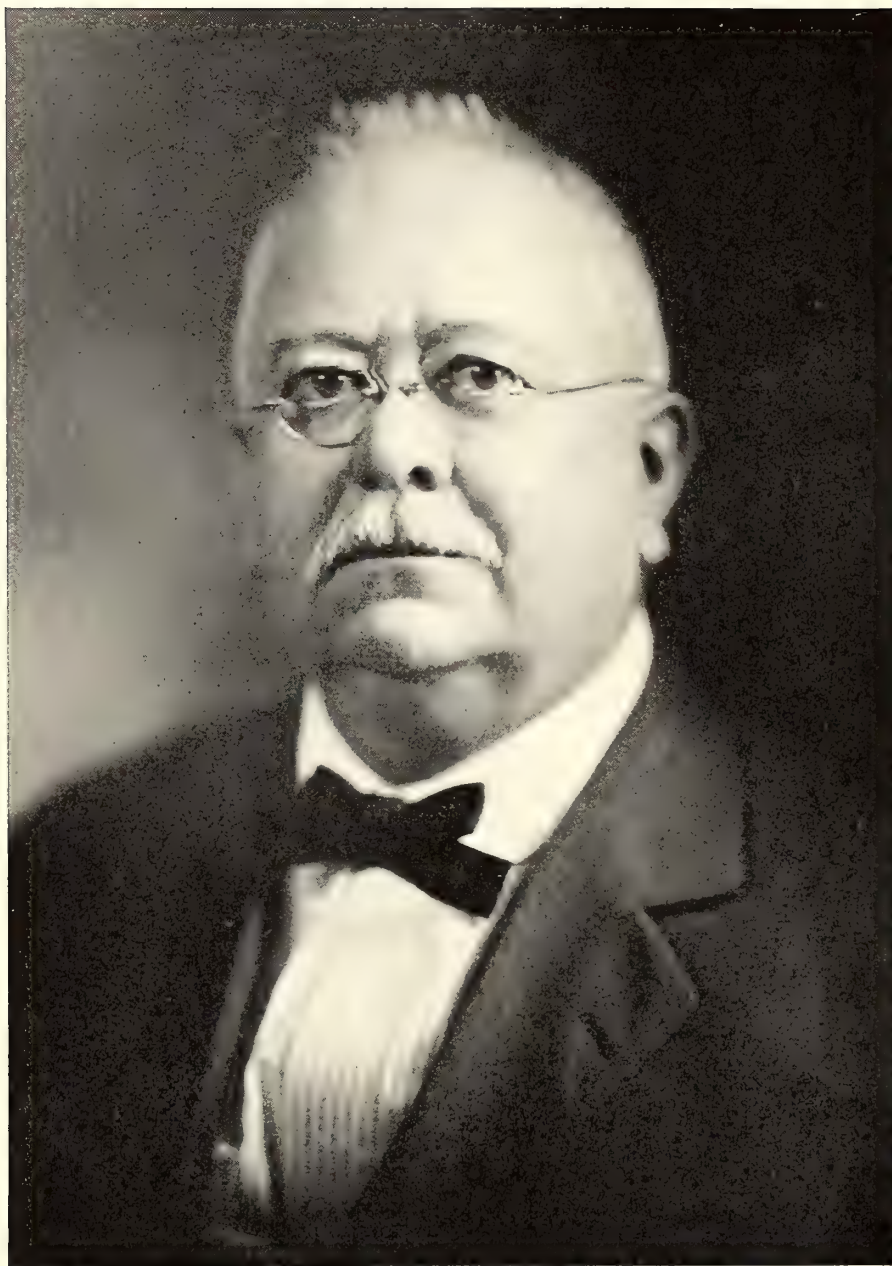
**MARK O'FARRELL, M. D.**, although but recently come to Houston, has for many years been a factor in the medical advancement of the Lone Star State, and has dignified the medical profession by more than three decades of practice and service, and has steadily advanced to a place among the foremost physicians of the state. Few physicians are more highly esteemed, or have made a better record in their profession than he, and he is a leader in all medical activities at Houston. While the lines of his practice have been liberal, and he has throughout his career represented the general practitioner, at once the friend and physician to his patients, Dr. O'Farrell has for many years given special attention to general surgery, and is an operating surgeon of distinction. Dr. O'Farrell came to Houston in 1920, and since coming to this city has built up a large clientele, and also takes an active interest in welfare work. He is on the visiting staff of all the hospitals of the city, and has a well appointed suite of offices in the Union National Bank Building.

Dr. O'Farrell was born near Troy, Alabama, the fifteenth of May, 1866, and came to Texas as a child of five years of age. His father, J. B. O'Farrell, left his home in Alabama shortly after the Civil War, on account of the troubles of the reconstruction period, and trouble with the freed negroes. He came to Texas and settled near Atlanta, where he engaged in farming and school teaching for many years. He opened the first store in Atlanta and was postmaster there for many years and its first mayor. The town of O'Farrell, near Atlanta, was named in his honor. His death occurred in 1923. Dr. O'Farrell's mother, whose maiden name was



*Mr. J. H. Florence*





*J. M. Blair, U.D.*

Eugenia Durham, was a native of Alabama, and with her husband and son came to Texas in 1871 with a party of fifty pioneers. Dr. O'Farrell attended the public schools near his home, and was also a student at Professor Looney's Academy at Atlanta, and had two years as a student in the old Houston Infirmary before attending medical college. He then entered the University of Tennessee, and was graduated with the medical degree in 1891. After finishing his medical studies, Dr. O'Farrell returned to Texas and for five years engaged in practice in East Texas. He then went to Richmond, Texas, locating there in 1896, and was one of the leading physicians of that city until he removed to Houston. He established a hospital there, to insure adequate nursing attention for his patients, and ran that institution until it burned, in 1919. Dr. O'Farrell has always been exceptionally successful in surgical work, and since coming to Houston in 1920, has given this field the major part of his time.

Dr. O'Farrell was married at Richmond, Texas, the fourteenth of August, 1889, to Miss Rosa Lee Daughtry, whose father died when she was an infant. Her grandfather was a large sugar planter in Texas and well known in agricultural circles. Dr. and Mrs. O'Farrell have two children, Dr. J. D. O'Farrell, D. D. S., a prominent dental surgeon, and Mrs. J. W. E. Stephen. They make their home at 110 Stratford Avenue, and attend the Baptist Church. Dr. O'Farrell has had many honors come to him during the years of his active practice, and has attained a place of real distinction. He was a member of the first State Board of Health, formed during Governor Campbell's administration. During the World War, Dr. O'Farrell was one of the first to come forward and offer his services to his country, although well past military age. He was commissioned captain in the Medical Corps, U. S. A., in July, 1917, and was surgeon in the 14th Cavalry. The first of January, 1918, he was made commander of the Camp Hospital at Camp Del Rio, and was later promoted to major in the Medical Corps. He was discharged the twenty-eighth day of December, 1918, and is now major, M. O. R. C. Dr. O'Farrell belongs to the Society of Military Surgeons, and is ex-president of the South Texas Medical Association. He is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the South Texas Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association, the American Medical Association.



**M. BLAIR, M. D.**, represents one of the most honored and prominent names in the medical fraternity of Houston, where he has dignified his profession by three decades of service and practice, his work in the field of aseptic surgery attracting the attention of the medical world. Dr. Blair came to Houston the twenty-ninth of November, 1894, and established a downtown office. His enthusiasm and ability as a physician won him recognition, resulting in the building up of a large and lucrative practice. Surgical work, especially, appealed to Dr. Blair and in August, 1900, he established Blair's Sanitarium, a fifteen-bed hospital of exceptionally high standards, and has since given his attention to surgical work. Blair's Sanitarium, located at 1212 North San Jacinto Street, is a modern, completely equipped private sanitarium, with a corps of highly trained nurses, and the pa-

tient entering here is assured individual attention and unsurpassed nursing and surgical attention. In the field of surgery Dr. Blair brings to bear on his work an assured knowledge, the result of years of training, and perfected by wide and varied experience, and he approaches the most difficult and complicated cases with confidence. A man of high scientific attainments and distinguished professional bearing, he is a recognized leader in his special field, and his talents have won the admiration of his confreres and the layman alike.

Dr. Blair was born in Indiana the fourth of February, 1859, the son of James and Lydia M. Blair. His father died while he was quite young and his mother has for the past quarter of a century spent her winters in Houston and her summers in Chicago. Dr. Blair attended the common schools near his home, and after graduating from high school entered Rush Medical College, in Chicago, where he took his M. D. degree in 1884. He then spent one year in the Indianapolis Medical School Hospital, and further fortified himself by one year in King's College, London, England. His first practice was at Logansport, Indiana, where he spent two years, after which he went to Chicago, as offering a broader field, and was eight years in that city. At that time he came to Houston, for his health, and has remained in this city since, engaging in the practice of his profession and advancing to a place among the leaders of the local fraternity.

Dr. Blair, following the advice of his Scotch father, James Blair, who said, "dirt could neither burn down nor blow away," has always been an investor in lands. He owns land in as many as five different states and also owns much property in Houston, a city in which he finds real estate investment especially profitable, and in which he is a firm believer. In making his investments, Dr. Blair shows a sound business knowledge, unusual in the professional man, and has a keen sense of value and an ability to foresee the trend of future growth and value increase that has made his investments particularly significant.

Dr. Blair has for many years made the education of youth his hobby, and it has been his special pleasure to assume the education of his nieces and nephews, each of whom has had every educational advantage. One nephew, Lyman C. Blair, is now in Houston and preparing, at Rice Institute, to follow his uncle in the medical profession. Each year he also helps children to secure an education and any earnest young person can be assured of his interest and help in securing educational advantages. This hobby, particularly worth while, has enabled many young people to receive educational advantages they would have otherwise been denied, and Dr. Blair in unselfishly interesting himself in these youth, has performed a real service to his city.

Dr. Blair is a Mason, a member of Holland Lodge No. 1, and of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Houston. He is affiliated with the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Dr. Blair finds recreation in touring and has twice toured the Pacific Coast and the Pacific Northwest by automobile, but always delights in returning to Houston. He is interested in all welfare work, especially from a public health angle, and is one of the outstanding citizens of Houston.





**D. CRUTCHFIELD, M. D.** began the practice of his profession at Galveston, Texas, in 1919, and with the exception of time spent in post-graduate work in New York, has been active in the medical circles of this city since that time. Dr. Crutchfield has offices at 422 American National Insurance Company Building, and specializes in diseases of the skin and has splendid X-ray laboratory and equipment for this particular work. In addition to his large practice, Dr. Crutchfield is professor of dermatology and syphilis of the medical department of the University of Texas. He began instruction work at this institution in 1919 and has been steadily promoted since that time. Dr. Crutchfield is regarded as one of the most successful medical men of Galveston, and is a leader in his chosen branches of medicine as well as an instructor. He takes a keen interest in the development of his city and state and for some time has taken an active interest in the development of the fig industry on the mainland and is vice president of the San Leon Fig Orchards Company. He believes that the fig growing industry will soon become one of the best money crops of South Texas. Preserving and canning plants are rapidly being constructed, and this insures a ready market to the fig growers, who heretofore have been apprehensive of a market, even though vast quantities of this fruit should be raised. The Texas preserved fig has become widely known, and command a higher price than the preserved fig of other portions of the country. Dr. Crutchfield, during the World War, was a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps of the U. S. A., and was assigned as an instructor of the S. A. T. C. at Galveston, where he remained until after the signing of the armistice, when he was discharged. He later accepted the commission of medical officer in the Marine Reserve Corps.

Dr. Crutchfield was born at Socorro, New Mexico, on March 7th, 1890, but was brought to Texas by his parents when three months old. His father, Rev. J. M. Crutchfield, was a well known Methodist minister, and for many years the Crutchfield home was at Henrietta, Texas. Dr. Crutchfield's early education was obtained in the public schools of Texas, and he later attended military academies and still later became a student of the Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, and graduated from that institution in the class of 1911 with the B. A. degree. He then entered the medical department of the University of Texas and graduated in the class of 1918 with the M. D. degree, when he immediately established his home and office in Galveston and began the practice of his profession.

Dr. Crutchfield was married at Caldwell, Texas, in July, 1921, to Miss Marie Stone, a member of a well known family of Burleson County. Dr. and Mrs. Crutchfield reside at 1407 Broadway. Dr. Crutchfield is president of the Galveston County Medical Association and has always been active in this organization. He is also a member of the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is a member of the Radiological Society of North America, and of the Galveston Country Club and many other of this city's social organizations, where he is very popular. Dr. Crutchfield predicts a brilliant future for Galveston, and believes that this city, with more hospitals which are now planned, will lead the Southwest along medical lines. In his

chosen branch of the medical profession, Dr. Crutchfield is regarded as leader among the medical men of his generation.



**E. HUDDLESTON, M. D.** began the practice of his profession at Galveston, Texas, in 1921, where he has limited his practice to surgical work and in this branch of the medical profession has established an enviable reputation. Dr. Huddleston is employed by many of the industrial institutions of Galveston to attend to their accident work, and has established a creditable record in his large amount of emergency work. He is also house physician for the Hotel Galvez, of this city. In 1913, before receiving his M. D. degree from the University of Texas medical department in 1919, he devoted one year to the study of pharmacy and passed his examination before the State Board of Examiners. Dr. Huddleston enjoys the unique distinctions of having served as an interne of the Royal Infirmary at Manchester, England, after his graduation as an M. D. He also took post graduate work at the Army Medical School at Washington, D. C., graduating from this institution in 1921. He also graduated from the Army Field Service Medical School at Carlisle barracks, Pennsylvania. He began active practice of his profession in 1921 at Galveston. He holds a captaincy in the Medical Officers Reserve Corps.

A native Texan, Dr. Huddleston was born in Hays County on December 25th, 1891. His father, J. N. Huddleston, a native of Louisiana, came to the Lone Star State at an early age, and became an extensive plantation owner and planter. His mother was Miss Emma Brown, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a well known pioneer family. Both of Dr. Huddleston's grandfathers served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, were captured and met in a federal prison, where they became fast friends. Some years following the close of the Civil War, his grandfather Huddleston, with his son, came to Texas to visit his friend of prison days, and while here the son met Miss Emma Brown, whom he later married. Mr. Huddleston's education was obtained in the Sam Houston Normal Institute at Huntsville, Texas, after which he pursued an academic course at the University of Texas, and later entered the medical department of this institution, from which he graduated in the class of 1919 with the M. D. degree. He attends the various clinics in different portions of the country each year.

Dr. Huddleston was married at San Antonio, Texas, on October 2nd, 1923, to Miss Selwyn Sage, a native Texan and a daughter of F. H. Sage, who prior to his death was prominent in the shipping circles of Galveston. They have one child, a daughter, Selwyn Sage, born July 9th, 1924. Dr. and Mrs. Huddleston reside at the Hotel Galvez. Dr. Huddleston is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order. He is also a Shriner of El Mina Temple of this city. He holds membership in the Artillery Club and all other social organizations in Galveston, where he is very popular. He is also a member of the County, State and American Medical Association, in all of which he takes an active interest. Since beginning his practice here, Dr. Huddleston has built up a splendid practice in his chosen branch of the medical profession.





**R. BRUCE RICHARDSON**, whose name for around a quarter of a century has been of special significance as a leader in the field of ophthalmology, otology, rhinology, and laryngology, is one of a group of physicians who have taken a leading part in the advancement of Beaumont. Dr. Richardson came to Beaumont in 1900, since which time he has practiced alone, limiting his work to the eye, ear, nose and throat, and has attained a position of supremacy in this field. Dr. Richardson has his offices in the Perlstein Building, and enjoys a large practice. He has had the best professional advantages, and has each year taken special work in his particular field.

Dr. Richardson was born at Ontario, Canada, the twentieth of January, 1876. His father, Thomas Richardson, a native of Michigan, went to Canada as a young man, and was a merchant there for many years. He is now retired and makes his home at Beaumont with his son. Dr. Richardson's mother, whose maiden name was Miss Addie Jervis, is deceased. Dr. Richardson began his education in the public schools of Canada, later coming to the United States, entering the Detroit College of Medicine, where he took his medical degree in 1899. He then served his internship at St. Mary's Hospital, at Detroit, and afterward came to Beaumont to begin his practice. Dr. Richardson has taken all the major post-graduate courses offered in this country, and is one of the best equipped men, professionally, in Beaumont. During the years that he has been taking special work he has been at all the large clinics of the United States.

Dr. Richardson was married at Monroe, Michigan, the sixth of September, 1915, to Miss Lottie L. Blackman, a native of Ohio. They make their home in Beaumont, at 1598 Orange Street. Dr. Richardson is a member of the Neches Club and the Beaumont Club, and is affiliated with the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. A man of high intellectual attainments and splendid discrimination, he is a leader among the professional men of the city, and has contributed to make Beaumont one of the most medically advanced cities in this section.



**R. HUGH E. ALEXANDER**, physician and surgeon, and well known member of the medical fraternity of Beaumont, has during the several years of his practice here attained a high standing in his profession, and is one of the foremost physicians of the city. Dr. Alexander is a member of the medical firm of Mann and Alexander, having been associated with Dr. W. A. Mann, one of the most distinguished physicians of Beaumont, since coming here in November, 1922, to establish his practice. They have a carefully appointed suite of offices in the Perlstein Building, and have at their command the hospital clinical and analytical facilities of the modern practitioner.

Dr. Alexander was born at Blanco, Texas, the first of February, 1892, the son of the late T. J. Alexander, a native of Missouri, who came to Texas as a young man and was a resident of Blanco until his death in 1918, and Ella Carson Alexander, a native of Blanco, who now makes her home in Houston. Dr. Alexander received his elementary education in the public schools of Blanco, after which

he entered Baylor University, taking the A. B. degree in 1915. He then entered the medical department of the University of Texas, at Galveston, where the M. D. degree was conferred on him the thirty-first of May, 1919. He then entered Robert Green Hospital, at San Antonio, and after serving his internship there went to Sour Lake, Texas, where he engaged in general practice until coming to Beaumont, in November, 1922.

Dr. Alexander was married at Marshall, Texas, the sixteenth of February, 1921, to Miss Frances McClaren, a native of that city. Dr. and Mrs. Alexander make Beaumont their home, and have one child, Mary Margaret. Dr. Alexander is a Mason, Blue Lodge, at Sour Lake, Commandery at Beaumont. Also Arabia Temple at Houston. He belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Trained in progressive medical methods, Dr. Alexander has been a factor in advancing the medical standards at Beaumont, and is one of the most enthusiastic and popular of the younger physicians of this city.



**C. HANNA, M. D.**, for more than a decade has been prominently identified with medical circles at Houston, where he is recognized as a vital force in medical advancement, and occupies a place of leadership in the field of internal medicine. Dr. Hannah came to Houston in 1911, and since that time has performed conspicuous service in his community, and gives his energy not alone to his large private practice, but to the advancement of medical standards. Dr. Hannah typifies the progressive practitioner, specializing in a field of medicine wherein he has marked aptitude, and has made a reputation as a specialist in internal medicine. Dr. Hannah has the personal, as well as the professional, character that is of fundamental importance to the successful physician, and this, with his natural ability, and excellent training, has been a contributing factor to his years of successful practice. He frequently goes to the medical centers of New Orleans and Chicago for post graduate work and clinical experiences, and keeps in close touch with all developments in medical science. His office is in the Union National Bank Building, and he works in all the hospitals of Houston.

Dr. Hanna was born in Nebraska, and came to Texas with his mother, who is Mrs. L. Carmen, of Houston, in 1900. He attended the public schools of Lincoln, Nebraska, and the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln, where he took his pre-medical work. He then entered Northwestern Medical College, at Chicago, taking his M. D. degree in 1904. He went to Lynchburg, Texas, where he began his practice, and continued there until 1911.

Dr. Hanna was married to Miss Georgia Fletcher, at Houston, the tenth of January, 1914, and has two children, Rosalie and Eileen. The family reside at 1505 Rosalie Avenue, Houston. Dr. Hanna is a Mason, Blue Lodge at Victoria, Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He belongs to the Harris County Medical Society, the South Texas Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. Dr. Hanna has made himself one of the substantial citizens of his community, and takes a deep interest in civic affairs, questions of public health and welfare work making an especial appeal to him.





**R. J. H. HAZLIP**, physician and surgeon of Nederland, has attained an enviable reputation as a general practitioner, and is one of the prominent members of the medical profession of Jefferson County. Dr. Haizlip came to Nederland in 1908, since which time he has taken a leading part in the medical advancement of this section, and has enjoyed a large practice. He practices general medicine, with all that term implies, and accustomed to diffuse responsibility, with an invaluable faculty of diagnosis, and high scientific attainments, brings to bear on his practice an assured knowledge that has been a factor in his success. For many years Dr. Haizlip was the only physician in this section, and his practice extends to Port Neches and the surrounding country.

Dr. Haizlip was born in the central part of North Carolina, the seventeenth of December, 1872, the son of the late H. Haizlip, a native Virginian, and a contractor of North Carolina for many years, and Christiana Dalton Haizlip, of North Carolina. Dr. Haizlip received his early education in the public schools near his home, later taking his pre-medical work at a college in his native state. He then entered the University of Maryland, in the medical department, and took his M. D. degree from that institution. He began his practice in North Carolina, and after three years there went to Little River County, Arkansas, where he practiced medicine for six years. He then came to Nederland, where he has since engaged in practice.

Dr. Haizlip was married in North Carolina, the fifth of October, 1898, to Miss Frances Walker, a native of that State. They have five children: William, a student at South Park College; John, a student at Georgetown University, and Christine, Robert, and Richard, at home. Dr. Haizlip is a director of the Security State Bank of Beaumont, and is a substantial member of his community. He is a Blue Lodge Mason, and belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, of which he is a past vice president; the Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.



**WILLIAM E. RAMSAY, M. D.**, has, for a number of years held a place as one of the leading members of the medical profession of Houston, and has taken an active interest in the betterment of the community, questions concerning public health especially appealing to him. Though he has no specialty in his profession, engaging in general practice, he has been exceptionally successful in surgery, and has a great number of surgical cases. Dr. Ramsay is on the Staff of the City Hospital and the Baptist Hospital, is Assistant City Health Officer, and has done the surgical work for the Public Health Service from 1920, at the same time handling his private practice. His office is in the Union National Bank Building.

Dr. Ramsay was born in Virginia, the twenty-eighth of June, 1888. His father, John Adam Ramsay, a Presbyterian minister for many years, died at Houston in 1914. His mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Elizabeth Bryan, is a sister of William L. Bryan, president of Indiana State University, and of Albert Bryan, for many years president of Washington State College, at Pullman, Washington, and later State Superintendent of Public Institutions in Idaho. Dr. Ramsay spent his

childhood in Virginia, at the age of seven went to Indiana with his parents, living there for seven years, after which the family removed to Louisiana, and, after a year and a half there, came to Houston. Dr. Ramsay was educated in the public schools of Indiana, Louisiana and Houston, and took his pre-medical work at Austin College, where he spent two years, and the University of Texas, at Austin, where he spent one year. He then entered the Medical Department of the University of Texas, at Galveston, where he took his medical degree in 1915. He then returned to Houston and served a one-year internship at the Baptist Hospital, and was House Physician the following year. He has since engaged in general practice at Houston, giving special attention to surgery.

Dr. Ramsay was married at Houston the twentieth of June, 1917, to Miss Frances Addison Storey, daughter of G. T. Storey, of Bay City, and who, although past seventy years old, is still active as a Presbyterian minister. Dr. and Mrs. Ramsay reside at 817 Fairview, and attend the Presbyterian Church. Dr. Ramsay is a Mason, being affiliated with Gray Lodge No. 329, Galveston Consistory, and Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He also belongs to the Galveston chapter of Alpha Kappa Kappa, and is a member of Glenbrook Country Club. Dr. Ramsay keeps in close touch with medical advancement and is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. During the recent war he was commissioned First Lieutenant, Medical Corps, in February, 1918, serving at the Base Hospital at Camp Dodge until shortly before his discharge from Camp Logan in February, 1919.



**JOHN M. TRIBLE, M. D.**, well known member of the medical fraternity at Houston, has during the several years of his practice here built up a large clientele and has established the reputation of a successful practitioner in his particular field of urology and dermatology. Dr. Tribble came to Houston in 1919 and has since devoted his time to practice in the fields of urology and dermatology, and to the broader interests of his profession. He has his office in the Bankers Mortgage Building, and is on the staff at St. Joseph's and the Baptist Hospitals, also the Houston City Hospital (Jefferson Davis) and urologist for the United States Veterans Bureau for the Southern District, of Texas.

Dr. Tribble was born at St. Louis, Missouri, the first of September, 1884, son of Dr. John J. Tribble, of Brownsville, Texas, and Bessie Metcalf Tribble. His mother is now on the editorial staff of the Dallas News and edits the T. M. T. Column. Dr. Tribble was graduated from St. Louis Medical University, with the M. D. degree in 1907, and served his internship at the Jewish Hospital, at St. Louis. He later went to Dallas where he practiced with Dr. Yancey for five years, and in 1917 entered military service. He was commissioned first lieutenant, Medical Corps, in January, 1917, and sent to Fort Clarke. He was later assigned to the Third Division, 26th Field Hospital, and then to the 27th Field Hospital. He was commissioned captain in the Medical Corps, in May, 1919, and sent to board duty at Marseilles. He returned from overseas and was discharged the twenty-first of July, 1919. After his army service, Dr. Tribble went to New Orleans and was in the



Marine Hospital there until coming to Houston, in 1919.

Dr. Tribble was married at Dallas, the seventeenth of October, 1917, to Miss Ottie Bowles, who is a third generation Texan, and the daughter of V. S. Bowles, a pioneer rancher of the Lone Star State. Dr. and Mrs. Tribble have one child, John Bowles Tribble. They make their home at 4312 Greely Street, Houston. Dr. Tribble is vice president of the Civitan Club and takes an active interest in civic activities. Fraternally he is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Woodland, Houston, of Scottish Rite, San Antonio Chapter and Commandery, and a member of Hella Temple Shrine at Dallas. He belongs to the Harris County Medical Society, the South Texas Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

**D**R. F. O. CALAWAY, who has recently joined the medical fraternity at Houston, has since coming to this city made a professional record, creditable along all lines, and as a private practitioner has found favor with the public. Dr. Calaway limits his practice to infant feeding and the diseases of children, a branch of medicine for which he is particularly well equipped, and he has found a busy professional career in this city. Dr. Calaway has devoted his time not only to his private practice, but to the broader interests of his profession, and takes an active interest in all child welfare measures. He is on the hospital committee, and on the staff at St. Josephs, where he teaches nursing and the diseases of infants and children; he is also on the staff of the Methodist Hospital.

Dr. Calaway was born at Dallas, Texas, the twenty-eighth of May, 1890, the son of Dr. William Calaway, a pioneer physician, and Civil War Veteran, and Dollie Walden Calaway, a native of Mississippi. Dr. Calaway attended public schools until his graduation from Bowie High School, after which he took a one-year pre-medical course at the University of Texas. He then entered the Medical Department of the University of Texas, at Galveston, in 1915, taking his degree. He served one year internship at St. Mary's Hospital at Galveston and the following year he served as interne at the City Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio, beginning at this time to give special attention to pediatrics. In 1916 went with the Asylum at Austin, where he remained one year. The next year and a half was spent at the Pasteur Institute at Austin, and immediately following this period he enlisted in military service. Post-graduate work in New York followed his army service, and he spent some time at the various hospitals and the Lying-In Hospital in that city, specializing in infant feeding and the diseases of children. Concluding his post-graduate work in New York he came to Houston, in May, 1922, and opened his office in this city. He has since been considered one of the leading pediatricists in the city, and has taken an important part in all child welfare work.

Dr. Calaway was married at Bowie, Texas, in 1917, to Miss Roberta Duncan, daughter of J. R. Duncan, a retired business man, and a member of an old Texas family. Dr. and Mrs. Calaway have an attractive home at 3407 Yupon Drive, and have one child, Roberta Alene. Dr. Calaway is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is secretary of the Harris County Medical Society

and also secretary of the South Texas District Medical Society. He is also a member of the State Medical Association, Southern Medical Association, and the Texas Pediatric Society. Dr. Calaway belongs to the Glenbrooke Country Club. He takes a deep interest in all civic activities, particularly those which have to do with community betterment, and is well worthy the honors and obligations associated with his profession.



**RAYMOND L. BRADLEY, M. D.**, one of the recent recruits to the medical fraternity at Houston, is regarded as particularly well equipped for the practice of medicine and surgery and is one of the very able members of the medical profession in this city. Dr. Bradley specializes in surgery, gynecology and obstetrics, branches of the profession in which he is exceptionally successful, and has a very large practice in Houston. Dr. Bradley has his offices in the Keystone Building, is on the visiting staff of all the Houston hospitals and is Chairman of the Obstetrics Section of the Municipal Hospital and on the staff of the Methodist Hospital. With the exception of a short period during the influenza epidemic, when Dr. Bradley made general calls on account of the shortness of physicians, he has limited his practice to surgery, with special attention to Gynecology and Obstetrics. Dr. Bradley began his practice at Houston the first of January, 1919, his first patient being a surgical case, whom he operated at midnight, January the first.

Dr. Bradley was born at Battle Creek, Michigan, the ninth of July, 1892, coming with his father, C. L. Bradley, an attorney, to Houston at the age of five years. His mother, before her marriage Miss Bertha Barr, is deceased, and is also his father. Dr. Bradley attended the public schools of Houston, and after graduation from the high school here entered the University of Texas, Medical School, at Galveston, taking the M. D. degree in June, 1918. During his senior year he was Interne at St. Mary's Hospital at Galveston, and later spent six months as Interne at St. Joseph's Infirmary Hospital, at Houston. During the war he was in the Medical Reserve Officers' Corps, but was not called for service until the war was over.

Dr. Bradley was married at Houston, the eleventh of November, 1917, to Miss Edith Beazley, daughter of the late Dr. John Beazley, of La Porte. Dr. and Mrs. Bradley make their home at 4425 McKinney Avenue, and take a prominent part in the social affairs of their community. Dr. Bradley's hobby is yachting, and he owns a sea-going yacht. He also finds much recreation in hunting and fishing and is a member of the Houston Yacht Club, the Houston Launch Club, and the Glenbrooke Country Club. Dr. Bradley is identified with the various medical societies, belonging to the Harris County Medical Society, the South Texas Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is Past President of the Houston Gynecology and Obstetrics Society. Dr. Bradley, although one of the younger physicians, is regarded as one of the foremost surgeons, gynecologists and obstetricians in Houston, and in the several years of his practice here has come rapidly to the front. His position in the medical world, however, is not unmerited, but entirely in keeping with his ability and talent.





**R. WILLIAM P. COYLE**, whose name has been of special significance in the medical fraternity at Orange for two decades, is one of a group of physicians who have taken a large part in the medical advancement of the city, and has attained a position of supremacy in the field of ophthalmology, otology, rhinology and laryngology, to which he has limited his work for a number of years. Dr. Coyle has his offices in the Stark Building, and brings to bear on his large practice an assured knowledge in his definite line, approaching the most difficult cases with confidence. His work is the ripened result of many years of experience and a constant effort to keep abreast of medical advancement, and he is known and valued as one of the most enthusiastic and progressive representatives of the medical profession. Dr. Coyle came to Orange in 1906, at that time engaging in general practice and making an exceptional success in that field. Later, in 1919, he began limiting his work to the eye, ear, nose and throat, and surgery of the head, in which field he has been no less successful than in his general practice, and has established one of the largest practices in the city.

Dr. Coyle was born at Thomasville, Georgia, the fifteenth of November, 1876, the son of William P. Coyle, who removed to Texas in the nineties, and Florence Fife Coyle. Dr. Coyle received his early education in the public schools of Thomasville, and in 1902 was licensed to practice dentistry in Texas, having studied this in school and under his uncle, Dr. J. G. Fife of Dallas. In 1903 he entered the Southwestern University, in the medical department at Dallas, receiving his medical degree in 1906, on account of a one year credit for dentistry at the time of his entrance. He then came to Orange, to which place his brother, Dr. Thomas F. Coyle, had preceded him, and begun the practice of dentistry. Drs. Coyle have offices together, and each is a recognized leader in his field.

Dr. Coyle was married at Dallas, Texas, the thirteenth of January, 1913, to Miss Virginia Gano, a native of that city, and a member of one of the most prominent pioneer families of Dallas. Dr. and Mrs. Coyle have two children, Constance and Clare, and make their home at Orange. Dr. Coyle is a member of the Orange County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, and the American Medical Association, and throughout a busy professional career has been well worthy the honors and obligations associated with his profession, giving many years of an industrious and busy life to the welfare of his community.



**R. M. E. CURTIS**, for upward of twenty years one of the leading physicians of Walker County, has for the past ten years been identified with the professional life of Huntsville, and has attained the reputation of being a practitioner who is competent in all branches of his calling. Dr. Curtis began the practice of medicine in Walker County in 1904, practicing at New Waverly until 1915, when he came to Huntsville, establishing his practice here at that time. Dr. Curtis practices general medicine, and has a large private practice and has given many years of an industrious and busy life to the welfare of his community.

Dr. M. E. Curtis was born in Walker County,

the twenty-second of October, 1872, the son of Jesse Curtis and Frances C. (Sterne) Curtis, the former a native of Virginia, who came to Walker County in 1860 and was a farmer near New Waverly until his death. Mrs. Curtis was also from Virginia. Dr. Curtis attended the schools of Walker County and also received a good part of his early instruction from his mother, who was a highly educated woman. He then took one year pre-medical work at Sam Houston State Normal, afterward entering the medical department of the University of Texas, at Galveston, where he took his M. D. degree in 1904. He then returned to Walker County, entering private practice at New Waverly.

Dr. Curtis was married at New Waverly, Texas, the seventeenth of January, 1907, to Miss Elmore Hill, a native of Walker County. Dr. and Mrs. Curtis have two children, James Edward Curtis and Frances Elmore Curtis. Dr. Curtis is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Forest, Knight Templar, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He belongs to the Walker County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Society, the Southern Medical Society and the American Medical Association. Dr. Curtis displays great generosity in contributing to welfare work at Huntsville and is one of the leaders among medical men of the city.



**R. DENNIS P. HARRIS** since coming to Beaumont recently has taken an active interest in the medical advancement of the city, and is a leader in the field of internal medicine, enjoying the highest esteem of his fellow citizens. Dr. Harris came to Beaumont in 1923, after a successful professional experience covering a period of two decades. He has enjoyed the highest professional advantages, and his work is the ripened result of his many years of experience and a constant effort to keep abreast of medical advancement. He has limited his practice to internal medicine, and has a very large practice, with his offices in the San Jacinto Life Building.

Dr. Harris was born in Simpson County, Mississippi, the second of September, 1878, the son of Henson Harris, a native of Tennessee, and a farmer in Mississippi for many years. Dr. Harris received his early education in the public schools near his home, and took his pre-medical work at Millsap College. He then entered the School of Medicine at Memphis, Tennessee, where he took his medical degree in 1908. He came to Texas, establishing his practice at Newton, and later going to Berkfield, and then to Deweyville, after which he spent some years at Hemphill and Voth, and after four years at the past named place came to Beaumont as offering a broader future.

Dr. Harris was married at Zwolle, Louisiana, the twenty-second of December, 1897, to Miss Belle Colton, a native of Louisiana. Dr. and Mrs. Harris have one child, a daughter, Hessie, wife of A. N. Bishop of Beaumont, and who has one child, Norris Bishop, Junior. Dr. and Mrs. Harris reside at 1470 North Street. Dr. Harris belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Since coming to Beaumont he has taken a deep interest in the civic advancement of this city, questions concerning public welfare especially appealing to him.



W. P. Coyle.





*J. A. Cameron*



**R. JAMES H. DAMERON** came to Orange, Texas, in 1922 and is associated with Dr. A. G. Pearce, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of this portion of the state. Dr. Dameron was for many years engaged in a general practice, but for the past few years has limited his practice to obstetrics and surgery, and has won a reputation along this line that usually requires the greater part of a physician's lifetime to establish. Dr. Dameron began his career as a physician and surgeon at Humble, Texas, in 1916 during the oil boom at this well known South Texas oil town. He continued his practice there until he entered the army of the World War on May 18th, 1917, and was sent to Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, Texas, where he was commissioned a first lieutenant of the regular army. He went overseas with the 142nd Field Hospital Corps, and was made a captain in France, where he did valiant service for the wounded, and worked night and day during the battles in an effort to relieve suffering and save lives. He returned to America in January, 1919, and for a few weeks was at Washington, D. C., after which he was sent to Camp Dix, where he was discharged on February 17th, 1919, as a captain of the regular United States army and now holds commission of major in U. S. Reserve Corps. After his discharge, Dr. Dameron returned to Humble, Texas, and with Dr. McKay opened the McKay-Dameron Hospital, and operated this institution until he came to Orange in order to practice with Dr. Pearce of this city.

Dr. Dameron's preliminary education was obtained in the public schools of Jackson, Mississippi, after which he attended the Medical College at Louisville, Kentucky, and graduated from this institution in the class of 1908 with the M.D. degree. Following his graduation, Dr. Dameron served an internship at Jackson Hospital, where he was also house surgeon. He later served as house surgeon at Mississippi State Hospital at Meridian, Mississippi, after which he came to Texas and began his practice at Humble.

Dr. Dameron was married at Meridian, Mississippi, on October 20th, 1910, to Miss Ellie Campbell, a native of Meridian and a member of a well known Mississippi family. They have two children, Mary Frances and James Russell. Dr. and Mrs. Dameron reside at West Park Avenue, where they have a magnificent home on the Beaumont concrete road. Dr. Dameron is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Meridian, Mississippi, Blue Lodge. He is a member of the Scottish Rite body of this order and has attained to the eighteenth degree in the lodge of Houston, and is also a member of the Royal Arch Chapter of the A. F. and A. M. Dr. Dameron is a member of the Rotary Club, the American Legion, and the American, Texas and County Medical Societies, in all of which he takes an active interest. As one of the best trained and experienced physicians in this part of the state, Dr. Dameron is rendering a great service to the public.



**R. W. STANTON WINTER, JR.**, physician and surgeon of Port Arthur, in the two decades of his practice here has attained an enviable reputation as an industrial surgeon, and is one of the most prominent members of the medical fraternity of his city. Dr. Winter has been associated with his father, Dr. W. Stanton Winter, Sr., throughout his professional career, and

has one of the largest practices in the city, practicing general medicine, in all the term implies. Dr. Winter, Sr., is honored as the oldest physician and surgeon at Port Arthur, and is the first and oldest marine doctor in this section of the state. He is still active in his profession, and takes a keen interest in all medical advancement. Dr. Winter has also been a factor in the development of Port Arthur, of which he is a pioneer settler, having come here on the opening of the city. He is one of the leading historians of the city and has a collection of historical articles, concerning the early life at Port Arthur, that is very complete and unusual. As a physician Dr. Winter, Sr., has occupied a high place in the life of the community, his success and prestige being in proportion to his years of practice, and he is looked on as the dean of the local fraternity. His son, Dr. W. Stanton Winter, Jr., the subject of this sketch, has likewise distinguished himself in his chosen vocation, and has devoted himself not alone to his private practice, but to the broader interests of his profession in city and state. In 1916 Dr. Winter's brother, Dr. Harold Alton Winter, was taken in as a partner with his father and brother immediately after his graduation at Memphis, Tennessee, from the University of Tennessee, and was associated with them in active practice until his entry into the U. S. Army during the World War. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant but was given his honorable discharge the twenty-first of August, 1919, with the rank of captain. Upon his discharge he returned to Port Arthur and again took up active practice. He remained here until September, 1923, when he moved to Houston and opened a branch office of the Merchant Marine Hospital Service which is composed of Dr. Winter, Sr., and his two sons. The Merchant Marine Hospital Service is for the care of the seafaring men and covers all parts of the Gulf Coast, the principal office being in Port Arthur.

Dr. Winter, Jr., was born at Des Moines, Iowa, in February, 1887, and received his early education in the schools of Port Arthur, to which city his father had come during his childhood. He early formed the ambition to follow his distinguished father in his career as physician, and after finishing high school at Port Arthur went to the University of Kansas, where he took his medical work and received his M.D. degree in 1908. He further fortified himself with post-graduate work at Chicago, and New York, after which he returned to Port Arthur and has since been associated with his father in his practice.

Dr. Winter was married at Topeka, Kansas, the twenty-fourth of December, 1906, to Miss Rose Ellen Campbell, a native of Kansas. Dr. and Mrs. Winter have two children, Jim, and Gladys Ann, and own their own home at 2800 Fifth Street. Dr. Winter is a member of the Country Club, of which he is one of the founders, and a charter member of the Elks Club, and the Jefferson County Medical Society, Fellow of the American Medical Association. He is very active in all work for the medical advancement of Port Arthur, and has been secretary of the hospital staff of Mary Gates Hospital at Port Arthur since it was built. For more than a decade he has been in charge of the Marine Hospital, and is local surgeon for the Southern Pacific Railroad, and for the P. C. Pfeiffer Company of Port Arthur.





**H. BROWN, SR., M. D.**, has for a quarter of a century been engaged in a general practice of medicine at Yoakum, Texas, where he is known as one of the leaders of the medical fraternity of this portion of the state. Dr. Brown is the medical director of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad, having full charge of the medical work of this railroad, and has one hundred and forty-five local surgeons under him. The general hospital for this railroad is the Huth Memorial at Yoakum, one of the best equipped institutions of its kind in this part of Texas. The San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad has its work done at this hospital by contract. Dr. Brown served as assistant medical director under Dr. J. H. Reuss and on his death was made medical director. Prior to receiving this appointment on March 16th, 1920, Dr. Brown had been associated with this line of railway for more than twelve years. Dr. Brown does minor surgical work, leaving the major operations to his able and efficient staff of assistants. He has his staff divided into the various branches of medicine and each is a specialist in their particular line of work.

A native Texan, Dr. Brown was born in Fayette County in 1860. His paternal grandfather, John Brown, was one of the early pioneers of Texas, where he was an Indian trader. He was captured by a tribe of Indians near where the city of Waco now stands, and was kept a prisoner for fifteen months. During this period his family had given up hope of ever finding him alive, and returned to Missouri. He guided the Indians to raid the white settlements near where his brother was in command of the military post. Through strategy he escaped, warned his brother and killed the Indians who were making the attack. His brother then outfitted him and he returned to Missouri, finding that his family had thought him killed by the Indians. He later returned to the Lone Star State and finally located at San Antonio where he died. Dr. Brown's father, Dr. John Duff Brown, engaged in the practice of medicine in Colorado County, moving to Llano, Texas, in 1879, where he died in 1908 at the advanced age of eighty-four years. Dr. Brown's early education was obtained in the public schools of Fayette County, after which he attended the University of Tennessee, graduating from this institution in the class of 1891 with the M. D. degree. He returned to Texas and established his home and office at Yorktown, where he was engaged in a general practice of medicine for a period of nine years, after which he came to Yoakum. In 1902 Dr. Brown did postgraduate work at the Polyclinic of New York City, since which time he attends regularly the Chicago clinics and Mayo Bros. at Rochester, Minnesota.

Dr. Brown has been twice married. His first marriage was at Carlton, Texas, in 1887, to Miss Sallie M. King, a native Texan and a daughter of Rev. S. King well known in the church circles of Texas. She died on January 25th, 1919. His second marriage was consummated on May 11th, 1921, to Miss Mabel V. Brennan, a member of a well known Texas family. Dr. Brown has one son of his first marriage, Dr. Harry H. Brown, Jr., who is associated with his father in his medical work, specializing in internal medicine and diseases of the stomach. Dr. Brown, Jr., received his early education in the public schools, after which he attended the University of Texas,

graduating from that institution with the B. A. degree. He then became a student of the Harvard Medical School, Boston, Massachusetts, and graduated from this college in the class of 1915, with the M. D. degree. He then served in the Rhode Island General Hospital for two years, after which he entered the World War as a First Lieutenant Medical Corps, United States Army, and was placed on duty at the Port Embarkation Hospital No. 2 of New York, located at Hoboken. After receiving his discharge in 1919 he returned to Yoakum and since that time has been associated with his father in his work here. He is a captain of Medical O. R. C. United States Army. Dr. Brown, Jr., is one of the leaders in his chosen branch of the medical profession in his generation of Texas, and his work is praised by the older physicians throughout the country. Dr. Brown, Sr., is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in the Chapter, Commandery and Shrine of this order at San Antonio, Texas. He also is a member of the County, State and District Medical Associations, the American Medical Association and the American Railroad Surgeons Association. Dr. Brown, Jr., is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in the Scottish Rite body of this order and the Shrine at San Antonio. He is also a member of the County, State and District Medical Associations, and is an ex-president of the first named association. In addition to his work with the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad, Dr. Brown has a large private practice, yet in the midst of his private work he finds opportunity to give his time and assistance to many improvements of a public nature. Both father and son are active in the business, social and general community life of Yoakum, where in addition to their splendid reputation as physicians which they have earned here, they are also known as leaders in all enterprises worth while in DeWitt and Lavaca counties, where they are numbered among the most progressive citizens.



**A. GANTT, M. D.**, for upwards of a decade has been prominently identified with medical circles at Houston, and is firmly established as a physician whose standing in his profession makes his influence a vital force for progress in the community. Dr. Gantt came to Houston in 1914, after almost a decade of experience as a practitioner at other points, and has since engaged in practice in this city, doing a general practice and surgery. He works at all hospitals. His office is in the Bankers Mortgage Building.

Dr. Gantt was born at Charleston, South Carolina, on the twenty-second day of November, 1878, and as an infant moved to North Carolina with his parents, and grew up there. His father, A. G. Gantt, an itinerant Methodist preacher, later came to Texas and was killed in a street car accident at Fort Worth. Dr. Gantt began his education in the schools of North Carolina, and after graduating from the high school there, attended Trinity College, at Durham, North Carolina, and then entered the medical department of the University of Louisville, Kentucky, where he took his medical degree in 1904. He spent the ensuing three years at the Norton Memorial Infirmary, at Louisville, and practiced in that city also. He came to Texas in 1907, going to Dallas, where he practiced until 1911. He then went to San Benito, where he engaged in practice for



three years, finding the life in the valley very pleasant. Dr. Gantt came to Houston in 1914, and has since been a valued member of the medical fraternity of this city.

Dr. Gantt was married at San Benito, the sixth of August, 1912, to Miss Mary Terry Pratt, a member of the Terry family associated with the history of the Lone Star State since the early days. Dr. and Mrs. Gantt reside at 3919 Graustark Street, where they have a very attractive home, and are the parents of two children, Horace, and Marveen. Dr. Gantt is a Mason, Blue Lodge No. 1189, Houston, Scottish Rite at Dallas, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He belongs to the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association, and takes an active part in the work of these societies. He has from time to time addressed the different societies of which he is a member on the subject of diseases of the rectum and colon, and is one of the leading men in his chosen field. Dr. Gantt takes an especial interest in all public health measures at Houston, and is an active advocate of all welfare work.

**T**HOMAS PAUL DOOLE, M. D., who is well known at Eagle Lake where he is one of the leading physicians, has attained a commendable reputation in the field of medicine and surgery, and has a large practice. Dr. Doole's practice is of general nature, and he is familiar with the entire scope of modern medicine, giving his time largely to his work in this field. He also does emergency surgical work, in which he has been particularly successful, and takes a deep interest in the medical advancement of Colorado County.

Thomas Paul Doole, M. D., was born at Fort Mason, Texas, the twenty-third of January, 1876, the son of David Doole, who came to the United States from Ireland, settling at Fort Mason in the early days. He took an active part in the Hoodoo War in this section, and prior to Hoodoo War fought in the Civil War, in the federal army. Mr. Doole was a merchant at Fort Mason for many years, and was active in all development work, organizing the local high school and otherwise showing his interest in the community. Dr. Doole attended the public schools at Fort Mason, graduating from high school there. His first work was cow punching, riding, and like activities, and while engaged in that work he often rode with one of those pioneer physicians who made their calls with horse and buggy, and from him got the inspiration to become a physician. He entered Kentucky Medical School at Louisville, which later merged with Louisville Medical College, where he took his degree in 1908. In 1910 he was commissioned First Lieutenant U. S. M. R. C., and in 1914 was called to active duty, with General Funston, at Vera Cruz, returning to the states toward the close of that year. After a period of private practice he was again called to active service, in May, 1917, sent to the Officers Training Camp at Fort Riley, where he was promoted to the rank of captain, and detailed as instructor and organizer of the Base Hospital there, his work including much clinical and surgical work. Later he was sent to Corpus Christi, organizing the General Hospital there, and later to Camp Travis, and was discharged at Camp John Wise in 1919, coming to Eagle Lake,

where he has since engaged in private practice.

Dr. Doole was married at Fort Worth in 1909, to Miss Mamie Francis Melton of an old Texas family, and who was reared in West Texas. Dr. and Mrs. Doole now reside at Eagle Lake. Dr. Doole is a Mason, at Eagle Lake, and belongs to the American Legion, serving twice as post commander, and was the organizer of the local post. He belongs to the Colorado County Medical Society, and is an ex-president and ex-secretary of that organization, and also belongs to the Texas Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and the Railway Surgeons Association, which later he was active with Dr. Knox in organizing. He is local surgeon for the Southern Pacific lines, the Santa Fe and the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway.




**R. BRUCE H. DAVISON**, one of the recent recruits to the medical fraternity of Port Arthur and Jefferson County, since coming to this city has attained a high reputation in the field of internal medicine, to which he limits his practice, and has established a successful practice. Dr. Davison came to Port Arthur in the spring of 1923, to begin the practice of a profession for which he is particularly well equipped, and has given his best energy and enthusiasm to his private practice, and to the improvement of medical standards. He has his office in the Terminal Building, limiting his work to internal medicine, and in addition to his exacting professional demands is secretary for the Jefferson County Medical Society.

Dr. Davison was born at Gary, in Panola County, Texas, the fifteenth of August, 1896. His father, the late G. A. Davison, a native of Alabama, was for many years a factor in the lumber industry in the Lone Star State. His mother, also deceased, was, before her marriage, Miss Henrietta Inghram. Dr. Davison received his elementary education in the public schools of Panola County, later entering Baylor University one year, then Baylor Medical College, at Dallas, where he took his medical degree in 1920. He then entered the Baptist Sanitarium, at Dallas, where he spent thirteen months, and then went to Detroit, Michigan, entering the Receiving Hospital, where he spent one year. This was followed by six months at the Providence City Hospital for Contagious Diseases, Providence, Rhode Island, two and a half months at Boston Floating Hospital, after which he came to Shreveport, Louisiana, and was resident physician at the Charity Hospital there for seven months. From Shreveport Dr. Davison came to Port Arthur, establishing his practice in this city, and specializing in internal medicine.


Dr. Davison was married at Shreveport, Louisiana, the third of April, 1923, to Miss Violet M. Turman, a native of Oklahoma. Dr. and Mrs. Davison have since made their home at Port Arthur. Dr. Davison is a Blue Lodge Mason, Tenaha, Texas, thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, Dallas, and a member of Hella Temple, Dallas. He is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, in which he was elected secretary the tenth of December, 1923, and belongs to the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Since coming to Port Arthur Dr. Davison has taken a deep interest in all community problems, those concerning public health especially appealing to him, and is highly regarded both as a physician and citizen.



 **R. C. A. COBB**, one of the most distinguished surgeons of Beaumont, began the practice of his profession in this city around two decades ago, and has continued to follow his vocation to the present time, steadily advancing to a position among the foremost surgeons of the state. Dr. Cobb limits his practice to surgery and consultation and enjoys the highest professional standing, and has been accorded an exceptionally large practice. He is frequently called in by his associates when a consultation is indicated, and is one of the most experienced and successful operating surgeons in Beaumont. Dr. Cobb has his offices at 310½ Crockett Street, and has for the past twenty years been a leader in the field of surgery. He is associated with Dr. W. N. Cunningham, but not, however, as a partner.

Dr. Cobb was born at Montgomery, Alabama, the fourteenth of January, 1877. His father, C. A. Cobb, one of the brilliant attorneys of Alabama, and a graduate of the law department of the University of Virginia, died when Dr. Cobb was a small boy, as did also his mother, whose maiden name was Lovey Anderson. Dr. Cobb was reared by his grandmother Anderson, and as a boy attended the public schools of Montgomery, Alabama, later entering the medical department of Tulane University, at New Orleans, where he took his M. D. degree in 1902, serving his internship at Charity Hospital, at New Orleans. He then came to Beaumont, establishing his practice here, and has so continued. Dr. Cobb has kept in close touch with the advancements made in aseptic surgery, and has taken post-graduate work at New Orleans, New York, Chicago, and other medical centers, and is one of the best equipped men, professionally, in Beaumont.

Dr. Cobb was married at Beaumont, in 1911, to Mrs. Katherine Ogden Peck, daughter of L. P. Ogden, one of the most prominent men of Beaumont, and one of the real pioneers of this city. Dr. and Mrs. Cobb reside at 712 North Street. Dr. Cobb belongs to the Elks Club, and is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He has contributed much to the medical advancement of Beaumont, and is interested in all phases of civic development.


 **C. FISHER, JR., M. D.**, 710 American National Ins. Building, Galveston, Texas, is engaged in a general practice of medicine and has established a splendid record here. After obtaining his degree, he began the practice of medicine at Galveston, where for fourteen years he has been division surgeon of the Southern Pacific Railroad under Dr. R. W. Knox, and for a period of more than eight years he has represented the Mallory Steamship Company here, this in addition to his large private practice.

In February, 1918, Dr. Fisher entered the Army of the United States and was commissioned a captain of the Medical Corps, U. S. A. He went overseas and was attached to the British forces, serving in London and on various British fronts with the artillery, infantry and in hospitals. He saw much active service on the fighting fronts. After the signing of the armistice, Dr. Fisher returned to Galveston and resumed his practice of medicine. His brother, Lieutenant Sidney Lanier Fisher, a member

of the 64th Coast Artillery, died while serving with his comrades in France.

A native of Galveston, Dr. Fisher was born on July 16th, 1888. His father, Dr. W. C. Fisher, Sr., has practiced medicine here throughout his life, and is prominently identified with the medical profession of the Lone Star State. Dr. Fisher, Sr., is the oldest practicing physician of Galveston, with one exception. He is still quite active in his work, and is one of the best known physicians of South Texas. Dr. Fisher's preliminary education was obtained in the public and Ball High School of Galveston, after which he entered the medical department of the University of Texas, where he graduated in the class of 1910 with the M. D. degree. Following his graduation, Dr. Fisher served an internship at St. Mary's Hospital in Galveston, after which he began active practice here.

Dr. Fisher was married at La Junta, Colorado, on October 23rd, 1912, to Miss Mary Beth Bragg, a member of the old Bragg family, well known and prominent in Colorado and contiguous states for several generations. They have three children, William Comstock 3rd, May Beth and Robert Sidney Lanier Fisher. Dr. and Mrs. Fisher reside at 3214 Avenue P. Dr. Fisher is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Tucker Blue Lodge of Galveston, and is also a member of Consistory No. 1 of the Island City. He holds membership in the County, State, District and American Medical Associations, in which he takes a keen interest. In the local social clubs, Dr. Fisher is a member of the Lions, the Galveston Country Club and many others. He is active in all civic matters of the city, and is deeply interested in anything having as its object the advancement and betterment of the city of his birth. That Galveston is ideally located and destined to become the medical center of a great portion of the Southwest is the belief of Dr. Fisher.


 **R. B. P. HOLLAND**, for a decade a leader in medical advancement at Beaumont, came to this city after a decade and a half of successful experience elsewhere, and is one of the known and valued members of the medical fraternity. Dr. Holland engages in the general practice of medicine, and while he has no specialty in his profession, has been unusually successful in anaesthesia and obstetrics and has a large practice. Dr. Holland has his offices on the seventh floor of the San Jacinto Building, practicing alone. His work is the ripened result of many years of experience and a constant effort to keep apace with medical advancement, and he has contributed to make Beaumont one of the most medically advanced cities along the coast.

Dr. Holland was born at Chapel Hill, Washington County, Texas, the thirty-first of May, 1878. His father, Dr. John S. Holland, one of the pioneer physicians of the Lone Star State, and a prominent medical man of that day, came to Washington County in 1867 and practiced medicine in Texas until his death. His mother, who before her marriage was Miss Mary Louise Stone, of Alabama, is also deceased. Dr. Holland attended the schools of Washington County as a boy, and took his pre-medical work at the University of Texas, where he went from 1894 until 1897. He then entered the medical department of the University of Texas, at Gal-



veston, where he went from 1889 until 1899, when he entered Tulane University, at New Orleans, taking his M. D. degree from that institution in 1900. He has further equipped himself through post-graduate work at Tulane and in New York City, and has perfected this excellent training through arduous experience.


Dr. Holland was married at Sour Lake, Texas, the twenty-first of November, 1906, to Mrs. Lula Jordan Gaedcke, of a Lavaca County family. Dr. and Mrs. Holland have one child, Mary Louise, a graduate of the Beaumont High School, class of 1924. They live at 773 Ewing Street. Dr. Holland is a Mason, Blue Lodge and Royal Arch, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Dokeys. He belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association and the American Medical Association, and gives his enthusiasm to the development of Beaumont along every line.

 **R. MARK J. PAINTON, D.D.S.**, pioneer dental surgeon of Port Arthur, has for two decades been an acknowledged leader in the dental profession here, and has made himself one of the substantial citizens of this community, investing in numerous commercial enterprises, and being a factor in the banking world. Dr. Painton enjoys the distinction of being the oldest dentist in Port Arthur, and also one of the best, and has a very large practice. He has his offices in the Stock Building. Dr. Painton has been connected with banking activities here for many years, and is vice president of the Merchants National Bank. He is also owner of one of the finest filling stations in the city, and has made many other investments, ranking as one of the large property owners of the city.

Dr. Painton was born in the southeastern part of Kansas, the fifth of August, 1875. His father, Thomas Painton, a native of London, England, came to the United States as a young man, prior to the Civil War, in which he served with distinction in the Union Army. His mother, before her marriage was Miss Philena Elliott. Both parents are now deceased. Dr. Painton received his early education in the public schools of Kansas. He received his professional training at the Kansas City Dental College, taking his D.D.S. degree from this well known institution in 1903. He then came to Port Arthur, of which city he had heard much favorable comment, and looked over the situation with a view to locating here. He was greatly impressed with the future this city offered, and has since made it his home, establishing a large practice here, and taking an active part in community life.

Dr. Painton was married first to Miss Hattie Timmons, now deceased, and by whom he had one son, Mark J. Painton, Jr. He was married the second time at Port Arthur in 1912 to Miss Lillian May Gill, a native of England. There are four children of this union, Clifford, Mavis, Jack and Elizabeth. The family reside at 425 Lake Charles Avenue. During the two decades of his residence at Port Arthur Dr. Painton has been a leader in all civic work, taking a deep interest in the development of this city. He has achieved in the field of business a distinction that comes to few professional men, and has attained a place in the business world that

would entitle him to a place among the leading men of his community, without the further prominence attached to his name as a dentist of recognized prestige in his profession. Thoroughly public spirited, he gives freely of his time and means for the advancement of his city, backing up his belief in Port Arthur's future with numerous investments, and is one of the most substantial citizens of this city.

 **R. AARON S. POLLOCK**, whose activities for the past several years have identified him with the medical profession at Port Arthur, has established a large practice in this city, and is an authority in the field of genito-urinary diseases. Dr. Pollock is associated with Dr. B. W. Wood, the firm specializing in genito-urinary diseases, and has made a splendid record as a physician. His natural ability, mental endowment and excellent training are contributing factors to his years of successful practice, and few men are better informed as to medical advancement in recent years. Dr. Pollock is also active in the business world, and was one of the organizers of the Seaboard State Bank of Port Arthur, of which he has been president since September, 1921.

Dr. Pollock was born in Pope County, Arkansas, the twenty-first of January, 1871, the son of W. I. Pollock, a native of Tennessee, who came to Arkansas in 1849 and was a farmer in that state until his death, and Sarah Robinson Pollock, a native of North Carolina, and also deceased. As a boy Dr. Pollock attended the public schools of Athens County, Arkansas, later entering the medical department of the University of Louisville, Kentucky, where he received his medical degree in 1893. He then took post-graduate work at New Orleans, Louisiana, and Chicago, then returned to his native state, beginning the practice of his profession in Atkins, Arkansas, where he remained for three years. He then came to Texas, going first to Cherokee County, where he practiced for five years, then going to Big Sandy, where he remained until coming to Port Arthur in 1911, at which time he was appointed quarantine officer at the port by Governor Colquitt, holding this office for eight years. During this time Dr. Pollock took an active part in the commercial and civic life of the city, as well as contributing to its advancement from a professional standpoint.

Dr. Pollock was married at Atkins, Louisiana, the seventeenth of April, 1894, to Miss Addie Johnson, a native of that state. Dr. and Mrs. Pollock have three children, Harle J. Pollock, who is with the marine department of the Gulf Refining Company at Port Arthur, and is married and has one child, Rene; Pauline, wife of T. E. Halsel of Port Arthur, and who has one child, Everett Sherrill, and Edith, wife of Charles L. Motsah of Sabine, Texas, and who has three children, Charles Pollock, William L., and Aaron Sherrill. The family reside at 2609 Sixth Street. Dr. Pollock is a Mason, Cosmopolitan Blue Lodge, No. 872, Port Arthur, belongs to the Knights of Pythias at Big Sandy, and is a member of the Lions Club at Port Arthur. Dr. Pollock has given many years of an industrious and busy life to the welfare of his community, and has been a leader in every forward looking activity at Port Arthur, whether commercial, civic or medical.



**R**OY D. WILSON, M. D., whose activities for the past decade and a half, have identified him with the medical fraternity of Houston, has found this city ripe in professional advantages. He commenced the practice of medicine at Houston in 1908, as a general practitioner, and since that time his work has been continued along the same broad lines. Dr. Wilson's close contact with his professional duties, and his altruistic attitude toward public health make him most valued as a citizen, and his is one of the most honored names in the medical fraternity at Houston. Dr. Wilson has his offices in the Keystone Building.

Dr. Wilson was born at Houston, Texas, the first of January, 1886, the son of J. S. Wilson, M. D., a physician of Houston, and the grandson of N. C. Wilson, M. D., both natives of Pennsylvania, who came to the Lone Star State in 1865. Dr. Wilson attended the public schools of Houston, and as a student in high school, specialized in French and German. After graduating from high school Dr. Wilson took a musical course at the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston, and is an accomplished musician. Later he entered Tulane Medical University, taking his M. D. degree in 1908. Dr. Wilson has practiced in Houston since taking his degree, with the exception of a period of military service. Dr. Wilson enlisted in May, 1917, and was commissioned First Lieutenant, Medical Corps, U. S. A., and called to active service the nineteenth of July, 1917, and assigned to Fort Clarke, and later to Fort Sam Houston, Base Hospital. He was made Captain the second of February, 1918, Major in May, 1919, and was discharged the first of November, 1919, returning to Houston and resuming his practice here.

Dr. Wilson was married at Houston the eighth of November, 1911, to Miss Nell K. McGary, a member of a Houston family. Dr. and Mrs. Wilson make their home at 1501 Calumet Drive. Dr. Wilson is a Mason, Temple No. 4, Blue Lodge, Eighteenth Degree, Scottish Rite, a Knight Templar, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He belongs to the Rotary Club, the Salesmanship Club, the University Club, the River Oaks Country Club, and takes an active interest in the social and musical life of Houston. He belongs to the Houston Academy of Medicine, the Harris County Medical Society, the South Texas District Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

**T**E. DUNNAM, M. D., one of the very able members of the medical profession in Houston, has in the several years of his practice here attained a commendable reputation in the field of general medicine and is regarded by his associates as particularly well equipped for this work. Dr. Dunnam came to Houston in 1920, after a decade of successful practice elsewhere, and has been associated with Drs. Hargrove, Spiller and Levy as a member of the medical firm of Hargrove, Dunnam, Spiller and Levy, who maintain offices in the Keystone Building. Dr. Dunnam is accustomed to the diffuse responsibility of the general practitioner, and with an invaluable faculty for diagnosis and exceptional training, brings to bear an assured knowledge in the field of general medicine. He is faithful to his responsibilities as custodian of the welfare of his patients and has built up a very large

practice.

Dr. Dunnam was born in Harris County the second of December, 1884. His father, W. J. Dunnam, likewise a native of the Lone Star State, was born in Polk County, near Livingston, in 1849, the son of William T. Dunnam, a slave owner and planter on a large scale, who was born in Mississippi in 1804 and came to Texas in 1840. His mother was before her marriage Miss Josephine Collins. As a boy of two years old Dr. Dunnam was taken to Conroe, Texas, and was reared there, attending the public schools and later entering the University of Texas. His first medical practice was in 1907 in Montgomery County, where as an undergraduate he practiced on certificate. He took his degree from the medical department of the University of Texas at Galveston, in 1912, and began his regular practice at Spring, in Harris County, where he remained until coming to Houston in 1920.

Dr. Dunnam was married at Spring, the twenty-seventh of April, 1910, to Miss Olive M. Henry. Dr. and Mrs. Dunnam have two children, Martena Olive and Thomas Eugene, Jr. and reside at 715 Hawthorne Street. Dr. Dunnam is a Mason, being affiliated with Houston Blue Lodge No. 1189, the Chapter at Conroe, the Consistory at Galveston, and Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He belongs to the Harris County Medical Society, the South Texas District Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Dr. Dunnam is active in all civic work and is particularly interested in the development of Houston along medical lines. He is interested in the broader aspect of his vocation, finding public health work especially appealing, and is one of the substantial residents of his community.



**L**RED R. LUMMIS, physician and surgeon, has been identified with the medical fraternity of Houston since 1916 when he finished college and returned to the city of his nativity to begin the practice of his profession. Dr. Lummis is a member of the firm of Lummis and McMurrey, with offices located at 819-20 Union National Bank Building and is engaged in a general practice of medicine, but devotes the greater portion of his time to surgery. In addition to his private practice, Dr. Lummis is on the staff of general surgery of the Baptist Hospital and is the medical advisor of the department of athletics of the Rice Institute.

A native Texas, Dr. Lummis was born in Houston November 1st, 1884. His father, H. H. Lummis (deceased since 1917), was a well known Houston lawyer and a member of an old Texas family. His mother was Miss Minnie Rice, a member of one of Houston's most prominent families, whose forbears came to Texas in the early days when the state's history was in the making. The pre-medical education of Dr. Lummis was received in the high school of Houston, and in the private school which was conducted for many years by Prof. Welch. Later, he became a student of the University of the South and graduated from this institution in the class of 1906 with the B. A. Degree. He then attended Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, from which he graduated in 1913 with the M. D. Degree. During 1914 and 1915, he served an internship at Jefferson College Hospital, and in 1916 returned to Houston and began a general practice of medicine,





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which he continued until June 1917 when he entered the World War and was commissioned a First Lieutenant. He served at Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas, and went to France March 25th, 1918, with the Ninth Infantry and served at Base Hospital 116 and later at No. 91 where he was operating surgeon. He was discharged as a captain in July 1919, when he returned to Houston and resumed his practice. Dr. Lummis is interested in various commercial enterprises in Houston and is a director in the Union National Bank.

Dr. Lummis is a member of the Alpha Kappa Kappa (Hon.), Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Alpha Sigma (medical frat.), Houston Country Club, University Club, American Medical Association, State, County and Southern Societies. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., and is a Knight Templar of this organization and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple. Dr. Lummis believes that Houston will become a great medical center, and that it is the logical place for same, and that this will come with the building of more hospitals.



**C**ARL B. YOUNG, M. D., who has during the several years of his residence at Houston been identified with medical activities, has taken an active interest in the advancement of progressive medical ideals, and is one of the foremost physicians and surgeons of this city. Dr. Young, while not limiting his work to surgery, has given special attention to this work, and has had exceptional success with his surgical cases. Dr. Young has been specially trained in this field, and approaches the most difficult case with confidence. He is on the teaching staff of the Municipal Hospital and on the visiting staff of St. Joseph's Hospital. He maintains his office in the Union National Bank Building.

Dr. Young was born at Lynchburg, Virginia, the fifth of January, 1891. His father, Dr. C. B. Young was for many years a prominent physician at Lynchburg, and has a large practice there. As a boy Dr. Young attended the public schools of Lynchburg, and later Rockhill College at Ellicott City, Maryland. He was also a student at the Holy Cross Academy at Lynchburg. For his medical training he went to the Medical College of Virginia at Richmond, Virginia, and took his medical degree there the second of June, 1914. He spent the following year in the Memorial Hospital at Richmond, where he was interne. He then spent fourteen months at the C. & O. Railroad Hospital at Huntington, West Virginia, after which he came to Texas and began his practice here. When the United States entered the World War, Dr. Young enlisted in service, and was commissioned First Lieutenant, Medical Corps, U. S. A., the seventeenth of August, 1917, and was sent to the Medical Officers Training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia, for three months. From there he went to the University of Pennsylvania for a special course in surgery and was assigned to Fort Sill on field duty. Later he went overseas with Base Hospital No. 85, and was on detached service at Paris, with the American Red Cross, Hospital No. 3, and later at Angers, France, with Base Hospital, No. 85, his original unit. He returned to the United States in February, 1919, and was on duty at the Base Hospital at Camp Grant, until discharged the third of May, 1919. Dr. Young then returned to

Houston, and resumed his practice here.

Dr. Young was married at Houston the first of February, 1922, to Miss Eleanor Hamilton. They make their home at 3603 Audubon Place. Dr. Young is a Knight of Columbus, and is chairman of the First Aid Section of Southwestern Division of the Red Cross. He belongs to the Harris County Medical Society, the South Texas Medical Society, the State Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the Southern Medical Association of Military Surgeons.



**D**R. E. F. COOKE, Pathologist, came to Houston in 1907 from Ellis County, where he had been engaged in the general practice of medicine, which he continued in this city until 1909, when he opened his general clinical laboratory to do pathological work. He devotes his entire time to this branch of medical work and has built up a splendid practice. Dr. Cooke is Professor of Bacteriology of the Texas Dental College and has attained considerable prominence as an instructor, and is regarded as the leading Pathologist in Houston.

Dr. Cooke was born in England and came to the United States in 1890. He lived for one year in Iowa and then came to Galveston. His father, H. C. Cooke (deceased since 1920) was a well known architect, and after coming to Texas resided in Galveston, Houston and Corsicana. His mother (deceased since 1913) was Miss Elizabeth A. Fenton, a member of a prominent English family. Dr. Cooke's early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Galveston. Later he attended the University of Texas, graduating from the Medical Department of that institution in 1897 with the M. D. degree. During 1897 and 1898 he served as an Interne in Saint Mary's Infirmary, Galveston. During almost every year since that time, Dr. Cooke takes a course of study at Northern Laboratories. In the latter part of the year 1898 Dr. Cooke engaged in a general practice of medicine near Conroe, Texas, and remained there until 1900, when he located in Ellis County and remained in this county until 1907, when he came to Houston and was engaged in the general practice of medicine until he opened his laboratory, which includes general clinical laboratory work.

Dr. Cooke became a naturalized citizen in 1917 and during the same year entered the World War. He was commissioned a Lieutenant, and later was made a Captain. He served a greater part of his time in General Hospital No. 33, at Fort Logan H. Roots, as chief of the Pathological service, and was discharged March 12, 1919. Dr. Cooke was married June 10, 1899, to Miss Pearl F. McCluskey. They have four children, Alice Elizabeth, now Mrs. Sam Hutchison, Edward Fenton, Jr., Arthur and Marian. In fraternal, social and medical association, Dr. Cooke holds membership in the A. F. and A. M., Glenbrook Country Club, Old River Club, of which organization he was President, Society of American Bacteriologists, American Medical Association, Harris County Medical Society and the State Pathological Society. Dr. Cooke is deeply interested in making Houston a great medical center, and says that there are many plans on foot that will greatly help the city to become the leading medical center of the Southwest, and that they will be worked out successfully within a few years.





**R. D. A. MANN**, a resident of Beaumont for around a decade, and one of the ablest physicians of this section, has earned noteworthy prominence in his profession, and his standing as a physician has been stamped with the approval of the community. Dr. Mann came to Beaumont in September of 1916, and has been engaged in general practice since that time. For the past several years he has been associated with Dr. Hugh E. Alexander, having formed a partnership with him at the time the latter came here in 1922. Dr. Mann has his offices, equipped with those aids to practice modern medicine demands, in the Perlstein Building, and has been accorded a large patronage.

Dr. Mann was born in Tyler County, Texas, the twenty-eighth of August, 1876. His father, S. E. Mann, a native of the Lone Star State, has been a Baptist Minister in Tyler County for many years, and is still active in this work, although past seventy-five years of age. His mother, before her marriage Miss Annie Enlow, is also a native Texan, and lives in Tyler County. Dr. Mann attended the schools of Tyler County as a boy, and after finishing his public school work entered Tulane University, at New Orleans, in the medical department, taking his M. D. Degree in 1906. He has further fortified himself for his profession by post-graduate work, and spent some time at Mayo Brothers, at Rochester, Minnesota, and at the clinics at New Orleans. He began his practice in Angelina County, and practiced there for around a decade, until coming to Beaumont, in 1916.

Dr. Mann was married the twenty-second of October, 1893, in Tyler County, to Miss Alma Sturrock, a native of that county. They have four children, Bertha, wife of C. J. Plummer of Port Arthur, and who has two children, Eunice Edith and Mary. The family resides at 1735 Victoria Avenue, and attend the Baptist Church, to which Dr. Mann liberally contributes. Dr. Mann belongs to the American Legion, and is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, the South Texas Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He has, notwithstanding the exacting demands made upon him professionally, taken a deep interest in the advancement of Beaumont, and has done much for the welfare and development of this city.



**R. EDWARD W. VAUGHAN**, whose name for around a decade has been of special significance in the medical fraternity at Port Arthur, is one of a group of physicians who have taken a large part in the medical advancement of the city, and is one of the leading eye, ear, nose and throat specialists here. Dr. Vaughan came to Port Arthur in 1916, and with the exception of a short time spent in Houston has engaged in practice here since that time, limiting his work to the eye, ear, nose and throat. He maintains a well appointed suite of offices in the Deuter Building and has a large and well established practice.

Dr. Vaughan was born at Paintsville, Kentucky, the ninth of April, 1880, the son of C. N. Vaughan, a native of Virginia, and now of Kentucky, where he is a well known Methodist minister. Dr. Vaughan spent his early years in Kentucky, attending the public schools of that state. He received his pre-medical training at Ashland College and Marion

Normal College, and after nine years spent in Indiana, where he taught school, he entered the Chicago College of Medicine and Surgery, where he took his medical degree in 1910. He served his internship at the Chicago Women's Hospital, during his last year at college, and immediately after taking his degree came to Lampasas, Texas, where he began his practice. He engaged in practice there for six years, building up a large practice and winning the highest esteem of his confreres. He came to Port Arthur in 1916, and remained here until 1920, when he went to Houston to engage in the oil business, remaining there for one year. He then returned to Port Arthur and resumed his practice, and has so continued to the present time. Dr. Vaughan is also active in the business world, and is president of the Vaughan-Pace Hardware and Furniture Company, the largest hardware establishment in Port Arthur, and is vice president of the W. F. and J. F. Barnes Lumber Company of Waco.

Dr. Vaughan was married at Lampasas, Texas, the fourth of April, 1916, to Miss Myrtle Barnes, a native of the Lone Star State. They reside in Port Arthur at 1911 Fifth Street, and have one child, Alice Elizabeth. Dr. Vaughan is a member of the Elks Club, the Tarpon Club, of which he is vice president and a director, and is a Mason, Blue Lodge, at Port Arthur, Knight Templar, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He is known and valued as an enthusiastic and progressive representative of the medical profession and has contributed to make Port Arthur one of the most medically advanced cities of the coast.



**W. KUEBLER, M. D.**, has since coming to this city won recognition for his work in the field of Urology, and has contributed materially to the standing of Houston as a medical center. Dr. Kuebler has been associated in his practice with Dr. D. C. DeWalt, also an eminent Urologist, and as a medical firm they have taken an important part in the professional life of the city. Dr. Kuebler has his offices in the Kress Building, and has an extensive practice in his chosen specialty. He is well equipped for his work along this line, and is on the staff of the Municipal Hospital, and also practices in the various hospitals of the city.

Dr. Kuebler was born at Jasper, Indiana, on the seventh of August, 1887. His father, Edward J. Kuebler, a native of Indiana, has been for many years in the general merchandising business at Jasper, where he is well known for his business and civic activities incident to the prosperity of that city. Dr. Kuebler received his elementary education in the public schools of Jasper, and after graduating from the high school there entered the Indiana University School of Medicine, taking his M. D. degree in 1909. The following year he served as Interne at St. Anthony's Hospital, at Terre Haute, after which he went to Indianapolis, where he engaged in general practice until enlisting in military service during the recent war. Dr. Kuebler was commissioned Junior Lieutenant, U. S. N., R. F., Medical Corps, in September, 1917, and assigned to duty at the Naval Base at Hampton Roads, in the Urological Department, where he served a year and a half. He then served as Medical Officer in Transport Service, making six trips across, and was discharged in September, 1919, resuming his practice.



He came to Houston in 1920, at which time he limited his work to Urology.

Dr. Kuebler is a charter member of the Sam Houston Post of the American Legion, and has taken an active interest in the work among the veterans sponsored by this organization, particularly along vocational lines, and in the work among the disabled veterans. He was the first Post Surgeon, and achieved splendid results in his work for the Legion. Dr. Kuebler has also taken a deep interest in all public health measures, and in the general civic advancement of the city. He is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. A man of high mental attainment, gracious and cultured, he has been a factor in social, as well as civic activities, and is one of the best liked citizens of Houston.



**NICHOLAS ANDRONIS, A. B., M. D.,** Galveston, Texas, has been an active figure in the medical circles of this city since he received his degree from the medical branch of the University of Texas in 1918. Dr. Andronis is engaged in a general practice of medicine. He is also instructor in surgery at the University of Texas in the medical department, and is acting assistant surgeon of the United States Public Health. During the period of the World War, Dr. Andronis was instructor at Galveston for the S. A. T. C. He has succeeded in building up a large practice here in his chosen branch of the medical profession and is regarded as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of this city.

A native of Greece, Dr. Andronis was born on January 23rd, 1891. His parents were well known and highly esteemed citizens of their native country. Dr. Andronis came to America as a boy and grew to manhood in the State of Maine. His academic education was obtained in the public and high schools of Massachusetts, after which he became a student of Bates College in the state of Maine, where he graduated in the class of 1914 with the A. B. degree. He then came to Texas and entered the medical branch of the University of Texas and graduated here in the class of 1918, with the M. D. degree. While at the university he became a member of the Phi Beta Kappa fraternity, and the Kappa Psi Medical fraternity.

In fraternal and social organizations Dr. Andronis holds membership in the Masonic order, Tucker Lodge of Galveston, and in the B. P. O. E., the Knights of Pythias and the Lions Club, in all of which he takes an active interest. He is at present secretary of the Galveston County Medical Association, and is one of the most active members of this association. He is identified with the State Medical Association, the South Texas Medical Society, Fellow of the American Medical Association, Association of Military Surgeons and the American Surgical Hygiene Association, and takes a deep interest in all matters pertaining to his profession, and especially to that branch of the science in which he is especially engaged. Dr. Andronis believes that Galveston has need of more hospitals and that the chances for this city becoming a great medical center are exceptionally encouraging. He is greatly in favor of the young physicians of today specializing in some branch of the medical profession as the day of the general doctor has passed. The

public is much in favor of a specialist for any ill, and the vast amount of the business in this line is going over to the specialists.

Dr. Andronis is the author of a work on the Fundamentals of the English Language and has contributed to medical literature.

Dr. Andronis resides at the Beissner Building and his office is conveniently located at 703 American National Insurance Company Building, where he has all modern equipment for the branch of the profession in which he pays particular attention. Dr. Andronis is popular with the medical fraternity of Galveston, and is recognized as an advocate of the highest ethics. He is also popular in the business and social circles of the city, where he has a host of friends.



**R. SAMUEL B. LYONS**, foremost physician of Beaumont, has attained an enviable reputation in the field of ophthalmology, otology, rhinology and laryngology, and is one of the most prominent members of the medical fraternity of his city. Dr. Lyons has been located at Beaumont since the second of March, 1921, when he came here to establish his practice, and has been accorded a substantial patronage. He has limited his work to the eye, ear, nose and throat, bringing to bear an assured knowledge, the result of years of intensive training, in his definite line, and has achieved splendid results in this field. Dr. Lyons has his offices at 310½ Crockett Street.

Dr. Lyons was born at Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, the twentieth of November, 1893. His father, Dr. S. M. Lyons, a practicing physician of Sulphur, Louisiana, for many years, and a graduate of Tulane University, class of 1891, is prominently identified with medical affairs in Louisiana. His mother, whose maiden name was Dellic Broussard, a native of Louisiana, is deceased. Dr. Lyons received his early instruction in the schools of Louisiana, and took his pre-medical work at Southwestern University, at Lafayette, Louisiana, graduating there in 1913. He then entered Tulane University, in the medical department, at New Orleans, taking his medical degree in 1917, and entering the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital, at New Orleans. After a short time there he enlisted in military service, entering the army in October, 1917, as lieutenant. He was sent to Camp Oglethorpe, and several months later to Camp Lewis, going overseas with the ninety-first division. After ten months in France he was returned to the United States and sent to Camp Merrett, where he was discharged five months later, the sixth of October, 1919, as captain. He returned to the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Hospital at New Orleans, completing his work there, after which he came to Beaumont and began his practice.

Dr. Lyons was married in Louisiana, the sixth of December, 1917, to Miss Lucille West, a native of that state. Dr. and Mrs. Lyons have made their home in Beaumont for some years past, residing at 2380 Liberty Street, and are active in the social life of their community. Dr. Lyons is a member of the Elks Club, at New Orleans, and the Round Table Club, at Beaumont, and belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is one of the most popular of the younger physicians at Beaumont and takes a leading part in the professional life of the city.





**R. G. T. REUSS**, one of the recent recruits to the medical fraternity of Cuero, is particularly well equipped for the practice of medicine and surgery, and is giving his support to the improvement of medical standards and public health at Cuero. Dr. Reuss operates the Reuss Memorial Hospital, a hospital established by his father, the late Dr. J. H. Reuss, as a memorial to his father, Dr. J. M. Reuss, pioneer physician of this section. After his father's death, Dr. Reuss changed the original plan of the hospital, making it a memorial to both his father and his grandfather, and in giving to the public this fine memorial hospital pays a fitting tribute to those two pioneer physicians who spent a lifetime in the alleviation of suffering. The Reuss Memorial Hospital is a completely equipped, thirty-five bed hospital, with a staff of highly specialized physicians and surgeons, aided by a corps of trained nurses, in charge of the work. Dr. Reuss is in charge of the medical department; Dr. W. H. Paine of the laboratory, and J. W. Hook is business manager of the hospital. Drs. S. P. Boothe and J. M. Lackay do both medical and surgical work at the hospital, and Drs. Duckworth and Sals, eye, ear, nose and throat work.

Dr. G. T. Reuss was born at Cuero, Texas, the fifth of November, 1897, son of Dr. J. H. Reuss and Meta Reiffert Reuss, daughter of Emil Reiffert, a member of the firm of H. Runge and Company for many years. Dr. J. H. Reuss was born at Indianola, the seventeenth of January, 1867, and received his medical and surgical training in New York City. He began his practice in Cuero in 1890, remaining there until 1905, then going to Dallas, practicing there from 1905 until 1911, and was the builder of the Marsalis Sanitarium there. He then came to Cuero, as chief surgeon for the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway here, later building the Reuss Memorial Hospital as a memorial to his father, Dr. J. M. Reuss. Dr. Reuss was regarded as one of the finest surgeons in this section, and his death, which occurred the nineteenth of September, 1919, was a deeply-felt loss to the medical profession, as well as his many friends and patients. Dr. J. H. Reuss' father, the late Dr. J. M. Reuss, was a native of Bavaria and received his medical training in Germany, coming to Texas in 1849. He settled at Indianola and during the Civil War served as a captain in the Confederate Army. He came to Cuero in 1875, and lived here until his death, in 1907. Dr. Reuss was a splendid type of pioneer physician, and few men of the early days were more beloved, or had a higher measure of esteem than he.

Dr. G. T. Reuss, the subject of this sketch, received his early education in the public schools of Cuero, later taking two years pre-medical work at the University of Texas, after which he went to Galveston, entering the medical department of the University of Texas, and taking his medical degree in 1921. He served an internship of one year at the Robert Green Hospital, at San Antonio, and then went to New York City, where he was interne for one year at the Women's Lying-In Hospital of New York City. He then returned to Cuero and began his private practice, and also took over the management of the Reuss Memorial Hospital, established by his father, the late Dr. J. H. Reuss, and a memorial since his death to both Dr. J. H. Reuss and his father, Dr. J. M. Reuss.

Dr. G. T. Reuss is a member of the A. P. O. Medical Fraternity, the Knights of Pythias, the Rotary Club, the DeWitt County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. He is one of the organizers of the Cuero Country Club and is a leader among younger professional men at Cuero. Dr. Reuss gives his enthusiasm largely to medical affairs, and is regarded as one of the most promising of the younger physicians at Cuero, and a worthy representative of a family which for three generations has practiced medicine here.



**R. W. F. TALIAFERRO** has been prominently identified with medical activities at Beaumont for more than a decade and a half, limiting his practice to eye, ear, nose, and throat work, and his name carries a prestige in this field that is a distinct asset to the city with which it is associated. Dr. Taliaferro came to Beaumont and began his practice in the spring of 1908, after some years of general practice at other points in Texas. Since coming to Beaumont he has limited his work to the eye, ear, nose and throat, and has been accorded a substantial patronage. His office is on the third floor of the San Jacinto Life Building.

Dr. Taliaferro was born at Bryan, Texas, the twenty-sixth of May, 1879, the son of W. G. Taliaferro, for many years prominent in law and affairs at Bryan, and member of the old established law firm of Davis, Bell and Taliaferro. He served for many years as district judge, and is still active, although more than seventy-five years old. His mother, who is deceased, was before her marriage Miss Mary Field, a sister of Scott Field, one of the most prominent men of the Lone Star State. As a boy Dr. Taliaferro attended the public schools of Bryan, and later entered A. & M. College, where he spent two years. This was followed by two years at Randolph Macon Academy, and a period at the University of Virginia, after which he entered the medical department of the University of Texas, at Galveston, where he spent two years, then going to Tulane University, at New Orleans, where he took his M. D. degree in 1902. Since that time he has had the advantage of post-graduate work in the medical centers of the country, and has taken special work in ophthalmology, otology, rhinology and laryngology, at the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College at New Orleans, and the Manhattan Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College, the Beck Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College at Chicago, and the New York Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College. Dr. Taliaferro began his medical practice at his native city, Bryan, in 1902, doing general practice for a time. In 1904, during the oil boom at Saratoga, he went there and spent several years, coming to Beaumont in 1908.

Dr. Taliaferro was married at Wheelock, Texas, the fourth of November, 1904, to Miss Lizzie Cavitt, daughter of Volney Cavitt, a member of one of the most prominent Robertson County families. Dr. and Mrs. Taliaferro have two children, Elizabeth and Ruth, and live at 2268 Liberty Street. Dr. Taliaferro is a Mason, belonging to the Blue Lodge at Beaumont. He belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association, and is active in all civic work.





**D. CREVISTON, M. D.**, became identified with the medical fraternity at Houston a number of years ago, and has since become one of the leading physicians of this city, taking a foremost part in medical and civic advancement. Dr. Creviston has a large private practice in this city, and is Assistant Medical Director for the Union National Life Insurance Company, and also on the staff of the Norsworthy Hospital. Dr. Creviston is a man of high intellectual attainments, and has received the best professional advantages, and as a practitioner has found great favor with the public. He has a modernly equipped office in the Keystone Building, where every provision has been made for the comfort of his patients, as well as their medical treatment. Dr. Creviston came to Houston in 1916, after a decade and a half of successful practice elsewhere, during which time he had established a reputation in the field of general practice, a reputation which has increased since coming here.

Dr. Creviston was born at West Liberty, Ohio, the first of July, 1873, son of John Creviston, a farmer of that state. He attended the public schools near his home as a boy, and after graduating from high school, entered the Medical Department of the Ohio State University, where he took his M. D. degree in 1900. He then went to Ritman, Ohio, where he engaged in practice for five years, following which he went to North Lewisburg, Ohio, and was a general practitioner there for seven years. In 1912 he came to Texas, going to Colorado County, where he remained until 1916, when he came to Houston.

Dr. Creviston was married in Ohio, the twenty-ninth of November, 1900, to Miss Gertrude Herr. Dr. and Mrs. Creviston now make their home in Houston at 1217 Wichita Street, and have one child, Miss Joy, a student of music at the College of Industrial Arts, at Denton, Texas. Fraternally, Dr. Creviston is a Mason, Blazing Star Blue Lodge, No. 268, Ohio, Chapter and Consistory at Houston, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He belongs to the Retail Credit Men's Association, the Shrine Luncheon Club, and is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association, and was a member of the School Board in 1922-23. Dr. Creviston is the modern type who finds in civic work an opportunity for service not to be overlooked, and has used his influence to accomplish many material things for this city from a health standpoint, greatly increasing the desirability of Houston as a residence city.



**R. R. RAY ORRILL** has for a number of years been held in high esteem for his work in the medical advancement of Port Arthur, and is one of the foremost members of the medical fraternity of this city. Dr. Orrill came to Port Arthur to establish his practice in 1920, and as a general practitioner has found favor with the public. His record is creditable along all lines, and his genuine talents have won the highest regard of his confreres. Dr. Orrill has his offices in the Terminal Building.

Dr. R. Ray Orrill was born at Mount Pleasant, Texas, the fourteenth of April, 1889, the son of L. Orrill, a native of East Texas, and a farmer and machine shop owner, and Minta Young Orrill, also

a native of East Texas, and who now resides at Mount Pleasant. Dr. Orrill attended the public schools of Mount Pleasant, later taking his pre-medical work at the East Texas Normal. He then entered the University of Arkansas, in the medical department, for his medical training, receiving his medical degree from that institution. Dr. Orrill then went to New Orleans, Louisiana, to take post-graduate work at Tulane University, and after finishing his work there he entered the Charity Hospital at New Orleans, where he spent two years. Fortified by this excellent professional training, he looked over the various locations offered, and decided on Port Arthur as offering greater advantages to the physician, and came to this city in 1920. His practice has since been along general lines and he has an unusually large clientele.

Dr. Orrill was married at New Orleans, the twenty-fifth of November, 1919, to Miss Golda Rae Hewitt, a native of Mississippi. Dr. and Mrs. Orrill have since made their home at Port Arthur, residing at 2603 Fourth Street. They have one child, Margie. Dr. Orrill is one of the substantial citizens of Port Arthur, interested in the medical and civic advancement of this city, and devotes much of his time to general welfare work. He finds questions concerning public health especially appealing, and is an advocate of all measures for improving health standards here. Dr. Orrill keeps in touch with the developments of modern medical science, and is allied with the various medical associations.



**R. O. S. HODGES**, who has been prominently identified with medical activities at Beaumont for around a quarter of a century. Dr. Hodges has his offices in the San Jacinto Life Building and since coming to Beaumont in 1900 has practiced alone, his work being limited to the eye, ear, nose and throat.

Dr. Hodges was born in Galveston, Texas, the fifth of March, 1874. His father, J. W. Hodges, came to Texas in 1859, and was a merchant at Georgetown for many years, and for sixteen years was county clerk there. He retired some years before his death, which occurred at the advanced age of 89 years. Dr. Hodges' mother, who before her marriage was Miss Emily Rucker, a native of Tennessee, is also deceased. Dr. Hodges began his education in the public schools of Georgetown, and after finishing high school there entered Southwestern University, where he took the A. B. degree in 1893. He then entered the University of Pennsylvania, in the medical department and took his M. D. degree from that university in 1897. He then came to Galveston and began his practice in that city, remaining there until after the storm of 1900, when he came to Beaumont.

Dr. Hodges was married at Beaumont, the twenty-third of October, 1902, to Miss Claire McClure, who was born in Illinois and reared in Louisiana. They reside at 1910 Calder Street and have two children, Claire and J. William. The family attend the Methodist Church. Dr. Hodges is a member of the Magnolia Club, the Beaumont Club, the Neches Club, the Rotary Club and Country Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, Blue Lodge and Knight Templar. He belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association.





**HIRAM R. GILLIAM, M. D.**, has for more than a decade been held in high esteem for his activities incident to the upbuilding of Houston, and is one of the most able members of the medical fraternity of this city. Dr. Gilliam has been at Houston since 1910, and has engaged in practice of a general nature, giving special attention to surgical work, with its limitless possibilities and special technic. His natural ability and mental endowments, combined with an excellent medical training and an experience that has brought him in touch with humanity in all phases and conditions, have been contributing factors to his years of successful practice, and the regard in which he is held as a helper of suffering humanity. Dr. Gilliam keeps in close touch with all advancements made in medical science, particularly in the field of surgery and preventative medicine, and is particularly well equipped for his professional duties. He has his office at 751 Kress Building, and does his hospital work at the Baptist Hospital and St. Joseph's Infirmary.

Dr. Gilliam was born the twenty-fifth of January, 1873, in the state of Alabama, and came to Texas as a child, in 1878, at which time his parents located in Williamson County, where his father, D. C. Gilliam, was a farmer and blacksmith. His mother before her marriage was Miss Mary Lindsey, a native of Alabama. Dr. Gilliam attended the rural schools near his home as a boy, later entering Texas Christian University, when that institution was at Waco, for a two year pre-medical course, after which he entered Fort Worth Medical College, now a part of T. C. U., where he studied medicine for two years. He then went to the University of Louisville, finishing his medical course there and taking his degree in 1909. He served the following year as interne at the City Hospital at Louisville, after which he came to Houston and entered upon his professional career.

Dr. Gilliam was married at Houston, Texas, the seventeenth of November, 1911, to Miss Nelle Radley, a native of Louisville, Kentucky. Dr. and Mrs. Gilliam make their home at 745 Heights Boulevard, and are popular members of their social set. Fraternally, Dr. Gilliam is an Odd Fellow. He belongs to the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas State Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. Dr. Gilliam is one of the substantial citizens of Houston, is thoroughly public spirited, a man of distinguished bearing, and well qualified for the place of leadership he has taken since coming to this city.



**PETER H. SCARDINO, M. D.**, has since coming to Houston to establish his practice performed conspicuous service to his community, especially in the field of surgery, and gives his best energy and enthusiasm to the advancement of medical standards. Dr. Scardino has attained a place of leadership as a surgeon, and has contributed many papers, read before the various medical societies of which he is a member, to the literature in this science. His experience in the field of surgery has been unusually broad, and he has for a number of years been on the Surgical Staff at St. Joseph's Hospital and also at the Municipal Hospital. He also served for four years as City Physician, making an excellent record and greatly improving the then existing standards under which this depart-

ment operated. He was also for two years Chief of the City Hospital, and under his direction this institution attained a high state of development and became an institution of unusual importance from a medical standpoint. Dr. Scardino has made an excellent record along all lines, and in addition to his several public offices, has an exceptionally large private practice.

Dr. Scardino was born in Italy, the fifth of November, 1883. His father, V. Scardino, came to Houston when Dr. Scardino was a boy of seven years, and has since made his home in this city, engaging in the leather and shoe business. His mother, before her marriage, was Miss N. Culmone. Of the children, five were born in Italy, and three in America. The family is intensely American, in spirit, believing in American ideals and traditions. Dr. Scardino's great-grandfather, as well as many other members of the family in Italy, were surgeons, his great-grandfather, Dr. Vito Scardino, known as "Red" Scardino, having been a surgeon in the army of Garibaldi, the great Italian Liberator.

With these traditions, it was but natural for Dr. Scardino to look on surgery as his life's vocation, and from boyhood this was his ambition. His education was excellent, and along general lines, as a boy, when he attended the public schools of Houston, and also studied at St. Thomas College and under private tutors. He entered Tulane, at New Orleans, and after an exceptionally promising career there, was given the M. D. degree on the eighth of May, 1907. After a short time engaged in private practice at Houston Dr. Scardino enlisted in military service and was commissioned Captain in the Medical Corps, on the twenty-eighth of May, 1918, and assigned to Base No. 102, in Italy, with the American Expeditionary Forces. During the last offensive, Dr. Scardino had charge of a surgical team in a field hospital during this offensive, and made an exceptional record. After the Armistice he was on special duty in Florence for a time, and discharged the twenty-third of May, 1919. He was decorated by the Italian Government, with the Military Order of Merit in recognition of his services while in Italy. Returning to the States he resumed his practice in Houston and has since that time continued to add steadily to his reputation as a surgeon.

Dr. Scardino was married at Houston the twenty-sixth of October, 1910, to Miss Maud Muller, daughter of John H. Muller, an American-born business man of German descent. Dr. and Mrs. Scardino make their home at 4520 Rossmoyne Boulevard. Dr. Scardino is a companion in the Military Order of Foreign Wars, and belongs to the University Club and the Kiwanis Club. He is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the South Texas Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the American Medical Association, and was made a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons at Chicago, the twenty-sixth of October, 1923. Dr. Scardino's advancement in his chosen field of surgery, while rapid, has been well deserved, and few men have to their credit the successes that have been his in the same length of time.



**WINFIELD G. MCDEED, M. D.**, who came to Houston, after more than a decade of successful experience in the field of X-Ray work, is widely known for his activities in this field. Dr. McDeed is a pioneer in X-Ray work and has been interested in its development since



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the early days, when, with the crude machines then available, he began his first experiments in this field. Since that day he has kept apace of all advancements in this field, and has from time to time taken post-graduate work in this subject. Dr. McDeed at first carried on his general practice, in conjunction with X-Ray work, but as this latter began to assume a place of more importance in the medical world he gradually dropped out of general practice, and, since 1916, has given his time exclusively to X-Ray work. His offices are in the Keystone Building. Dr. McDeed is Roentgentologist on the Staff of St. Joseph's Hospital, and on the Staff at the Municipal Hospital.

Dr. McDeed was born at Weldon, Illinois, the twenty-sixth of November, 1879, son of the late G. N. McDeed, and grandson of John McDeed, who came from Illinois and fought in the Mexican War. After attending the schools near his home for a time, he entered Wesleyan Academy, at Bloomington, Illinois, where he attended from 1890 until 1900. He then entered Northwestern University at Chicago, and took his medical work there, receiving his M. D. Degree in 1904. Later, in 1914, he took post graduate work at the Chicago Medical College, specializing in X-Ray work. After taking his degree, Dr. McDeed began general practice, and, in 1908, while practicing at Newton, Illinois, turned his attention to X-Ray work. In 1916 he began to limit his practice to this field, and since coming to Houston in 1920 has added much to his reputation as a Roentgenologist. Dr. McDeed was in military service during the recent war, entering as Captain in the Medical Corps in 1917, and, after four months at Cornell, was sent to Camp Lee, Virginia, as Chief of the Department of Roentgenology, remaining there one year. He was discharged in May, 1919.

Dr. McDeed was married in Illinois to Miss Anabell McIntosh, a member of an Illinois family. They now make their home in Houston, at 2111 Southampton Place. Dr. McDeed is a member of the Kiwanis Club, and takes a deep interest in civic activities. He is a member of the Radiological Society of North America, taking an active interest in advancements in this field. Dr. McDeed belongs to the Harris County Medical Society, the South Texas Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the Texas Radiological Society. His interests in the advancement of X-Ray work have made him a figure of more than local prominence, and Dr. McDeed is widely known in medical circles for his activities in this line.



**C. DEWALT, M. D.**, one of the foremost representatives of the medical profession of Houston and a leader in the field of urology, has since coming to this city devoted his time not only to his extensive private practice but to the broader interests of his profession. Dr. DeWalt came to Houston the first of February, 1919, as past assistant surgeon for the U. S. Public Health Service, and assistant director of Venereal Disease Clinic No. 1, remaining with this service until 1921, since which time the work has been carried forward by the state and the city of Houston. Dr. DeWalt is still retained as consulting and attending specialist in charge of the venereal clinic and has done an important work in this respect. He has a

large private practice, specializing in urology, his work in this field attracting the attention of the medical fraternity and ranking him as one of the leading urologists in the city. Dr. DeWalt has his offices in the Kress Building and works at the Baptist, St. Joseph's and Methodist Hospitals and the new City-County Hospital. He is associated with Dr. Kuebler, also a well known urologist of Houston.

Dr. DeWalt was born in Fort Bend County, Texas, the twenty-seventh day of September, 1888. Dr. DeWalt is a member of one of the most prominent and honored pioneer families of the Lone Star State. His grandfather, T. D. DeWalt, came to Texas in 1833 and was an extensive planter, taking a prominent part in cultivating the lands of the state and in the early development of his community. The town of DeWalt, in Fort Bend County, and the home of the family for many years, was named for him. His son, T. W. DeWalt, Dr. DeWalt's father, died as a young man when Dr. DeWalt was a child of five years of age. On the maternal side also, Dr. DeWalt's forebears were among the distinguished pioneers of the state, Mrs. DeWalt, whose maiden name was Miss Lily Cessna, being a granddaughter of Sidney R. Houston. As a boy, Dr. DeWalt made his home in Houston, receiving his elementary education in the public schools of this city. Later he entered St. Mary's Academy, at La Porte, Texas, and after finishing his work there, went to Dallas, entering the medical department of Baylor University, where he took his medical degree in 1909. In 1910 he served as interne at St. Paul's Sanitarium, at Dallas, the following year becoming attending physician at Ramsey State Farm, a position he held until his enlistment in military service in 1917. Dr. DeWalt was commission first lieutenant, Medical Corps, U. S. A., the fifteenth of June, 1917, and assigned to the medical officers training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Later he became instructor at the Medical Reserve Officers School, at Camp Greenleaf, Georgia, retiring the second of January, 1919, as captain of the Medical Officers Reserve Corps, U. S. A. Dr. DeWalt then returned to Houston in charge of public health work here for the United States Public Health Service and has since resumed his private practice as stated in the opening paragraph.

Dr. DeWalt was married at Peach Point, Brazoria County, Texas, the fourth of May, 1910, to Miss Ruth Huntington, daughter of Marion Huntington, well known cattleman of this section. Dr. and Mrs. DeWalt make their home in Houston at 1520 Truxillo Avenue. Dr. DeWalt is a Catholic and a Knight of Columbus, fourth degree. He is a member of the Glenbrooke Country Club and takes an active part in the social affairs of his city. He is a member of the American Legion and of the medical fraternity, Zeta Delta Chi. Dr. DeWalt belongs to the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. As a physician he has given careful attention to the modern phases of medical practice, particularly in the field of public health, and the control of transmissible diseases as well as preventive medicine, and has an altruistic attitude toward public health matters. He has accounted well for himself as a citizen as well as a physician and takes an active part in the civic advancement of Houston and is interested in all constructive public affairs.





**R. MERCER SWEARINGEN**, for around a decade one of the leading members of the medical fraternity at Port Arthur, is firmly established as a physician who makes his influence felt in every walk of life, and is a recognized authority in the field of obstetrics and pediatrics. Dr. Swearingen came to Port Arthur in 1915, at first engaging in general practice here, but his rapid professional progress soon made it necessary to confine his work to obstetrics and the diseases of children, for which he is particularly well equipped. Dr. Swearingen has his office in the Deutser Building.

Dr. Swearingen was born at Warren, Texas, the sixteenth of December, 1883, the son of C. W. Swearingen, a farmer and saw mill operator of East Texas for many years, and Emmadell Williams Swearingen, a native of Mississippi, who is now deceased. Dr. Swearingen attended the public schools at Woodville, Texas, later entering the University of Texas, in the Medical Department at Galveston, where he received his M. D. degree in 1909. He further fortified himself with post-graduate work in the Medical Department of Washington University at St. Louis, Mo., in 1922 and 1923, specializing in pediatrics, after which he began his professional career at Diball, Texas, where he remained for two years, during which time he built up a large general practice. He then went to Rogers, Texas, remaining there six months, and then went to Honey Island, where he practiced a number of years, after which he came to Port Arthur, as offering a broader future. As a physician and as a citizen, he has made a splendid record, and has occupied a high place in the life of the community.

Dr. Swearingen was married at Browndale, Texas, the twenty-third of December, 1908, to Miss Edna Mae Pruitt, a native of Trinity, Texas, and the daughter of E. E. Pruitt, a resident of Beaumont for many years. Dr. and Mrs. Swearingen own their own home at 3046 Fifth Street, and have two children: Gloria Mae, and Beatrice. Dr. Swearingen is a Mason, Cosmopolitan Blue Lodge, Knight Templar, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He belongs to the Elks Club, the Rotary Club, the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and a Fellow of the American Medical Association. Dr. Swearingen takes a deep interest in all civic measures, particularly those concerning public health and child welfare, and has devoted himself not only to his large private practice, but to the broader interests of his profession in city and state.



**R. LOUIS GOLDSTEIN**, one of the medical "Old Guard" of Beaumont, has for more than a quarter of a century held a place as one of the prominent and successful physicians of this city, and enjoys many distinctions in his profession. Dr. Goldstein came to Beaumont in August, 1898, and since that time has practiced alone, and has demonstrated a professional ability that has placed him at the head of the local fraternity. He practices general medicine and surgery, and is local surgeon for the Southern Pacific Railroad and on the staff at Hospital Dieu. He also has a large private practice, and maintains his offices in the Perlstein Building.

Dr. Goldstein was born in Sweden, the twelfth of October, 1861. He is the son of Jacob Goldstein,

also of that country, who came to the United States when his son was a small boy and settled in Kentucky, where he made his home for many years. As a boy Dr. Goldstein attended the schools of that state, and later of Chicago, Illinois. He entered the University of Illinois, in the medical department, at Chicago, where he took his medical degree in 1886. After taking his degree he returned to Kentucky, going to Stephensport, where he began his practice, and where he spent five years. He then spent several years at other points, and looking over the southern states for a location offering professional advantages, settled at Beaumont, as offering a broad future. He established his practice here in 1898, and has so continued to the present time.

Dr. Goldstein was married at Evansville, Illinois, the fourteenth of April, 1898, to Miss Cora Lee Oppenheimer, a native of Kentucky, and who was reared at Louisville. They make their home in Beaumont, at 2395 McFaddin Avenue, and have three children—Helen J., wife of Carl Abrams of Beaumont; Louise, a student at Baltimore, and Macie P., a student in the Beaumont schools. Dr. Goldstein is a member of the I. O. O. B., and is a Mason, Blue Lodge, No. 286, Beaumont, Royal Arch, and Chapter, also Beaumont. He belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association, but has resigned from all other clubs to devote his time more fully to his professional demands, the welfare of his community and his family.



**R. E. D. MILLS**, during the several years of his residence at Beaumont, has attained a commendable reputation in the field of medicine and surgery, and has established a large practice in this city. Dr. Mills came to Beaumont in November, 1919, and began his practice in this city, and has since been one of the most enthusiastic representatives of the medical profession here. He has his offices in the San Jacinto Life Building, and is a practitioner of high intellectual attainments and splendid discrimination. He has displayed an invaluable faculty of diagnosis and made a record that is creditable along all lines and is one of the leaders among the younger medical men.

Dr. Mills was born at Gay Hill, in Washington County, Texas, the twenty-sixth of June, 1892. His father, Edmond D. Mills, a native of the Lone Star State, was for many years prior to his death a merchant at Gay Hill, and also served as postmaster there. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Nettie Morris, is also a native Texan. Dr. Mills began his education in the public schools of Brenham and Somerville, Texas, later entering Austin College at Sherman, Texas, where he took the A. B. Degree in 1912. He then entered the medical department of the University of Texas at Galveston, and received his M. D. Degree from that institution in 1916, and served his internship at John Sealy Hospital at Galveston, the following year. In July, 1917, he enlisted in military service, and was sent to the Army Medical School at Washington, D. C., where he was commissioned Lieutenant. He then spent a short time at Harvard University, in the medical department, after which he was sent to Camp Upton, and then to Base Hospital No. 47, and later to Camp Greenlee and then to Camp Crane.



This was followed by work at the Army Medical School at Washington, D. C., where he took post-graduate work, after which he was attached to Ambulance Corps No. 10, after which he went to Fort Bliss, Tulsa, attached to the eighty-second field artillery. He was discharged as First Lieutenant, regular army, the thirteenth of August, 1919, and after three months spent at his home, at Somerville, visiting his mother, he came to Beaumont, establishing his private practice here.

Dr. Mills is a Mason, Beaumont Lodge, Thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston, and is a Knight of Pythias. He belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Dr. Mills is a physician of high scientific attainments and is splendidly equipped for any professional demands.

**ROGER D. LEDBETTER, D. D. S.**, came to Yoakum, Texas, in 1915, where, with the exception of the time spent in the World War, he has continued the practice of dentistry in this city. Dr. Ledbetter is engaged in a general practice of his profession, but is also doing a great deal of research work of interest to the dental world. He has since locating here, built up a wonderful practice in Yoakum and the surrounding territory. While yet a young man, Dr. Ledbetter is regarded as one of the leaders in the practice of dentistry in this portion of the state. Prior to locating here, he had been for six years one of the leading dentists of Kenedy and Karnes County. Dr. Ledbetter saw service in the World War, which he entered in August, 1917, and was commissioned a first lieutenant of the Dental Corps and served with the 111th Engineering Corps of the first army. While serving overseas he was made a captain. He was discharged on January 1st, 1920, with the commission of major of the Reserve Corps. Dr. Ledbetter is interested in farming and owns in fee a splendid farm near Yoakum which is cultivated by tenants. He is an advocate of all the modern and improved methods of farming, and believes that Lavaca County, with the proper cultivation of its soil, can be made one of the banner agricultural counties of the Lone Star State.

A native Texan, Dr. Ledbetter was born at Hallettsville on June 30th, 1889. His father, Dr. A. A. Ledbetter (deceased since 1919), was a pioneer physician of Texas, where he practiced medicine for half a century. Dr. A. A. Ledbetter came to the Lone Star State from Mississippi, where he was a member of a prominent family. Dr. Ledbetter's early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Hallettsville, after which he became a student of the Texas Dental College of Houston, Texas, where he remained for several years. He then went to Nashville, Tennessee, where he entered a dental college, and graduated from this institution in the class of 1909 with the D. D. S. Degree. He immediately returned to Texas and established his office at Kenedy where he practiced dentistry until coming to Yoakum.

Dr. Ledbetter was married at Waco, Texas, in 1912, to Miss Myrtle Maud Miller, a native Texan and a member of a pioneer Waco family. They have one son, Roger D. Ledbetter, Jr. Dr. Ledbetter is a member of the Knights of Pythias, "The 40 and 8," the State Dental Association, the National Den-

tal Association and many other fraternal and professional organizations, in all of which he takes an active interest. He also is active in all the civic organizations of Yoakum and gives liberally to all projects having as their object the betterment and advancement of this city. Dr. Ledbetter is fond of hunting and fishing, and relaxes from his work indulging in these outdoor and healthful sports. He is a leader in the profession of Dentistry, and is a steadfast exponent of its highest standards.



**JOHN H. WOOD, D. D. S.**, a leading member of the dental fraternity at Houston, has performed conspicuous service in the field of oral and plastic surgery, to which he limits his practice, and has had very successful professional relations with the community since coming here a number of years ago. Dr. Wood is one of the few men in Texas specializing in the field of oral and plastic surgery, and he has attained many distinctions in his chosen work. Dr. Wood has his office in the Keystone Building, where every provision has been made for handling the most difficult and complicated cases. He has an unusually large practice, local dentists referring cases to him with frequency, and also has many patients from surrounding towns and cities, who come here to take advantage of his services. Dr. Wood began his practice at Houston in 1917, and with the exception of a period during the World War, when he handled some general practice on account of the existing need, he has limited his work to oral and plastic surgery.

Dr. Wood was born at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, the twenty-first of February, 1882. His father, George H. Wood, has been for many years a general business man of Kentucky, of the same family as Major General Leonard Wood, U. S. A. Dr. Wood received his rudimentary education in the public schools near his home, and after graduating from high school, went to Bowling Green, where he attended Western University. He then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he attended the Ohio Dental College, taking the D. D. S. degree in 1910. He then went to Columbia University to take special courses in oral and plastic surgery, and since beginning his practice has from time to time fortified himself by additional post graduate work in this field. In 1923 he took special work in oral and plastic surgery, at New York, with Dr. Henry Sage Dunning, a nationally known specialist in this field.

Dr. Wood was married at Corpus Christi, Texas, the twenty-first of December, 1914, to Miss Alice Cotton, daughter of C. W. Cotton, a retired lawyer, and a member of a pioneer family of Texas. Mr. Cotton was for many years a member of the State Legislature, and a man of highest standing in the legal fraternity. Dr. and Mrs. Wood have a beautiful home in Houston at 307 Hathaway Avenue. Dr. Wood is a Mason, being affiliated with Temple Lodge No. 4, of Houston, Washington Chapter, Ruthven Commandery and Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also an Elk, a Knight of Pythias, a member of the D. O. K. K., the University Club and the Houston Country Club. He is a director of the Ship Channel Development Company. Dr. Wood keeps apace of all advancement in his profession, and is a member of the Harris County Dental Society, the Texas Dental Society, and the American Dental Association.





**WADE LEE HOECKER, M. D.**, has for many years been active in the medical circles of Galveston, Texas, where he is regarded as one of the leading physicians and surgeons of this city. Dr. Hoecker is engaged in a general practice of medicine, with special attention to surgery. He started his career in the medical world at Auguas Calientes, Mexico, where he was surgeon for the American Smelting and Refining Company during 1910 and 1911, after which the revolution in the Republic made conditions unsafe there, and he returned to Galveston and began the private practice of medicine. He was later made assistant chief surgeon of the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad, and remained in this position for several years. He later served as local surgeon for both the International and Great Northern Railroad and the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad. In 1919, Dr. Hoecker was elected to the office of city health officer, and served in this capacity until 1923, and during his regime much good was accomplished for the health and safety for the citizenship of the Island City. During the early part of Dr. Hoecker's regime the Bubonic Plague was rampant in Galveston. In conjunction with the United States Public Health Service, he supervised the spending of nearly five million dollars to combat this plague. In little more than a year over 250,000 rats were killed. He was very active in the campaign with Frank Anderson when the people turned larger business interests out and took charge of the city affairs of Galveston, which was regarded as an epoch in the history of this city. Dr. Hoecker saw active service during the World War, beginning his activity in this line of duty in July, 1917, when he was commissioned a first lieutenant of the Texas National Guard and was stationed at Fort Crockett in this city. He was later made captain M. C., U. S. A., and on August 6th, 1918, went overseas, where he acted as surgeon of Sixth Battalion of French Artillery. He returned to Newport News in January, 1919, and was discharged on the thirty-first of that month, when he returned to Galveston and again took up the practice of medicine and surgery. Dr. Hoecker is now captain of the M. C., O. R. C.

A native Galvestonian, Dr. Hoecker was born on January 2nd, 1887. His father, O. R. Hoecker, also was born in this city, where he resided practically all his life, and is well known in the business and cotton circles of the state, where for many years he has occupied the position of state cotton weigher. He is now sixty-nine years of age, and active. Dr. Hoecker's early education was obtained in the public schools and the Ball High school of this city, after which he became a student of the medical branch of the University of Texas and graduated from this institution in the class of 1909 with the M. D. degree. After his graduation, he served for fourteen months as an interne at St. Mary's Infirmary of Galveston, when he began the practice of his profession in this city.

Dr. Hoecker was married at Galveston on June 20th, 1912, to Miss Justine Helen Finch, a member of a pioneer family of this city. They have two children, Helen Lee and Wade Lee Hoecker, Jr. Dr. and Mrs. Hoecker reside at 2910 O½ Avenue. He is a member of the County, State and Southern Medical Association, in which he is very active. Dr.

Hoecker has been actively identified with the American Legion since that organization was formed and was the first Vice Commander after the organization of the Galveston Post. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Church and is a member of the board of stewards of this church, and is an ardent church workers along the various lines. Dr. Hoecker is one of Galveston's most enthusiastic boosters and believes that this city will become one of the great medical centers of the Southwest.



**JOSEPH V. HOPKINS, M. D.**, of Victoria, Texas, began his medical career here in 1910 and with the exception of the time spent in the World War has continued his practice in this city. Dr. Hopkins is engaged in a general practice of internal medicine and in addition to a large practice in this branch of medicine, he is on the staff of the Victoria Hospital in internal medicine and obstetrics. His service during the World War consisted of base hospital work. He was commissioned a First Lieutenant Medical Corps United States Army on June 17th, 1918, served until he was discharged in 1919, when he returned to Victoria and resumed his practice of medicine here.

A native of Victoria, Texas, Dr. Hopkins was born on May 3rd, 1886. His father, Dr. R. R. Hopkins (deceased) came to Texas in 1875, and was one of the pioneer physicians and surgeons of Texas and was also a pioneer at Victoria, where he was widely known as a physician and was highly esteemed by the public. Dr. Hopkins' early education was obtained in the public schools of Victoria, after which he attended St. Edwards College of Austin, where he pursued an academic course in preparation to his medical studies. He then went to the University of Louisville at Louisville, Kentucky, and graduated from that institution in the class of 1908, with the M. D. degree. After his graduation, Dr. Hopkins served an internship of one year at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital at Louisville. He then returned to his home city and established his office here, where in the practice of his profession he has established a place of distinction among the medical fraternity of Victoria.

Dr. Hopkins was married in Kentucky in June, 1912, to Miss Irene Curran, a member of a prominent family of the "Blue Grass State." They have three children—Joseph Vincent, Jr., Mary Charlotte and Celeste. Dr. Hopkins is a member of the county, district, state and American Medical Associations, and has always been active in these medical organizations. He is a member of the American Legion and is the commander of the Legion Post here. He holds membership in the Canopus Club, the Knights of Columbus, and many of the city's business and social organizations. His church affiliation is with the Catholic faith. Dr. Hopkins is one of the leaders in Victoria of all civic projects having as their object the betterment of his city. He is always ready to contribute his material aid and time to all of these. He is also largely interested in educational matters and has assisted materially in the upbuilding of this branch of the city, in which he takes great pride. Dr. Hopkins has for many years been identified with the many enterprises of Victoria, and has aided in obtaining many industries for his city. He says that his experience during the World War was of great value to him.





**R. WALTER EMMETT CRUMPLER**, one of the distinguished physicians of Port Arthur, and an authority in the field of internal medicine, to which he limits his practice, has attained an enviable reputation for his achievement in this branch of medical science, and is a factor in the professional life of the city. Dr. Crumpler came to Port Arthur in 1914, and since that time has associated with Dr. Murff F. Bledsoe, one of the most prominent surgeons in the Lone Star State, and there is attached to the firm a prestige that is a distinct asset to Port Arthur as a medical center. Dr. Crumpler is highly trained in his special field, few of the local fraternity approaching him in professional standing, and as a complement to his skill and natural ability has at his disposal the hospital, laboratory and clinical facilities demanded by modern medical science. He is equipped to make all analyses necessary to the determining of the nature of an ailment, and in the field of diagnosis has demonstrated a precision that places him at the head of the local fraternity as a diagnostician. His clinical manner is assured, and as the result of his highly specialized and intensified training he approaches the most complicated cases with confidence. Dr. Crumpler has a very large private practice, and has referred to him by other physicians many cases presenting problems and complications requiring his skill. His office is in the Deutser Building.

Dr. Crumpler was born at Mobile, Alabama, the twenty-sixth of May, 1886. His father, W. G. Crumpler, a native of that state, was a farmer and cottonseed oil man of that state until 1887, when the family removed to Texas, where he continued his interest in these industries. He is now a resident of Athens, and is a very prominent figure in the cotton oil industry of this state. Dr. Crumpler's mother was, before her marriage, Miss Mollie McCarty, also of Alabama. Although born in Alabama, Dr. Crumpler has spent practically his entire life in the Lone Star State, coming here with his parents at the age of one year. He attended the public schools near his home, later doing preparatory work at the Woodville Normal, after which he entered the University of Texas, in the medical department, at Galveston, where he received his medical degree in 1909. He then took post-graduate work at Vanderbilt, and the University of Chicago, and has since attended post-graduate courses with special bearing on internal medicine. Dr. Crumpler came to Port Arthur in 1914, and since that time has been active in various commercial enterprises, as well as a leader in professional circles. He is a director in the First National Bank of Port Arthur, vice president of the Hart Drug Company, of Port Arthur, and president of the Home Builders Loan Association.

Dr. Crumpler was married at San Antonio, Texas, in December, 1909, to Miss Sue May Edwards, a native of Tennessee, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Edwards, both of whom are deceased. Dr. and Mrs. Crumpler reside at 2649 Lake Shore Drive, and have one child, Walter Emmett, Jr. Dr. Crumpler is a Mason, member of Royal Arch Lodge, Port Arthur, and a member of the Eastern Star. He belongs to the Rotary Club, and is active in every field of civic endeavor. Dr. Crumpler finds relaxation from his exacting professional duties in sports,

and is a member of the Gulf Fishing Club, and the Rod and Gun Club. He is a member of the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Southern District Medical Association, and Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. Dr. Crumpler is a man of high intellectual and professional attainments, and splendid discrimination, and has exerted wholesome influence in the professional life of the community. He is interested in all phases of public welfare, and civic development, and is working with others of the better type of citizens to advance Port Arthur both as a residential and commercial city.



**MILTON L. BRENNER**, M. D., physician and surgeon, and well known member of the medical fraternity of Houston, has during the years of his successful practice here built up a large patronage, and has been a factor in raising the standards of the medical profession, and in forwarding public health measures. Dr. Brenner came to Houston in January, 1920, and became associated with Dr. Cox, with whom he has since practiced. He has his office in the Scanlan Building, and engages in the general practice of medicine with special attention to surgery. Dr. Brenner is on the Staff of the Baptist Sanitarium, in General Surgery, and is a man of recognized ability in this field.

Dr. Brenner is a native of the Lone Star State, and was born at Gonzales, the twenty-fourth of January, 1893. His father, L. C. Brenner, a native of Germany, came to the United States as a boy, and has been for many years a druggist at Gonzales. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Ida Cox, is a sister of Dr. Cox, with whom Dr. Brenner is associated. Dr. Brenner received his elementary education in the public schools of Gonzales, and graduated from the high school there. He next entered the University of Texas, where he took pre-medical work. He then went to New Orleans, continuing his pre-medical work at Tulane, and later finishing his medical training there, receiving his M. D. degree in 1918. The following two years Dr. Brenner served an Internship at the Charity Hospital in New Orleans, after which he came to Houston and began his practice in this city. During the World War, Dr. Brenner, at that time a medical student, enrolled as a member of the Enlisted Medical Reserve Corps, and is now Captain of the Medical Officers Reserve Corps, and a Captain in the Texas National Guard, Commanding Medical Detachment, 56th Cavalry Brigade, stationed at Houston.

Dr. Brenner was married at New Orleans, the twenty-second of April, 1918, to Miss Mable Edwards, of that city. Dr. and Mrs. Brenner have one child, a son, Milton L. Junior. They reside at 1009 Peden Avenue. Dr. Brenner is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Credit Men's Association, the Elks, and is a Mason, being affiliated with Gray Lodge, No. 329, Washington Chapter and Ruthven Commandery of Houston, and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Dr. Brenner is representative of the modern medical man, with distinguished professional bearing, and high scientific attainments, and is held in high esteem by his confreres.





**FREDRICK C. ARTO** has for more than a decade been active in the business circles of Houston, and as President and Manager of Pendleton and Arto, Inc., has had an important part in shaping the destinies of this Company. The firm of Pendleton and Arto, Inc., was established and incorporated in 1912 and are wholesale and retail dealers in Dental and Surgical instruments and supplies, and Hospital equipment of all kinds. The Pendleton and Arto, Inc., employ ten people in their establishment and have three men on the road covering all of South and Southwest Texas, a part of Louisiana and Mexico, and do about a quarter of a million dollar business annually. Their store and show rooms are located on the fifth floor of the Kress Building, 529-537. Other officers of the Pendleton and Arto Company, Inc., are Frank S. Pendleton, Vice-President, and Guy R. Stowell, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Arto was born in Houston on Feb. 28, 1885. His father, also a native Houstonian, is now retired from active business and is residing in California. His mother was Miss Annie Hultzgrebe, born in Europe, but was brought to America by her parents when an infant. His education was obtained in the public schools of Houston. Mr. Arto began his business career at the age of seventeen years in the same kind of business in which he is now engaged, with the A. P. Cary Company, and was in the employ of this Company for a period of nine years. He left the employ of the Cary Company in order to enter his present business.

Mr. Arto was married in Houston in 1915 to Miss Ethel Buchanan, a native of Pennsylvania and a daughter of David K. Buchanan, who now resides in Shreveport, Louisiana. They have one child, Frederick C. Arto, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Arto reside at 3419 Graustark Street. Mr. Arto has seen the city of his birth grow from a town on the edge of the bayou to the busy, thriving city of today and he considers the future to be one of unlimited possibilities for continued growth and progress. He is identified with and takes an active interest in all agencies working for the greater development and civic improvement of Houston.



**RICHARD KEENAN** has for a number of years been held in high esteem for his activities in the business world of Houston, and as proprietor of one of the better drug stores in the city, is a factor in the drug trade. In December, 1917, Mr. Keenan bought out the Brazos Drug Store, located in the Brazos Hotel Building, and has since operated this store, building up an extensive patronage. There are few stores in the city, even those occupying much larger quarters than the Brazos Drug Store, that are more carefully managed and have shown a greater growth than this drug store, and that are handling a larger volume of business annually. Mr. Keenan has an unusually large and well chosen stock of drugs, drug sundries and specialties, and this stock is well arranged, making the most of each available foot of space. The prescription department has a registered druggist always on duty, and makes a point of utmost care in the compounding of all prescriptions, as well as using only the purest and best drugs obtainable. Two registered druggists are employed, and six employees are required to handle the trade in the

store. The fountain is an especially popular feature and gives careful attention to those details which appeal to the most particular. Mr. Keenan spends most of his time in the store, and has those qualities of friendliness and popularity, that in the drug trade, perhaps more than any other, are essential to success.

N. Richard Keenan is a native of Houston, in which city he was born the sixth of July, 1894. His father, William Keenan, a native of Ireland, came to Houston three decades ago, and prior to this had been in the United States army for a period of fifteen years. He is one of the veteran railroad men of the Lone Star State, and until a few years ago was active in this work, but has now retired. Mr. Keenan's mother, also a native of the Emerald Isle, was before her marriage Miss Mary Seery. Mr. Keenan was educated in the public schools of his native city, and after finishing school went with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, first in the yard office, and later in the transportation department. After nine years with that road he bought the Brazos Drug Store, which he has since operated.

Mr. Keenan was married at Houston, the nineteenth of December, 1918, to Miss Mollie Cheatham, a native of Houston, and the daughter of George Cheatham. Mr. and Mrs. Keenan have one child, Patricia, and make their home at 613 Harold Avenue, Montrose. Mr. Keenan is a member of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, fourth degree. He is deeply interested in the development of his city, and in the future of the drug trade, wherein he has a future that promises to be interesting.



**HARLES B. GENNUSA**, owner of the Woodland Drug Company, opened this splendid residence drug store in February, 1915. Prior to entering business for himself, Mr. Gennusa had spent practically all his business life in the employ of the larger drug establishments of the city where he had experience in practically every branch of the drug business. Mr. Gennusa carries a full and complete line of drugs and druggist sundries, toilet articles, school supplies, patent medicines, candies and, in fact, everything to be found in a first class, modern drug establishment. In addition, Mr. Gennusa maintains a prescription department, where only careful and painstaking registered pharmacists are employed, and this branch of his business has grown to immense proportions. He also has a modern, sanitary soda fountain where drinks of all kinds in season are served to his many customers. The Woodland Drug Company is located at 3112 Houston Avenue, which is regarded as one of the best locations in this portion of the city. Five people are employed by Mr. Gennusa, and he does a large business, which is increasing each month.

A native of Italy, Mr. Gennusa was born July 26th, 1880, and came to America with his parents when five years of age. His father, B. Gennusa, also a native of Italy, settled at New Orleans when he came to America and remained in the Crescent City for two years and then came to Polk County, Texas, where he remained only a short time and then came to Houston, where he has since remained. He established a shoe shop in Houston, where he is still active as a shoemaker. Mr. Gennusa's education was obtained in the public schools of Polk County, Texas. After the family removed to Houston,



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Mr. Gennusa was associated for a time with his father, but started in the drug business when a very young man. Among the firms with which he was associated are W. B. Washman, Willbush, and later with T. E. Smith, where for seven years he was employed in the various branches of this establishment. In 1906, he took the pharmacist examination, and in 1915 opened his present drug store, where he has made many friends and his customers are not numbered by the citizenship of this immediate territory, but come from every section of Houston.

Mr. Gennusa was married in Houston in 1906 to Miss Nellie E. Englefield, a native of England, where she belonged to a prominent family. Mrs. Gennusa takes an active part in the management of the store. Mr. and Mrs. Gennusa reside at 2906 Houston Avenue. He is a member of the State Pharmacists Association and also the National Association of Retail Druggists. He has great faith in the future of Houston, and believes that the time is close at hand when this city will lead the entire Southwest along every line.

**GAYLORD JOHNSON**, Houston, Texas, began his career in the drug business when thirteen years of age, and has served in every capacity from errand boy up to the chief executive of one of the finest drug stores in this city. Mr. Johnson is president and manager of The Gables, which is regarded as one of the most efficient and sanitary drug establishments in Houston. It is also one of the largest establishments of its kind here, with a floor space of five thousand square feet. A full and complete line of drugs, druggist sundries, toilet articles, school supplies, tobacco and cigars, and in fact every thing to be found in a modern drug store is kept in stock at The Gables. An efficient prescription department is maintained, where prescriptions are carefully compounded day or night by painstaking, registered pharmacists. A splendid, sanitary soda fountain is one of the features of The Gables, where hot and cold drinks and light lunches are served in season. Twenty-five people are employed in the operation of this splendid drug establishment of which the other officers are: B. F. Schneider, vice president and E. A. Hester, secretary and treasurer, both of whom are well known in the business circles of Houston and South Texas. Another feature of The Gables is quick service, and Mr. Johnson is an advocate of this service in order to be of real service to the public, as much as to maintain the established business of this drug store. Prior to assuming the executive head and the management of The Gables, Mr. Johnson was for a period of twelve years connected with the Eagle Drug Store of Houston. While keeping up his business relations, Mr. Johnson has been a student, and has kept up his studies along his chosen lines, and for the past nine years has been connected with the Rice Institute of this city. He has received two degrees from this institution; the B. A. and M. A., and is now pursuing his studies in order to soon receive his Ph. D. degree. Mr. Johnson has a teaching fellowship at the Rice Institute, and is an instructor in chemistry at this college, where he is regarded as one of the most efficient instructors attached to this fellowship.

A native Texan, Mr. Johnson was born at Maxwell, Caldwell County, on December 23rd, 1893. His

father, C. C. Johnson, also a native of the Lone Star State, has for many years been engaged in railroad contracting in Texas and is well known in this state as one of the most conservative and reliable men in his line. Mr. C. C. Johnson is now a resident of Houston. His mother was Miss Lucy Ann Askew, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Houston.

Mr. Johnson is active in the social and business circles of Houston, and is a member of the Salesmanship Club and the Exchange Club. He resides at 2311 North Main Street. Mr. Johnson is one of the leaders among the younger generation of this city, and a brilliant future is predicted for him by his many friends.



**LOUIS L. HARRIS**, president and general manager of the Harris-Hahlo Company, Inc., has for more than a quarter of a century been an active figure in the dry goods circles of Houston and Harris County. The Harris-Hahlo Company was organized and incorporated in 1920. The magnificent six-story building located at 601 Main Street was built and opened for business on October 1st, 1920. The Harris-Hahlo Company is a complete women's department store, and the only exclusive women's store in Houston, and each department is a specialty store within itself, so complete is the stock carried. This firm have one hundred and thirty employees in the various departments. Other officers of the Harris-Hahlo, Inc. are E. H. Hahlo, vice president, Adolph Meyer, second vice president, and Henry Greenfield, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Harris was born at Humbolt, Kansas, in 1877. His father, Julius Harris, a well known citizen of that state, came to Texas in 1892 where he continued to reside until his death in 1900. Mr. Harris' education was obtained in the public schools of Kansas.

Mr. Harris has been engaged in the dry goods business all his life and knows merchandise as few men know it. He began his career in the store of Levy Brothers as stock boy, in 1897 where he worked in all departments and received one merited promotion after another until in 1911 he was made manager of Levy Brothers, the larger department store in South Texas. Mr. Harris managed this vast establishment until 1920, and during these twenty-three years he had been directly and continuously associated with the principals of this company in the administration of their business. He severed his connection with Levy Brothers in order to organize the Harris-Hahlo Company, Inc. Mr. Harris was married in Houston, in June, 1901, to Miss Eugene Loeb, a member of a well known Texas family. They have three children, Adeline, Farnese and Alyda. The Harris residence is located at 709 Avondale Avenue. Mr. Harris is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Temple Lodge No. 4. He is a member of the Scottish Rite Body of that order to the 32nd degree, and a Shriner of Arabia Temple. He is also a member of the B. P. O. E., the I. O. B. B. and the Houston Country Club. Mr. Harris is interested in all agencies working for the greater development and civic improvement of Houston, where he sees a future of unlimited possibilities and continued growth.



**R**OBERT EARL CONE, M. D., with offices at 504 American National Insurance Company Building, Galveston, Texas, is numbered among the popular young physicians of this city who are reflecting credit upon the profession by their observance of the high standards set for members of the medical fraternity. Equipped with the degrees of B. A. and B. S., conferred upon him by the University of Texas after he had graduated from the Ball High School of Galveston, where the foundation for his scholastic education was laid in the public schools, he entered the medical department of the University of Texas, and graduated from that institution in the class of 1919 with the degree of M. D. Dr. Cone is engaged in the private practice of medicine, specializing in surgery, and in addition to his private practice, he is instructor in surgery of the University of Texas medical department, to which position he was appointed in 1921. After his graduation from the medical department of the University of Texas, he served one year as an interne of the Charity Hospital of Cleveland, Ohio, returned to Galveston and began the practice of his profession in this city, where he has since remained, and where he has succeeded in building up a splendid practice.

A native Galvestonian, Dr. Cone was born on February 27th, 1894. His father, Ed. O. Cone, also a native of the Island City, was a well known banker here, and was widely known in the financial circles of the Southwest. His mother was Miss Maud Octavia West, a native of Illinois, and was brought to Galveston by her parents when one year old, and always regarded this city as her home, as she had no knowledge of any other city than this. She grew to womanhood, was educated and married in Galveston, and was throughout her life one of the city's most loyal admirers.

At an early age, Dr. Cone attended the public schools of Galveston, and graduated from the Ball High School here in the class of 1911, after which he entered the University of Texas, and has the distinction of having three degrees conferred from this institution.

Dr. Cone is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Harmony Blue Lodge No. 6 of Galveston, and has attained to the 18th degree in the Scottish Rite body of the Masonic fraternity. He is a member of the following college fraternities: A. T. O. and T. N. E. at Austin, the Phi Alpha Sigma of Galveston and is a member of the medical organizations of the city, county and state. He also holds membership in the Artillery Club and the Galveston Country Club. Dr. Cone resides at 3928 M $\frac{1}{2}$  Avenue. He is interested in all matters having to do with the civic improvement and betterment of his city, where he is regarded as one of the leaders among the professional men of his generation.

**D**R. G. A. COBB, one of the distinguished physicians of Port Arthur, began the practice of his profession in this city around two decades ago, and has continued in it until the present time, steadily advancing to a position among the leading medical men of the state. Dr. Cobb specializes in the osteopathic treatment of the eye, ear, nose and throat, in which field he has achieved a reputation of being more than ordi-

narily skillful, and has been successful in building up a large practice. Offices completely equipped are maintained in the Latimer Building.

Dr. Cobb was born at Franklinville, New York, later he, with the rest of the family, moved to Olean, New York. His father, D. A. Cobb, a native of Scotland, came to the United States at the age of seventeen. For the past forty years Mr. Cobb, Sr., has been in charge of the public school building of New York and is still active in that capacity.

His mother, before her marriage, was Miss Mathilde Catherine McGregor, and was also a native of Scotland and came to the United States as a child.

Dr. Cobb obtained his preliminary education at the public schools of Olean, New York, graduating at the Westbrook Academy. He took up the active study of osteopathy at Buffalo, New York, later entering the American School of Osteopathy at Kirksville, Missouri, where he received his degree in 1907. He came to Port Arthur in February of that year and began active practice and has continued in this city since that time. Early in his professional career Dr. Cobb realized the value of specialized knowledge and took a comprehensive series of post-graduate courses, among which were the following: A course in ophthalmology, at the Chicago Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat College and Hospital, followed by special course in operative surgery of the ear, nose and throat under Dr. Andrews, and operative surgery of the eye under Doctors Reeder and Blue. This training has, to a great extent, been responsible for the success of Doctor Cobb in the practice of his profession.

Dr. Cobb was married in Oakland, California, the twentieth of June, 1921, to Miss Ann Caroline Granger, a native of Boston, and the daughter of William Forest Granger, now a resident of San Francisco, California. Dr. and Mrs. Cobb have one child, George Alexander. Dr. Cobb is prominent in Masonic circles, and is a life member of Olean Blue Lodge, 252, and a life member of the Olean New York Chapter, 150, a member of St. John Commandery K. T. 24 N. Y., and a member of Ismailia Temple, Mystic Shrine, Buffalo, N. Y., being a life member of that Shrine. He is a thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite Mason, a Knight Templar, and a member of the Eastern Star. Dr. Cobb is a member of the Port Arthur Shrine Club, is an Elk and belongs to the Texas Osteopathic Association, of which he is a past president, and of the American Osteopathic Association. He is one of the best known osteopathic physicians in South Texas, and has been a leader in the advancement of osteopathy in this section. Dr. Cobb is also active in civic work, and is in every way a public spirited, substantial member of the community.

**J**ULIUS L. JINKINS, M. D., has been an active figure in the medical circles of Galveston, Texas, since 1917, when he selected this city as the logical place in which to begin the practice of his profession. Dr. Jenkins is a member of the firm of Jenkins and Jenkins, with offices in the Medical Building, Inc., 22nd and Avenue I, and is engaged in a general practice of medicine, with special attention to surgery. For two years, from 1917 to 1919, Dr. Jenkins was instructor in medicine at the medical branch of the Univer-



sity of Texas, which is located in this city, and in 1919 was appointed instructor in obstetrics and gynecology at this institution, where he is regarded as one of the most efficient instructors on the staff of this college. Each year, Dr. Jinkins attends clinics in New York, Philadelphia, Cleveland and other eastern medical centers. He has built up a large practice in Galveston in the branches of medicine to which he has given special attention, and is regarded as one of the most able surgeons among the younger physicians of this city.

A native Texan, Dr. Jinkins was born at Normangee on March 10th, 1892. His father, J. F. Jinkins, was brought to Texas by his parents from Alabama when five years of age, and was reared and educated in this state. J. F. Jinkins is engaged in farming and is a large land owner, and lives in Normangee at present. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Normangee, after which he attended Baylor University for one year and then became a student of the medical branch of the University of Texas and graduated from that institution in the class of 1916 with the M. D. degree. After his graduation, he served for one year as an interne at the John Sealy Hospital at Galveston.

Dr. Jinkins was married at Galveston, in 1920, to Miss Kittie Fae Robison, a member of a pioneer Texas family, and well known in the educational circles of the state, and is a graduate of the University of Texas. They have one son, Julius L. Jinkins, Jr. Dr. and Mrs. Jinkins reside at 3121 Avenue P. Dr. Jinkins is a 32nd degree Mason, Roger Paise Blue Lodge No. 540, and a member of the Consistory and a Shriner of El Mina Temple of Galveston. He is a member of the college fraternity Phi Beta Phi, the B. P. O. E., the Rotary Club, the Galveston Chamber of Commerce and the Galveston Country Club, the Artillery Club, the Galveston County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Dr. Jinkins is one of the most enthusiastic boosters of the Island City and believes that Galveston is just now entering on an era of great prosperity along all lines, and that it will become the medical center of the Southwest. During the period spent in Galveston as a student of the University of Texas and during the period in which he has practiced medicine here, he has made a host of friends, who predict a brilliant future for Dr. Jinkins, both as a surgeon and as an instructor along medical lines.



**B. SCHOEPL**, president of C. B. Schoeppl & Company, one of the leading architectural firms of Houston, has made a special study Spanish architecture and is one of the leading exponents of this style of architecture in the state. The firm of C. B. Schoeppl specializes in residence and university work and since its establishment in 1922 has designed some of the finest and most attractive homes in Houston, and also many public buildings here. Their practice, however, is by no means local, and commissions are accepted from every part of the country. Offices are in the Humble Building, and other officers of the company, in addition to Mr. Schoeppl, are: T. F. Hogan, vice president and C. G. Hayne, secretary. Mr. Hogan resides in San Antonio, and directs the work of the firm in that section. As an authority on Spanish architecture Mr. Schoeppl

receives many commissions calling for this particular style of architecture from throughout the United States and has designed many buildings in Florida, the climate and environment there being especially compatible with this distinctive architecture. Mr. Schoeppl has also given special study to Spanish furnishings, and a unique feature of his work has been the adoption of Texas flowers and materials as a motif.

C. B. Schoeppl was born at Comfort, Texas, the twelfth of April, 1898, son of J. K. Schoeppl and Elisia (Kroeger) Schoeppl. J. K. Schoeppl is a native of Austria-Hungary, and was formerly a colonel of the Austrian Hussars. Mrs. Schoeppl is a native of Germany. Mr. Schoeppl is a graduate of the San Antonio High School, and obtained his professional training at the Beaux Arts, Paris, and the Royal Academy, taking architectural work at both these famous institutions. During the World War he served as director of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, later coming to Houston, where he established the architectural firm of C. B. Schoeppl & Company. Mr. Schoeppl belongs to the Methodist Church and the R. I. A. (Royal Academy).



**W. KITTRELL**, during his period of residence at Houston, extending over three decades, has attained a commendable reputation in the community for his activities in manufacturing circles. Mr. Kittrell is president and manager of the Texas Artificial Limb Company, Incorporated, which he established in February, 1911, incorporating the business in October of the same year. The Texas Artificial Limb Company is the only manufacturing company in this part of the state devoted to the manufacturing of artificial limbs. They are equipped to make any kind of limbs, manufacturing all types to fit the cripple, and giving individual attention to each order. Their work is of exceptional character and embodies all the latest developments of this business, many special devices being used, and every effort being devoted to turning out a product that in so far as possible will replace the lost limb. The Texas Artificial Limb Company is located at 523 Preston Avenue, where they have a modern factory with five thousand square feet of floor space, and employ a force of experienced workers in this line. Mr. Kittrell is president of the company, N. G. Kittrell, Jr., vice president and Mrs. C. W. Girard, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Kittrell was born in Leon County, Texas, at Centerville, the sixth of October, 1882, son of N. G. Kittrell, senior, a native of Alabama, who was brought by his parents to Texas when an infant of one year. He was formerly district judge of the Seventh and Sixty-seventh District Courts and for many years has been a prominent attorney at Houston. His mother, prior to her marriage, Miss Louise Keyes, was a native of Alabama. Mr. Kittrell was educated in the public schools of Houston and after finishing school began work with the Wells-Fargo Express Company. He was with this company for nine years, resigning to establish his present business.

Mr. Kittrell makes his home at 3416 Milam Street. He is a member of the Rotary Club and a past director of this organization, a member of the Salesmanship Club and the Houston Chamber of Commerce.



**D**R. EDWARD C. FERGUSON has for around a decade and a half been actively identified with medical affairs at Beaumont, and as a physician has taken an influential part in shaping the health program of the city. Dr. Ferguson came here in 1910, shortly after taking his degree and has engaged in general practice of medicine and surgery since that time, building up a very large practice. Dr. Ferguson is the local surgeon for the Gulf Coast Railroad Lines. He has his offices over the Service Drug Store and has at his command the hospital, clinical, analytical and mechanical facilities of the modern practitioner.

Dr. Ferguson was born at Kansas City, Missouri, the sixteenth of November, 1884, the son of Laura B. Banks and Cliff F. Ferguson, attorney at law and real estate man of that city. Dr. Ferguson received his elementary instruction in the high schools of St. Louis, Missouri, afterward attending Mississippi College for four years, the University of Texas at Austin and the Pharmacy Department at Galveston, taking the degree of M. Ph. at Tulane University and continuing his medical education at the University of Chicago, graduating in 1910 at Northwestern University with the degree of M. D.

Dr. Ferguson was a step-son of the late Judge E. A. McDowell, district judge of the Sixtieth District Court, located at Beaumont. He was a member of the Medical Advisory Board during the war, and city health officer of Beaumont, also during the war. He served as president of the Jefferson County Medical Association in 1916.

Dr. Ferguson was married at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1920, to Miss Marie Meador, a native of Mississippi. Dr. and Mrs. Ferguson reside at 2201 Victoria Street and are popular members of their representative social set. Dr. Ferguson is an Elk, and belongs to the Neches Club and the Beaumont Business Men's Club. He is affiliated with the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Dr. Ferguson keeps in close touch with modern medical advancement and has demonstrated professional ability that has placed him among the leaders of the medical fraternity here.

**P**R. DENMAN, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, has practiced medicine at Houston for more than a decade, and during that time has built up the reputation as a careful practitioner, unusually competent in gynecology, obstetrics and surgery, to which he limits his work. Dr. Denman came to Houston in 1911, at the conclusion of a number of years of successful practice at Lufkin, and has been a valued addition to the medical fraternity here since that time. His office is at 302 Second National Bank Building, and he is on the staff of the Baptist Hospital.

Dr. Denman was born at Lufkin, Texas, the tenth of October, 1879. His grandfather, W. L. Denman, was one of the first settlers of this place, and was a prominent attorney of his day. He served with distinction in the Civil War, and was a colonel in the Confederate Army. Dr. Denman's father, A. M. Denman, was a physician and surgeon for many years at Lufkin, and one of the best known medical men in Angelina County. His death was a distinct loss to the medical fraternity there, and to his many patients. His mother, before her marriage Miss Mary Walker, was also a member of a pioneer fam-

ily of the Lone Star State. Dr. Denman attended the public schools of Lufkin, graduating from the high school there, after which he entered Tulane Medical College at New Orleans, taking his medical degree in 1903. He served the following year as interne in the Charity Hospital at New Orleans, after which he returned to his home at Lufkin and began the practice of his profession. He built a private sanatorium there, where he operated until 1911, when he came to Houston. Since coming here his work has been limited to gynecology, obstetrics and surgery.

Dr. Denman was married at Crockett, Texas, the fifth of December, 1905, to Miss Frances Woolters, daughter of John Woolters, a merchant of that city, and a member of a pioneer family, dating back to the early days of the history of the Lone Star State. Dr. and Mrs. Denman have three children—Berta, and Frank and Frances, twins. They have an attractive home at 1220 Southmore. Dr. Denman and his family attend the Baptist Church. Fraternally he is a Mason, Blue Lodge No. 679, Lufkin; Scottish Rite, and a member of the Shrine at Galveston. He keeps in close touch with the developments of modern medicine and is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association.

**J**OHN WILLIAM THORN, M. D., is known and valued at Houston as a progressive representative of the medical profession, and has made a splendid record in both medicine and surgery, since coming to this city to establish his practice. Dr. Thorn is a man of high intellectual attainments. His experience, the ripened result of more than a quarter of a century of practice, gives him a place of leadership in medical circles, and few men are better equipped for the responsibilities of general practice. Dr. Thorn came to Houston in 1910, and has engaged in general practice, at the same time giving special attention to railroad work. He is chief surgeon for the Houston Belt & Terminal Railroad, division surgeon for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad, and local surgeon for the St. Louis, Baltimore and Maryland. He has his office in the Kress Building, and does the majority of his hospital work at St. Joseph's Hospital.

Dr. Thorn was born at Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, in January, 1866, the son of T. J. Thorn, a cotton farmer of that state, and Lucy Thorn. He attended the public schools of his native state as a boy, later entering Beaumont Hospital and Medical College, at St. Louis, where he took his medical degree in 1898. Prior to taking his medical course Dr. Thorn had spent some time as dispensary clerk at the hospital at Tyler, and left there with the intention of returning to this state to make his home. After taking his degree he returned to Tyler and was in the hospital there for the next five years, leaving in 1903, at which time he became surgeon for the Cotton Belt Railroad. Later he went to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, as surgeon for a lumber company there, and in 1910 came to Houston as resident surgeon at the Houston Infirmary, where he spent three years. Since that time he has engaged in general practice, holding at the same time high positions in the medical department of various railroads.

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tieth of April, 1903, to Miss Myrtle Etter, a native of Arkansas, and the daughter of R. G. Etter, a leading attorney of Tyler. Dr. and Mrs. Thorn have two children, John William, Jr., and Roxie Myrtle Thorn. Dr. Thorn is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, the Southern Medical Association, the South Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. Since coming to Houston he has taken a keen interest in social and civic affairs, demonstrating at all times his devotion to the best interests of his community.



**J. DEVOTI, M. D.**, whose activities for the past several years have identified him with the city of Harrisburg, is one of the most able members of the medical profession here and is an authority in the field of industrial medicine and surgery. Dr. Devoti came to Harrisburg in 1918 and has since maintained his offices in the Collins Building. He is local surgeon for the Southern Pacific Railroad and for the G. H. & H. road, and is physician for the Deep Water Oil Refining Company, the Texas Chemical Company, the Texas Portland Cement Company, the Magnolia Compress, the Ship Channel Compress, Wilkins & Beal, shipping agents, Daniel Ripley Company and other industrial concerns. Dr. Devoti is also city health officer at Harrisburg and is the representative in this city of the Texas State Board of Health. Dr. Devoti also engages in general practice and works at both St. Joseph's and the Southern Pacific Railroad hospitals in Houston.

Dr. Devoti was born at Galveston the fifteenth of December, 1878. His father, P. Devoti, a native of Italy, came to Galveston when this city was a small village and was a merchant here for many years. His mother, a native of France, was before her marriage Miss Louise Debarberies. Dr. Devoti received his early education in the public schools of Galveston and graduated from the high school here. He then entered the medical department of the University of Texas, in this city, for his medical work, but after two years, and on account of the Galveston storm, went to the University of Maryland, at Baltimore, Maryland, where he took his M. D. degree in 1905. He served the following year as interne in the Maryland General Hospital, at Baltimore, and then went to Mexico where he spent two years in the Mexican Central Hospital at Agua Calientes, Mexico. At the close of 1908 he returned to the States and went to Pharr, Texas, where he engaged in general practice for a decade and was also local surgeon for the St. Louis, Brownsville and Mexico Railroad. He came to Houston in 1918 and established his practice in Harrisburg.

Dr. Devoti was married at Galveston the eleventh of June, 1911 to Miss Estelle Papini, of that city, and the daughter of a well known Galveston family. Dr. and Mrs. Devoti make their home at Elvera Court, Harrisburg, and have two children, Jack and Jill. Dr. Devoti belongs to the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas State Medical Association and the American Medical Association. His work in the field of industrial medicine has won the recognition of his associates and he is regarded as a foremost authority in this field of medical science. Due to the fact that he is able to speak four languages fluently, including Spanish, French and Italian, his

work among the foreign classes has been unusually successful. Dr. Devoti is interested in the development of Harrisburg, particularly from a public health standpoint, and has done much to make this one of the most desirable residence cities of this section.



**ARTHUR J. MYNATT, M. D.**, for a decade and a half has been a leader in medical advancement at Houston, and as a private practitioner, has found favor with the public, building up a large practice. Dr. Mynatt came to Houston in 1908, after a decade of successful practice in other cities, and has been engaged in general practice here since that time. Dr. Mynatt has given special attention to surgery in recent years, and approaches the most complicated surgical cases with the confidence that comes of an expert knowledge of his field. He is on the staff of the Methodist Hospital, where he specializes in general surgery, and also has a large private practice, maintaining a modern office in the Keystone Building.

Dr. Mynatt was born at Knoxville, Tennessee, the twentieth of September, 1875, son of J. H. and Cordelia Shell Mynatt. The Mynatt family are one of the old families of Tennessee, coming to this state from Virginia shortly after the Revolutionary War. His grandfather, John C. Mynatt, was a planter of Tennessee. His father, J. H. Mynatt, died when the son was an infant. Dr. Mynatt attended the public schools of his native city, later taking his pre-medical work at Holbrooke Normal College, at Fountain City, Tennessee, and his medical training at Tennessee Medical College, at Knoxville, Tennessee, now at Memphis, as a part of the University of Tennessee, and from which he took his medical degree in 1898. He began his professional career at Knoxville, remaining there for one year, when he came to Sabine, Texas, in 1899, remaining there until 1900, when the storm washed this city away, and Dr. Mynatt had heavy personal losses. He then went to Liberty, Texas, in 1901, remaining there until 1908, when he came to Houston, where he has since made his home, and engaged in practice, with the exception of a period of military service during the recent war. Dr. Mynatt enlisted in military service in July, 1917, and was commissioned First Lieutenant, Medical Corps, U. S. A., and called to service in July, 1918, and assigned to the Tenth Infantry, U. S. A. He was discharged in January, 1919, and returned to Houston, resuming his practice.

Dr. Mynatt was married at Sabine, Texas, the eighteenth of December, 1902, to Miss Pearl House, daughter of W. B. C. House, of that city. Dr. and Mrs. Mynatt make their home at 1411 Elgin Avenue, in Houston, and have two children, a son, Arthur, J., and a daughter, Eron P., a student at the College of Industrial Arts, at Denton. The family attend the Episcopal Church. Dr. Mynatt has taken an interest in the development of the petroleum resources of the coastal field, and holds royalties at Dayton, Liberty and Hull. He finds relaxation from his professional cares in his modern farm, in Harris County, where he raises full-blooded cows and hogs. Dr. Mynatt is a member of the various medical societies, and, in 1918, served as president of the Harris County Medical Society. Fraternally he is an Elk.





**R. J. M. GOBER**, who is well known at Beaumont for his interest in the medical advancement of the city, is a leader in the field of obstetrics, and is one of the foremost professional men of the community. Dr. Gober has been engaged in the practice of general medicine and surgery for over a quarter of a century at Beaumont, during this time giving special attention to obstetrics, in which field he enjoys the distinction of being the leader in Beaumont. He has his offices over the Service Drug Store, in the Langham Building, and has one of the largest practices in the city.

Dr. Gober was born in Calhoun County, Mississippi, the fourth of July, 1865, the son of Louis Gober, a farmer in that county for many years. He was educated in the schools of Calhoun County until he finished high school, when he entered the Kentucky School of Medicine, where he took his M. D. degree in 1894. He came direct to Texas, going to Matagorda County, where he practiced for a number of years, establishing a large practice. He then made the decision to remove to Beaumont, arriving in this city just five days before the Spindle Top well came in. He has been accorded a substantial patronage here, and well equipped for any demands made upon him professionally, faces even the most difficult cases with assurance and confidence.

Dr. Gober was married at Temple, Texas, the twenty-eighth of December, 1898, to Miss Allie O'Brien, a native of the Lone Star State, and the daughter of Capt. O'Brien, one of the most prominent men in Texas. Dr. and Mrs. Gober have an attractive home at 1209 Broadway Avenue, and are the parents of three children—Edwin, Maude, and J. M., Jr. Dr. Gober belongs to the Jefferson County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Throughout the years of his practice here he has been a faithful custodian of the welfare of his patients, and is one of the most respected and generally liked physicians of the city.



**JAMES A. AZAR, M.D.**, with offices at 520 American National Insurance Building, since coming to Galveston, Texas, in 1921, has become well established as a specialist in diseases of the eye, ear, nose and throat. Dr. Azar has devoted his life to this particular branch of the medical profession since beginning his private practice. Following his graduation, he was appointed as a member of the State Board of Health of Louisiana, and remained as a member of this organization for a period of three years. He was later appointed special officer of the United States Public Health Staff and served with distinction in this capacity for one year. During the World War Dr. Azar worked as a member of the board in the Third Louisiana District, and was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Medical Corps in 1918. In 1921 he received the commission of captain of the Medical Officers Reserve Corps and was assigned to the Nintieth Division.

A native of Louisiana, Dr. Azar was born at St. Martinsville on February 4th, 1882. His parents, also born in Louisiana, were well known citizens of St. Martinsville. His early education was obtained in the public and private schools of Louisiana after which he attended Tulane University at New Or-

leans, graduating in 1911 with the M.D. degree. It is to the credit of Dr. Azar that he worked his way through college, and was rated as one of the best students in his classes.

Dr. Azar was married at St. Martinsville, Louisiana, in February, 1920, to Miss Helen Bertrand, a native of Louisiana and a member of an old French family of that state. Dr. and Mrs. Azar reside at 1902 21st Street. Dr. Azar is a member of the Association of Military Surgeons, and takes an active interest in this organization. He is also a member of the County, State and American Medical Associations, and is a member and treasurer of the French Benevolent Society of Galveston. Since locating in Galveston Dr. Azar has been active in the business and social circles of this city, where he is popular and well liked by all who know him. He is enthusiastic as to the future of Galveston and declares that this city is fast becoming one of the leading cities of the Southwest in medical lines.



**L. MILLER, M. D.**, has for the past decade been a leader in the field of industrial medicine and surgery at Houston, and has devoted his talents to the service of humanity along lines that best promote the development of his life's vocation. Dr. Miller began his practice at Houston in 1913, and has for a number of years been associated with Drs. Grimes and Gamble. He has made a special study of vocational diseases and handles a large amount of industrial practice. He, with his associates, is physician for a number of industrial concerns in Houston, among them the Gas Company, the various compresses, and other firms of an industrial nature. Dr. Miller has a well appointed office in the First National Bank Building, and does work in all the hospitals of the city, with the majority of his work at St. Joseph's.

Dr. Miller is a native of the Lone Star State, and was born in Colorado County, the twenty-sixth of December, 1887, son of George J. Miller, a cattleman of that county, and Elizabeth Wegenhoft Miller. His family was of German origin, and his grandfather, Fritz Miller, was one of the pioneers of the Lone Star State. As a boy Dr. Miller attended the rural schools of Colorado County, and after finishing there took his pre-medical work at Texas A. and M. College. He then entered the University of Texas, in the Medical Department, at Galveston, and took his M. D. degree in 1912. The following year he served an Internship in the hospital at Beaumont, after which he came to Houston, where he entered upon his professional career, and has since made his home.

Dr. Miller was married at Houston the twenty-fifth of June, 1913, to Miss Edna Katherine P'Poole, whose family came to Houston from Abilene. Dr. and Mrs. Miller have since made their home at Houston, where they take part in the social and civic life. They have two children, George J. Miller, II, and A. L. Miller, Jr. Dr. Miller is a member of the Harris County Medical Society, the Texas Medical Association, and the American Medical Association. He takes a vital interest in the improvement of industrial conditions at Houston, and has done much to advance the conditions under which the employees of the various industries work. He is also interested in public welfare work and is one of the substantial residents of this city.





**B. SANDERS** came to Angleton, Texas, during the early months of 1923 and purchased the Angleton Hotel, which he has converted into one of the best hostleries of South Texas. The Angleton Hotel is modern in every particular and contains twenty-five well furnished, comfortable guest rooms which can easily accommodate forty people. It has become a center for traveling men and is filled to capacity practically all the time. This is the only hotel in Angleton, and would be a credit to towns of much larger size than this little Brazoria County city. Twelve people are employed in the management and operation of the Angleton hotel and from the lobby to the kitchen is a model of cleanliness and neatness. This is made necessary in order to have more room in which to accommodate the traveling public. Automobiles meet all trains here day and night; also operate service cars to the adjoining towns and the oil fields. Prior to purchasing the hotel here Mr. Sanders had been engaged in various lines of business in different places in Texas, and with Mrs. Sanders has had a wide experience in the hotel business, both of them being active in the management and giving their close personal attention to all details. In addition to the purchase of the hotel here Mr. Sanders has shown his faith in the future of Angleton and vicinity by investing in a large farm near here, which he is improving all the time.

A native Texan, Mr. Sanders was born in San Jacinto County on April 12th, 1895. His parents, T. A. Sanders and Martha Sanders, were extensive land owners and farmers of San Jacinto County. His education was obtained in the public schools of San Jacinto County, which he left early in order to enter the business world, in which he has met with success.

Mr. Sanders was married at Tom Ball, Harris County, Texas, in 1916, to Miss Viola Stokely, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of R. R. Stokely, well known merchant, farmer and cattle man of South Texas. They have two children—Clyde Raine, and Virginia. Since coming to Angleton Mr. Sanders has made many friends here and with Mrs. Sanders is popular with the traveling public, many of the traveling men having known them in other hotels of the country.



**THOMAS H. STEVENS**, of the firm of Stevens and Stevens, own and operate Pecanway Place, Alvin, Texas, and since coming here ten years ago has specialized in the raising of pecans, cape jessamines and bulbs of various kinds. Planted at Pecanway Place are six hundred and forty pecan trees of the paper shell variety, and six thousand bushes of the fragrant cape jessamine, which they own, and also use the output from ten thousand bushes owned by others. Stevens and Stevens are also large growers of the popular Chinese sacred lily, and ship more than fifty thousand of these fragrant and delicate lilies each year. They also grow the paper white narcissus bulbs for market, and ship from twenty thousand to thirty thousand of these favorites annually. In addition to the flowers and bulbs they are also large growers of tube roses, and have one of the fine places in Alvin and have been successful in their work here from a monetary standpoint. Stevens and Stevens are the largest growers of pecans in Alvin, and also the largest growers of

bulbs and flowers here, and are numbered among the three largest shippers of cape jessamines from this place. Mr. Stevens was for many years engaged in the live stock commission business—buying and selling horses and cattle; at the same time he owned and operated several large farms and was also active in the several lines of farming and stock raising. His health failed and he came to Texas in 1907 and for a period of three years traveled for his health in this State, at the same time looking for a location. He decided that Alvin was the right place to regain his health and at the same time to make money, and since locating here, his theory has proved to be entirely correct. Mr. Stevens' daughter, Miss Lotta Stevens, has assisted him greatly in his undertaking here, and is the able supervisor of all work in the gardens and in reality runs the business. He feels safe in depending upon her, as she has developed into a capable, business woman, entirely able to care for the business of Pecanway Place.

Mr. Stevens was born at Hillsdale, Michigan, on April 22nd, 1850. His father, Thomas Stevens, was a well known stock man of Michigan, originally from Yorkshire, England. His mother was Miss Mary Felton, a member of a prominent family of Yorkshire, England. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of his native State.

Mr. Stevens was married at Reading, Michigan, in 1880, to Miss Jennie Stout, a daughter of Jefferson Stout, a well known farmer, land owner and money lender of Michigan. They have one daughter, Miss Lotta L. Stevens, who is well versed in horticulture and has been a valuable asset to her father's business in Alvin. Mr. Stevens believes that the fruit and flower industry in the South Texas country will continue to grow, until it will rival any State in the raising and shipping of fruit, flowers and bulbs.



**G. KIMBROUGH**, for several years associated with the automobile industry in Houston, established the L. G. Kimbrough and Company in June, 1922, distributors for the Stephens Auto.

Mr. Kimbrough was born in Linden, Alabama, September 30th, 1888. His father, W. L. Kimbrough, was also a native Alabaman, and a well known business man of that state. His mother was Miss Jennie Nelms, a native of Alabama and a member of a prominent family of that state. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Alabama, after which he studied medicine for three years.

Soon after leaving college, Mr. Kimbrough purchased a drug store in Linden, Alabama, which he operated for seven years. He came to Houston in June, 1915, as a salesman for an automobile agency for the wholesale trade and soon after was made sales manager, and continued in this capacity until he became distributor for the Stephens automobile. Mr. Kimbrough was married in Houston in July, 1922, to Miss Jessie Billings, a member of a well known Texas family. They have one child, Cecil Aileen Kimbrough. In fraternal organizations, Mr. Kimbrough holds membership in the B. P. O. E. and the K. of L. S. Mr. Kimbrough is popular in the business circles of Houston, where he has been successful.





**H. BOGAR** for the past decade has taken an active part in the development of Houston, where for four years he has operated one of the leading drug stores of the city, prior to that time devoting his energies to enterprises of a commercial importance. The Court House Pharmacy, Incorporated, of which Mr. Bogar is president and general manager, was organized by him in 1919 and has since occupied the building at the corner of Congress and Fannin Streets. The Court House Pharmacy caters to the best trade in the city, operating one of the finest drug stores here. They have a floor space of thirty-five by one hundred and fifty feet and employ fifteen clerks. The equipment is modern throughout and of the best quality. The prescription department, in charge of a competent, registered pharmacist, makes a specialty of filling prescriptions in strict accordance with the doctor's prescription and compounded of the best and purest of drugs. They also operate an excellent fountain, making a point of service, and have built up an extensive trade in this line. The Court House Pharmacy also carries a complete line of proprietary drugs and sundries, stocking the better lines of toiletries and candies. Mr. Bogar is president and manager of the corporation, E. R. Campbell, vice president and P. E. J. Scully, secretary-treasurer.

This corporation has forty people to whom they give employment all the year around. Mr. Bogar was born in the central part of Illinois the ninth of July, 1886, and was educated in the public schools of his native state. In 1908 he came to Texas and for the ensuing four years was on a ranch near Amarillo. He then came to Dallas and went with the Automatic Music Company as salesman on the road in Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. During this period much of his time was spent at Houston, where he maintained his headquarters for four years. Later he went with a retail liquor house where he spent one year. At the time the nineteenth amendment went into effect he established his present business.

Mr. Bogar was married at Houston, in 1921, to Miss Marguerette Hilton. They make their home at 818 Elgin Street.



**L. HOFFMAN**, who has recently allied himself with the business life of Harrisburg, has since establishing his headquarters here become a factor in the drug trade, a business in which he has previously had a successful experience covering a period of four decades. Mr. Hoffman is President and Manager of the Harrisburg Drug Company, Incorporated, one of the finest and largest drug stores in Harris County, and which he took over the first of January, 1923. Since that time the store has been completely reorganized, along distinctive lines, and every phase of the business carefully thought out and developed in keeping with the demands of a high class trade. Mr. Hoffman has an excellent location, on the Harrisburg Boulevard, and occupies a modern building, thirty-five by sixty feet. His stock is carefully selected and arranged, and a full line of drugs and drug sundries is carried. The store does a large prescription business handling approximately seven thousand prescriptions per annum. This part of the business is handled exclusively by Mr. Hoffman.

He has a force of five employees, co-operating with him in giving a large patronage the real service that goes far toward the success of a business. His daughter, Miss Susie Hoffman, is Secretary and Treasurer of the Harrisburg Drug Company, Incorporated, and with her father, takes an active part in the management of the business, and has been no small factor in its success. The business of the company has increased thirty per cent in the year it has been under Mr. Hoffman's management.

Mr. Hoffman was born in Oceana County, Michigan, in 1865, the son of Henry Hoffman, who spent his entire life in that State and was a well known attorney and county official. Mr. Hoffman attended the schools of his native State, and as a boy of seventeen years of age began to work in a drug store there. In 1910 he came to Teaxs, going first to Beaumont, where he spent some time with the Dunlap Drug Company. He then went to Collegeport, where he operated a drug store for more than half a decade, after which he went to Blessing, and for almost five years was in the drug business there. The first of the year of 1923 he traded his store in Blessing for the one in Harrisburg, and removed to this city, which has since been his home.

Mr. Hoffman was married in Michigan, the thirtieth of December, 1890, to Miss Lena Nuoffer, a native of that State. They have two children, Miss Susie, who is with her father in the drug business, and W. Leo Hoffman, of San Francisco, California. The family make their home in Harrisburg. Mr. Hoffman is a Blue Lodge Mason, Blessing, Texas, No. 411, to which he was transferred from Lodge No. 289, in Michigan. He has in the short time of his residence at Harrisburg become an integral part of the business world there, and has made many friends, both in the business and social life. He also takes a deep interest in civic activities, and is greatly interested in the development of Harrisburg.



**J. McRAVEN**, who for the past fifteen years has made Houston his home and business headquarters, has since 1916 been identified with the printing and bookbinding business, having attained enviable reputation therein, the books and catalogues bearing the imprint of his press being recognized as of highest quality. Mr. McRaven is secretary and assistant treasurer, as well as manager of the Hercules Printing and Book Company, Inc. The Hercules Company, successors to the Rein and Sons Printing Company, was incorporated in May, 1916, and has since that time built up a rapidly increasing business. The plant of the Hercules Printing Company is equipped with the most modern equipment, electrically operated, and with facilities to care for the highest class of trade. They are makers of fine catalogues, pamphlets, school books, and also manufacturers of directories and telephone books. Eighty operatives are employed. John H. Kirby is president of the company and B. F. Bonner, vice president.

Mr. McRaven was born at Vicksburg, Mississippi, in 1878, son of D. J. McRaven, a native of that state, and a well known cotton man, and Rosa McCaul McRaven, a native of Virginia. He was educated in the public schools of his native state, and after finishing his education he began his business career with a railroad. His railroading experience took him over the entire country, there being few states in



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which he has not been, from coast to coast and from Texas to Maine. In 1908, he came to Texas, at that time being still engaged in railroad work, and located in Houston. In 1910 he gave up this work and spent the ensuing two years with the Kirby Lumber Company, following this by a year in San Francisco, again with a railroad, after which he returned to Houston and again entered the lumber business with the Kirby Lumber Company. He resigned his position there in May, 1916, to assume his connection with the Hercules Printing Company.

Mr. McRaven was married in Tennessee, in 1908, to Miss Mamie Davis, a native of that state. They make their home in Houston at 1405 Oxford Street. Mr. McRaven is a Blue Lodge Mason, Temple No. 1, Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He also belongs to a number of social and civic organizations, such as the Glenbrook Country Club, the Lions Club, of which he is a past president, and Auto Association of South Texas, the Kiwanis Club, the T. P. A. and the Elks.



**CHARLES C. YOUNG** has for more than a score of years been associated with the printing industry of Houston, and the printing establishment at 110 Main Street, bearing his name is one of the oldest and best in the city. Mr. Young is president and manager of the C. C. Young Printing Company, Inc., which was established in Houston in 1865 by A. C. Gray, and continued under this name until 1904 when Mr. F. L. Dillaye became connected with the firm which continued under the name of Gray and Dillaye until Mr. Young became a member of the firm in 1908 and the name was at that time changed to Gray, Dillaye and Young. In 1918 the name was changed to C. C. Young Printing Company, and was incorporated under this name in 1922. This company is engaged in printing and book binding especially books and pamphlets of all kinds. The C. C. Young Printing Company, Inc., does the largest business in legal printing in Houston. They have five thousand square feet of floor space, and have been in the same location for the past thirty years. They employ fifteen experienced printers and book binders. Other officers of the C. C. Young Printing Company, Inc., are Paul M. Slater, vice president, and Henry G. Bastian, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Young was born in Wellsville, Ohio, May 4th, 1881. His father, D. C. Young, was a printer and newspaper man, and his grand-father was a printer. His mother was Miss Cora A. Price, a member of a prominent Ohio family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Springfield Missouri. Mr. Young grew up in the atmosphere of the printing business. When he began to work in his father's printing establishment, he was so small that it was necessary for him to stand on a box in order to feed the press. Later, he went with the Springfield Republican (newspaper) as reporter to the city editor, and continued in newspaper work for some years. He came to Houston in 1902 with the Miller and Orem Typesetting Company and remained with this company for a period of six years. He resigned his place with this firm in order to become a member of the present firm, which was conducted under the name of Gray and Dillaye.

Mr. Young was married in Springfield, Missouri,

in 1901, to Miss Ophelia J. Nelson, a member of a well known Missouri family. They have four children—Fletcher C., Beryl, Charline and Adelaide. Mr. and Mrs. Young reside at 816 Kipling Street. Mr. Young is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Reagan Blue Lodge. He is a member of the Scottish Rite body of this fraternity to the 32nd degree, and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple. During 1922 and 1923 Mr. Young was president of the Master Printers' Association, the Houston Typothetae. Mr. Young has great faith in the future of Houston and believes it is destined to be the greatest city in the Southwest.



**FRANK B. MCCURDY**, veteran printer, of Houston, has for the past three decades been engaged in this work, building up one of the largest and finest commercial printeries in the city. The Frank B. McCurdy Company, of which Mr. McCurdy is the sole owner, was established in 1911, and has since that time enjoyed a very successful business, constantly expanding to meet the increasing demands made by a rapidly growing city, and looking forward to an assured future of growth and progress. The Frank B. McCurdy Company is located at 1116½ Prairie Avenue, where they have more than five thousand square feet of floor space, with a modernly equipped plant, well arranged and employing eighteen operatives. The McCurdy Company specializes in fine commercial printing, and has an extensive patronage drawn from among the big business men of the city. They do all classes of commercial printing, and, in addition to the local trade, have three salesmen who look after their interests in towns located near Houston. Mr. McCurdy manages every detail of the business himself, and personally supervises all the work turned out by the plant.

Mr. McCurdy was born at Galveston, Texas, the eighth of September, 1876, son of G. A. McCurdy, a native of Georgia, who has lived in the Lone Star State for the past sixty-five years, and is now retired and living at Conroe, Texas. His mother (deceased), prior to her marriage, was Miss Ida Brown, was also a native of Texas. Mr. McCurdy was educated in the public schools, later attending that famous old pioneer college, Parker College, where some of the greatest men of the Lone Star State have received their education. After graduating from this institution Mr. McCurdy went to Hearne, Texas, with the Hearne Advocate, and learned the printing business from the ground up. He then came to Houston in 1893, and was for three years with Dealy & Baker, then with the Franklin Printing House, until that business was sold to the Dorsey Printing Company. He was made general manager of the reorganized company, holding this position until 1911, when he established his own business.

Mr. McCurdy was married at Houston, in 1897, to Miss Marguerette Curtin, a native of this city. They make their home on Bellaire Boulevard. Mr. McCurdy is an Eagle, past Worthy President, and President the past three terms, and is chairman of the Board of Trustees. He also belongs to the Elks, the Turnverein Club, the Salesmanship Club, the Advertising Club, the Automobile Association and is a director of the Red Roosters.



**J**OSEPH M. CARY has for more than a score of years been an active figure in the financial and business circles of Houston, where he is vice president and general manager of the A. P. Cary Company, Inc. This company was founded by Mr. Cary's brother, the late A. P. Cary, and is one of the largest concerns of its kind in the South. It was established in Dallas in 1884 and the Houston house was opened in 1902 for the purpose of more conveniently supplying this portion of the state. The A. P. Cary Company, Inc., are wholesale dealers in dental and surgical instruments and supplies, and hospital equipment of all kinds. The Houston house of the company has ten employees and three traveling representatives who cover all of South, Central and West Texas, and a portion of Louisiana and the Republic of Mexico. The headquarters of the company were recently moved to the eighth floor of the new Keystone building. The offices have been fitted out with beautiful furniture and with complete and modern equipment throughout. The company has equipped many of the hospitals in South Texas, among which are the Southern Pacific, Methodist, Sugarland Industrial and the Mercy Hospital at Brownsville.

Mr. Cary is a native of Alabama. His father, Major Joseph Milton Cary, and his mother, who was Miss Lucy Jeannett Powell, were members of well known Virginia families who figured prominently in the ante-bellum history of the State of Alabama, and during the trying period of reconstruction following the Civil War. Mr. Cary is a brother of Dr. E. H. Cary, one of the foremost physicians and surgeons of Dallas. The public schools of Alabama supplied the foundation for Mr. Cary's education, after which he was a student at the A. & M. College of Alabama; later attending Georgetown University at Washington, D. C., where he graduated with the L. L. D. degree, receiving the L. L. M. degree one year later. Before graduating from college, however, he had an unusual honor bestowed upon him. The governor of Alabama appointed him as one of the Alabama commissioners to the Paris Exposition. This gave him the opportunity to spend the summer of 1889 in Europe, where he had the pleasure of meeting many of the interesting and leading people of England and the continent. After his graduation, Mr. Cary practiced law for a period of five years in Dallas. He left the practice of law in order to engage with his brother in the present business at Dallas, where he remained until he came to Houston in 1902. During his residence in Dallas Mr. Cary became popular in social as well as in business circles. His leadership in society was evidenced by his election to the prominent social position of president of the Bachelors' Cotillion Club.

Mr. Cary was married in Galveston in 1909 to Miss Vanita De Milt, a native Texan. They have one daughter—Vanita De Milt Cary. The Cary residence, one of the most attractive in the city, is located at 208 Westmoreland. In social organizations, he is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega College fraternity, the Houston Country Club, the Houston Club and the University Club. For a period of three years he served as president of the old Z Z Club, during which time he was especially active as one of the leaders in Houston society. Mr. Cary has done much toward the advancement and progress of Houston.

**O. JARRELL** has been engaged in the insurance business for the past eleven years, during which time he has been associated with the oldest and largest insurance concerns of this city. Since 1919 Mr. Jarrell has been a member of the firm of Shelton and Jarrell, and the business is conducted under the names of S. O. Cotton and Brother and Shelton and Ames; the former being fire insurance and the latter surety and casualty insurance. The firm of S. O. Cotton and Brother was established in Houston in 1875, mostly fire insurance, by S. O. and J. M. Cotton, which has been sold several times since then, and was purchased by Shelton and Ames several years ago, and is now owned by Shelton and Jarrell. This firm has ten experienced people in their employ. They started out at one time as general agents for several of the larger companies, but now only direct their own business, which has been increased each year, until now it has reached wonderful proportions. This firm has the distinction of being the only firm in the state who have been agents for one company for one-half a century, the company being the Royal Insurance Company of Liverpool, England. Mr. Jarrell started his business career at Corsicana, Texas, as a bookkeeper for the McCammon-Lang Lumber Company, where he remained for a period of eight months and then became associated with the City National Bank, where he remained for about six months and then entered the insurance business, with W. Burgess and Company of that city, where he remained for several years. He then went to Austin with the State Insurance Department and after remaining there for a few years came to Houston and became associated with the insurance firm of Cravens and Cage, where he remained for two years and then went with his present firm. During the World War Mr. Jarrell was cashier of the Universal Ship Building Company of Houston.

A native Texan, Mr. Jarrell was born at Corsicana on May 31st, 1892. His father, J. A. Jarrell, a native of Tennessee, was a pioneer dry goods merchant of Corsicana, and the senior member of the Jarrell-Elliott Dry Goods Company, one of the largest and best known firms of its kind in Central Texas. His mother was Miss Alma Strader, a native of Missouri and a member of a prominent family of that state. The public schools of Corsicana furnished the foundation for Mr. Jarrell's education and Toby's Business College of Waco fitted him with his early business training, and he has been very successful in his chosen career.

Mr. Jarrell was married at Bastrop, Texas, in 1920, to Miss Frances Haralson, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of J. A. Haralson, (deceased) well known in the railroad circles of the state. Mr. and Mrs. Jarrell reside at 619 Colquitt Avenue. Mr. Jarrell is a member of the A. F. and A. M., and has attained to the Knight Templar degree in the York Rite body of this order; he is a member of Arabia Temple. He is president of the Insurance Exchange of Houston, and devotes much of his time to further the interests of the local exchange. He is also a member of the Glenbrook Country Club, the Shrine Club, Rotary Club, the Houston Chamber of Commerce and is a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Jarrell is popular in the business and social circles





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of Houston, where he is making a splendid success. He is intensely interested in the civic and educational welfare of his city, and gives liberally of his time and means to further any project for the progress and advancement of Houston, which he believes is soon to become the Metropolis of the Southwest.



**WOLFENSTEIN**, president and general manager of Levy Bros. Dry Goods Company and the Grand Leader, has since coming to Houston been an active figure in the business circles of this city. Mr. Wolfenstein came to Houston in 1916 and established the Grand Leader, a modern and complete department store with a capital stock of \$150,000.00 and since its establishment has done an annual business of \$1,000,000.00. The Grand Leader employs one hundred and twenty-five people, and sell for cash only. Mr. Wolfenstein's life is of that ample and busy kind that overflowed the confines of one big business, and in 1920 he became the general manager of Levy Bros. Dry Goods Company. This company is incorporated for \$750,000.00 and their annual business amounts to \$3,500,000.00. They employ five hundred people in the several departments, each one experienced in the particular department where they are employed. Levy Bros. Dry Goods Company was established in Houston in 1887 by Leo Levy and the late Abe M. Levy, life-long residents of Houston. They were later joined in the business by Joe Levy, Hyman Levy and Haskell Levy. The Levy Bros. Dry Goods Company is recognized as one of the best and most complete department stores in the Southwest, carrying a line of merchandise that would be a credit to stores in cities twice the size of Houston.

Mr. Wolfenstein was born in New York in 1875. His parents, Philip Wolfenstein and Rosa Wolfenstein, were natives of New York, and well known in business and social circles of that city. Mr. Wolfenstein's education was obtained in the public schools of New York.

Mr. Wolfenstein came to Texas in 1894 and immediately launched his business career as a dry goods merchant. He first was associated with the L. Wolfson Company of San Antonio as department manager, remaining in this position until 1899 when he was made general manager of the L. Wolfson Company. He remained in the service of this company fourteen years, until 1908, when he removed to Dallas, where he was associated with the Titcher-Goettinger Company for three years, from 1908 to 1911, when he resigned his position with this firm and went to Jacksonville, Florida, where he remained until 1913, when he returned to Dallas as department manager for Sanger Brothers. He remained with Sanger Brothers for three years, and in 1916 came to Houston. Mr. Wolfenstein was married in San Antonio in 1899 to Miss Elsie Kunze, a native of Austin and a member of a well known family of that city. They have three children, Phyllis, now Mrs. Albert Heilner of New York, Dorothy and Fannie. The latter two daughters have been educated in music and are indeed accomplished. The Wolfenstein residence is located at 603 West Main Street. Mr. Wolfenstein is a Mason to the 32nd degree and a Shriner of Arabia Temple. He is a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and the Merchants Association and the Glenbrook Coun-

try Club. Mr. Wolfenstein is interested in all agencies working for the greater development and civic improvement of Houston, and expects the city to continue its steady, consistent growth and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines.



**FRIEDLANDER**, one of the organizers of the Gibraltar Savings and Building Association, and secretary, treasurer and manager of same since its organization has proved his value as a man of sound judgment, fully competent to fill the high position he holds, and the responsibilities involved. The Gibraltar Savings and Building Association was organized in 1921 with a capital of \$5,000,000 and is subject to the supervision of the state insurance department. This association is the first building and loan company in the state owning its own building which is located at 710 San Jacinto Street. All loans of this association are made in Houston, and many of the leading business men of the city are stock holders in the Gibraltar Savings and Building Association. This association has many attractive features, both in installment and prepaid certificates, and the members receive all earnings. Other officers of the Gibraltar Savings and Building Association are W. T. Carter, Jr., president, and E. R. Spotts and Dr. S. M. Lister, vice presidents.

A native Texan, Mr. Friedlander was born in Waco in 1888. His father, Adolph Friedlander was well known in the business circles of Waco where for many years he was engaged in the mercantile business. His mother was Miss Mina Frank, a member of a prominent San Antonio family. Mr. Friedlander's education was obtained in the public and high schools of Waco, graduating from the latter in the class of 1904. He later took several special courses in different lines.

Mr. Friedlander has had a wide and varied business career, which he began in Waco, where he was for a period of seven years in charge of all real estate of the August A. Busch and Company. After this, he engaged in the fire insurance business in Waco, and remained in this line of work for three years. In 1916 he disposed of all of his interests in Waco and came to Houston with the Southwest Publicity Bureau, and remained for three years in this service. He then went to New York City and engaged in the buying and selling of stocks and bonds. He remained in this business in New York for two years and returned to Houston and organized the Gibraltar Savings and Building Association, which has been a thorough success. Mr. Friedlander was married in Waco in 1913 to Miss Reva Davidson, a daughter of Sam Davidson, a well known Texan who is now residing in Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Friedlander reside at the Rice Hotel. In fraternal and social organizations, Mr. Friedlander holds membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Concordia Club. He is a tireless worker for the good of the city where he may live and its people. While residing in Waco, he was president of the Young Men's Business League; president of the Progress Club; a director of the Texas Cotton Palace Association, and an active worker in everything for the good of Waco. Since coming to Houston, he has shown the same spirit in the work he is doing for the betterment and advancement of the city of his adoption.





**L**UCIA is well known as a manufacturer and importer of Houston where for more than two score years he has been engaged in business. Mr. Lucia is the owner of the Magnolia Macaroni Manufacturing Company, makers of all kinds of macaroni, spaghetti, vermicelli, etc. He established this manufacturing plant thirty-one years ago, and he manufactures a product of very high quality. The Magnolia Macaroni Manufacturing Company, located at 512 West Dallas Street, has a floor space of twenty thousand square feet, and employs twenty-five people. This factory uses thirty-five sacks of special flour daily. In addition to the Magnolia Macaroni Manufacturing Company, Mr. Lucia conducts a very large importing business. He buys and imports in car load lots the following: Olive oil, black olives, tomato sauce, anchovies, cheese, and many other articles of food.

Mr. Lucia was born in Italy in 1852. His parents, Sam Lucia and Annie Lucia, were well known and respected citizens in the land of their nativity. They came to America in 1881. Mr. Lucia was educated in private institutions in Italy. He entered the Italian army when twenty years of age and after serving three years retired as a captain. He came to America forty-one years ago and began his business career as a fruit merchant, which he continued for three years. He then engaged in the grocery business, and continued in this line of business for seven years. Thirty-one years ago he established the Magnolia Macaroni Manufacturing Company and has always lived in the present locality, and for the past twenty-seven years on the same property. Mr. Lucia has been closely connected with the commercial interests of the city for many years, and has many interests. He is a director in the National Bank of Commerce.

Mr. Lucia was married in Houston in 1896 to Miss Paulina Vetrano, a daughter of Emanuel Vetrano, for many years engaged in the grocery business in Houston. They have nine children—Sam J., twenty-four years of age; Annie Mary, aged twenty years; Lena Mary Magdaline, aged eighteen; Manuel Mathews, aged sixteen years; Pauline Agnes, aged fourteen years; Vincent John, twelve years old; Josephine, ten years old; Joseph, aged eight years and Anthony, four years of age. Mr. Lucia has great faith in the future of Houston and expects the city to continue its steady, consistent growth, until it becomes the greatest city in the Southwest.



**F**RANK SCHOTT, for upwards of forty years a resident of Houston, and one of the veteran bakers of this city, besides being a factor in industrial activities, has taken a constructive interest in public affairs. Mr. Schott is President of Schott's Bakery, Incorporated, one of the largest and finest bakeries in the Lone Star State. The business was established by Mr. Schott, in 1893, in a small way, with one man to help, and a horse and wagon to deliver. But from the beginning the business prospered, for Mr. Schott made bread that has always been noted for its quality, and the new, three-story brick and concrete building on Washington Avenue, just completed by this firm, is the result of these years of growth. This building, each of the three floors giving seventy-one by one hundred and forty feet of floor space, is equipped with the most modern equipment, and is able to

meet a wholesale demand for any bakery product. The third floor is used for the dough and mixing rooms, with the second floor given over to the dividers, molders, and also the baking ovens, the Baker-Perkins traveling oven, the most improved baking oven, being the type used. The first floor takes care of the distribution department, offices, etc., and like the rest of the building is modernly equipped. A force of fifty operatives are employed in the plant, and wholesale trade catered to exclusively. Mr. Schott is President of the Schott Bakery, Inc., and his son, Herbert Schott, is Manager.

Mr. Schott was born at Baden, Germany, the twenty-eighth of September, 1862. He came to New Orleans, where other members of the family had already come, in 1878, and learned the baker's trade in that city, remaining there until 1882. He then came to Galveston, where he spent one year, and then came to Houston, in 1883. For the five ensuing years he worked in various bakeries, among them Fritz Weiss and Chris Bollfrass Bakeries, and then went in business for himself, establishing the bakery he operates today. Mr. Schott has always been progressive, and was the first baker in Houston to place an oven in his show window, demonstrating the making of bread.

Mr. Schott was married at Houston, the first of September, 1891, to Miss Pauline Reiger. They had a family of four children, one of whom, Frank, Jr., died the eleventh of September, 1921, leaving a widow and one child, Archie, the three surviving children being Herbert J., Manager of the bakery, and who married Miss Pearl Baker, and has two children; Herbert J., Jr., and Lois Mildred; Bernard T., also with the bakery, and who married Miss Ruby Harlow, and has one child, Lola Ruth; and Katherine, wife of L. C. Bryan, a railroad man, and who has one child, Hilda Mae. Mr. Schott is a member of the Sons of Hermann, and an honor member of the Houston Saengerbund. Mr. Schott is in every way one of the substantial citizens of Houston, and his progressive bakery methods have been of vital importance to the community.



**M. ANDERSON** is one of the best posted men in South Texas on matters pertaining to life insurance, and has made a close and intensive study of all phases of life protection during the sixteen years or more he has been engaged in the business. He is now the senior partner in the Anderson-Allen Agency, general agents for the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, with district offices at 317 Carter Building, Houston. The territory embraced in the general agency district covered by the Anderson-Allen Agency is Harris, Galveston, Brazoria and Fort Bend Counties.

This agency was established in May, 1921, taking over the business established by a former agency, and has been highly successful. R. S. Allen is the junior partner in the agency and the two men make an especially strong and able team in the insurance field. They have four special agents working out of the Houston office and have adopted a policy of adding to their field force as desirable and efficient men as can be procured. The Lincoln National, one of the strongest Old Line companies operating in Texas, has more than a million dollars of insurance in force in the district covered by the



Anderson-Allen Agency.

Mr. Anderson has spent a total of sixteen years in the insurance business, commencing soon after his graduation. Three years of this time was spent at Galveston where he was actuary and manager for the American National Insurance Company. He is an expert actuary and has made a special study of insurance mathematics. From Galveston he went to Beaumont, where he was associated with the San Jacinto Life Insurance Company for some time before removing to Houston in 1920. He spent several years in consultation work and as actuary for insurance companies before coming to Texas in 1915.

A native of Canada, Mr. Anderson was born at Petrolia, in the Canadian oil fields, in 1885. He was educated in the public and high schools of Michigan and attended the University of Michigan, specializing in insurance mathematics, and graduating with the class of 1907. He went into insurance work immediately following his graduation, realizing the practically unlimited opportunities in this field of effort.

Mr. Anderson was married on December 26, 1908, at Bay City, Michigan, to Miss Henriette Walrath, member of a well known Michigan family. They have two children, Calvin and Adamary. Mrs. Anderson is a trained insurance woman and has had special courses in insurance salesmanship, taking the first course in this line offered by the Carnegie Institute of Technology at Pittsburgh, Pa.



JOHN G. DAVIS, JR., one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, has entered into the spirit of the South Texas Metropolis and has been identified with various Houston business interests since entering the commercial field. At this time he is a sales representative of the well known Castor Oil Products Company.

A native Texan, Mr. Davis was born at Dallas, March 12th, 1898. His father, John G. Davis, Sr., removed to Houston in 1903, and has since been engaged in the cotton business in this city, where he is well known and prominent in the cotton industry. His mother was Miss Laura Fahm, a member of a well known Georgia family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Houston. After finishing school, Mr. Davis entered the cotton business here, and served in practically all the branches of this great industry. In 1917 he enlisted for service in the World War and was sent to Mineola, Long Island, New York, and was attached to the 42nd Division Supply Train, which was on the way to France, and departed for France thirty days after enlistment as a private. He was for eighteen months with the 42nd Division in France, and in this period had been promoted to the rank of captain. He was transferred to the Red Cross, in charge of transportation, and was with this branch of the service for four months, making a total of twenty-two months in France. Mr. Davis was discharged after his return to the United States as a captain in August, 1919. He again entered the cotton business, for a short time, and then entered the battery business with a partner, and later purchased the partner's interest and conducted the business alone until selling same in November, 1923. During the time Mr. Davis served in the army, he was paid his regular salary by the cotton firm for whom he was working when he

enlisted for service.

Mr. Davis was married in Houston, January 6th, 1921, to Miss Ruth Goodenough, a native of Indiana and a daughter of R. G. Goodenough, now a well known resident of San Antonio, Texas. They have one son, John G. Davis III. Mr. and Mrs. Davis reside at 4411 Roseland Street. Mr. Davis is a member of the Red Roosters and takes an active interest in this organization. He is a believer in the future of Houston, and never fails to speak a good word for the city of his adoption, which he thinks will soon become the leading city of the Southwest.



L. DODSON, since coming to Houston several years ago, has been associated with the battery business, attaining the reputation of one of the most progressive representatives of this important branch of the automotive business in the city. Mr. Dodson is president and manager of the Dodson Battery Company, Incorporated, a firm established and incorporated in February, 1923. The Dodson Battery Company, Inc., occupies a modern building which Mr. Dodson built especially for his business at 2002 San Jacinto Street at the corner of Pierce Avenue. This building, with a floor space covering sixty by seventy-three feet, provides adequately for the various departments, sales, service and repairs. Mr. Dodson is an official Willard battery dealer at Houston, and also takes care of the servicing of many Willards in use in this city. Mr. Dodson has installed the most up-to-date equipment in his establishment and every possible means to insure satisfaction of the customers is used. Three trained battery men are on duty at all times and look after the sales and service of Willard batteries under the supervision of Mr. Dodson. Other members of the corporation are T. M. Keiller, vice president, and F. M. Dodson, secretary and treasurer.

H. L. Dodson was born at Sherman, Texas, the twenty-sixth of January, 1897, son of J. S. Dodson, a native of Grayson County, who died when his son was a boy six years old, and Lida Barton Dodson, who has remarried and is now the wife of J. M. McMakin, of Howe, Texas. Mr. Dodson attended the public schools of Grayson County and as a boy began to work in the auto shops at Sherman in the mechanical department. Later he went to Detroit, Michigan, and from there to Dallas, Texas, where, at the entrance of the United States in the World War he joined the Motor Transport, Company A, 117 Supply Train, Forty-second Rainbow Division, enlisting the eighth of July, 1917. He went to France with this division and was there transferred to division headquarters. He was discharged the eighteenth of February, 1919, as a private, and went to Dallas, where he remained until April, the tenth of the same year, when he came to Houston. Here he went to work with the Hurlburt-Still Electric Company in the battery department and later became manager of this department. In December, 1922, he left this company to organize the Dodson Battery Company, Inc., of which he has since been president and manager.

Mr. Dodson makes his home at the Rossonian Apartments and is a Blue Lodge Mason, Temple Lodge. His activities in the business world at Houston have stamped him as a young man of progressive ideals and keen business judgment.



**EDWARD KOCH**, pioneer resident and retired business man, has been a citizen of Houston since May, 1876, coming here at that time from Natchez, Mississippi. For many years he was engaged in the bakery business and his place on Congress Street, in the Fifth Ward, for twenty years supplied the needs of many of Houston's most discriminating families. Hard work and judicious investments enabled Mr. Koch to accumulate from the proceeds of his business and investments a comfortable fortune and in 1901 he retired from active business. For several years he has been in declining health, but his mind is still as active as ever and he tells with marked interest many anecdotes of his early business experiences when Houston was but a small town.

Mr. Koch was born at Barmen, Germany, on November 3rd, 1844, a son of William Koch a cabinet maker. He was educated in the schools of Germany and learned the confectionery trade. Coming to America in June, 1868, soon after the close of the war between the North and the South, he worked in New York City for eight months and then went to Alabama where he remained for nine months before going to New Orleans. He worked in the Louisiana city for a year and then removed to Natchez, Mississippi, where he established a bakery and continued in business there for six years. Coming to Houston in May, 1876, he went to work for Brown and Bollfrass, bakers and was employed by this firm for three years when he again went in business for himself.

In July, 1873, fifty-three years ago, Mr. Koch was married at Natchez, Mississippi, to Miss Emma Fairy, a daughter of H. and Frances Fairy. Five children were born to them, but none are now living. The family home is at 1909 McIlhenny Avenue.

Mr. Koch is a typical example of the old school type of gentleman. Cultured and refined, and extremely modest regarding the part he has played in the development of Houston, he has nevertheless been connected in some way at least with most of the important and progressive programs of development sponsored by the city during fifty years he has made Houston his home. Having seen Houston develop from a village to a metropolitan city, he still visions its future growth and expects that in the years to come it will assume a place of distinct leadership among the commercial and shipping centers of the South.

Mr. Koch is a member of the United Workmen of America, the Turnverein, and an honorary member of the Houston Sangerbund, an honorary member of the Master Bakers of Texas, and charter member of the Sons of Herman.

**CHARL H. RIES**, for the past fifteen years active in the mercantile business at Houston, is now manager of the Women's Wear Department of the Clark Thompson Department Store of Galveston, one of the largest mercantile establishments in the city. The women's wear department, over which Mr. Ries presides, is one of the most exclusive in this section of the State, and is arranged in such a manner that the visitor's first impression is a pleasing one, the fixtures in this section being ultra modern. Mr. Ries is especially well equipped to manage this department, having had much experience in this line of work.

Mr. Ries was born in Germany, the ninth of Au-

gust, 1872, son of Henry Ries, who came to America in 1880, living at Kenton, Ohio, where he was a factor in the dye industry, until his death. Mr. Ries grew up in this city, attending public schools there. At the age of eleven he began his mercantile experience, in a store in Ohio, working up as age and experience permitted. He came to Texas in 1910, and until 1918 was department manager of the W. C. Munn Company, mercantile establishment at Houston. In that year he resigned and established The Carl Ries Company, handling an exclusive line of ladies' ready-to-wear, in which he was active until going with Clark Thompson Department Store of Galveston.

Mr. Ries was married at Beaumont, Texas, in 1906, to Miss Myrtle Heiney, a native of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Ries now make their home in Galveston, and since removing there have taken an active part in the civic and social affairs of the Island City. Mr. Ries is a member of the Houston Advertising Association, the Turnverein Club and is a Blue Lodge Mason, Temple No. 4, Houston.

**SCHOENMANN** of Houston, Texas, has for more than two decades been an active figure in the commercial life of this city where he owns and operates the Schoenmann Produce Company, wholesale dealers in fruits and vegetables. This company was established in 1911 under the name of Jeffords and Schoenmann, a partnership, and was operated under this name until 1923, when Mr. Schoenmann purchased his partner's interest and has since operated under the present name of Schoenmann Produce Company. Mr. Jeffords is now engaged in the produce business in California, shipping under the name of Jeffords-Schoenmann, although the subject of this sketch is not financially interested in this business. The Schoenmann Produce Company, which is located at 910-912 Commerce Street, has the distinction of being the only firm in Houston handling fruits and vegetables exclusively. Twenty-five people are employed in the operation of this establishment, which from a modest beginning has become a business of large proportions and is growing with each succeeding year.

A native of Germany, Mr. Schoenmann was born on November 5th, 1881. His father, B. Schoenmann (deceased), was also a native of Germany and active in the business life of the Fatherland. His mother, Mrs. H. Schoenmann, was a member of a prominent family of Germany. His education was obtained in the schools of Germany, which he left at an early age in order to engage in business. He first started in the produce industry in 1906 and has been continuously engaged in this field of activity, in fact has spent his entire business career in the various branches of the produce industry.

Mr. Schoenmann was married at Houston, Texas, on June 6th, 1912, to Miss D. Stark, a native of Houston, and a daughter of Mr. M. Stark, well known in the commercial life of Houston. Her mother, Mrs. M. Stark, was a member of a well known family of New York State. They have two children: Harriett Vivian and Burnice Marie, both at home with parents. Mr. and Mrs. Schoenmann reside at 402 Stratford Street. Mr. Schoenmann is a member of the B. P. O. E., the Houston Chamber of Commerce and many other of the city's fraternal and commercial organizations in all of which he



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*B. J. McKeon*

takes a keen interest. His church membership is with the Beth Israel Synagogue, this being the religion of his forbears throughout many generations. During his residence in Houston covering a period of more than twenty years Mr. Schoenmann has always taken an interest in the upbuilding and advancement of this city, where he is a leader in his particular line of activity. He has great faith in the future of Houston and believes the time is near at hand when this city will lead the entire Southwest.



**B**ERNARD JOSEPH DeGEORGE, a native son of Houston, Texas, as a very young man became a member of the business fraternity of this city where he was numbered among the leaders of the real estate industry of the younger generation. He started his career in the business world with his father, Mr. M. DeGeorge of this city, under the firm name of M. DeGeorge and Sons, and the subject of this sketch soon established an enviable reputation in his chosen field of activity. The firm of M. DeGeorge and Sons were engaged in the real estate business, handling their own properties and that of others, being signally successful in all their ventures. Both the DeGeorge Hotel and the New Auditorium Hotel are owned and operated by this firm, and Mr. DeGeorge was for some time active in the management and operation of these hostelrys.

Mr. DeGeorge was born on June 18th, 1891. His father, M. DeGeorge, a native of Italy, came to America and to Houston as a very young man and has been a factor in the commercial life of this city for many years. He has shown his faith in the future of Houston through his large investments in real estate here and has always advised his family and friends to invest in Houston property. The mother of Bernard J. DeGeorge, also a native of Italy, was a member of a well known family of that country, where her name was Miss Ursula Ciulla. His education was obtained in the schools of Houston which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world, and all of his business experience was in the organization of his father in Houston, Texas.

Mr. DeGeorge was married at Houston, Texas, on June 9th, 1920, to Miss Lena Catherine Ciulla, a native of Houston, and a daughter of Anthony Ciulla (now deceased), who was also a native of Italy, but for many years, prior to his death, had been a resident of Houston and active in the commercial life of this city. Her mother, also a native of Italy, was Miss Anna Christina, a member of a prominent family of their native land. Mr. DeGeorge was a member of the Catholic Church, this being the religion of his forbears for many generations. Mr. DeGeorge died at Houston, Texas, on February 19th, 1922. He was one of the most popular young business men of Houston, having a host of friends who mourn his loss as being irreparable in a city where he was highly esteemed and loved by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Perhaps no young man of Houston had a brighter future than did Mr. DeGeorge as he was destined to become one of the leaders in his chosen field of activity, not only of Houston but of South Texas, where he was widely known for his pleasing personality and a constant desire to assist his friends in every way possible. He loved Houston and was never too busy to speak a good word for his city and community.



**R. TREADWELL** is well known in the business and financial circles of Houston where for fifteen years he has operated his own drug stores and prior to this time, he was for seven years associated with the T. E. Smith drug stores. Until 1923, Mr. Treadwell owned the whole or the controlling interests in five drug stores in Houston, when he disposed of his interests in the several drug stores and is devoting his entire time and attention to the Treadwell Drug Store, located at 3617 Washington Avenue, which is one of the leading drug stores of the city and also one of the oldest residence drug stores. The Treadwell Drug Store occupies a space twenty-five feet by seventy-five feet, and ten trained people are employed. This drug store has a modern prescription department presided over by careful and painstaking pharmacists, also carries a full line of patent medicines, drugs of all kinds, druggists' sundries, toilet articles, stationery, school supplies, and in fact everything to be found in a first-class drug store. Mr. Treadwell also maintains a sanitary soda fountain, where he serves ice cold drinks of all kinds, ice cream and salad lunches. Mr. Treadwell has a large business in his line, which is made up of customers who have traded in his establishment since the drug store was started, together with new customers which he gains every day, who appreciate pure drugs and good service.

Mr. Treadwell was born in Red River Parish, Louisiana, March 11th, 1875. His father, W. H. Treadwell was a native of North Carolina and was for many years engaged in business in his native state and in Louisiana. His mother was Miss Josephine Pickens, a native of Tennessee where she was a member of a prominent family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Jones County, and Dallas County, Texas, after which he received a business training. He began his business career in Dallas with the Skillern Drug Stores, among the pioneer drug dealers of Dallas, and remained with this firm for a period of seven years. He then came to Houston where he became associated with the T. E. Smith Drug Company and remained with this firm until he entered the drug business on his own account, and has met with unusual success. Mr. Treadwell is interested in many of Houston's financial and business institutions and has been vice president and director of the Citizens State Bank since its organization.

Mr. Treadwell was married in Houston in 1915 to Miss Cecilia Clay, a native Houstonian and a daughter of John Clay, one of the city's pioneer business men, and the family are large property owners of Houston. They have one daughter, Blanche Treadwell. Mr. and Mrs. Treadwell reside at 401 Heights Boulevard. Mr. Treadwell is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Houston Chamber of Commerce. He has devoted his entire life to the drug business and by his fair business methods and careful attention to business has built up a wonderful business and his customers are numbered not by the population of the contiguous part of the city, but from every portion of Houston. Mr. Treadwell participates in a most substantial and active manner in all moves and enterprises that have for their object the upbuilding of his city and its citizenship.

Note: Since above sketch was written Mr. Treadwell died March 3, 1925.



**G**EORGE WASHINGTON THARP. For half a century the name of George Washington Tharp, venerable and honored pioneer of Houston, stood for professional integrity unsurpassed in the annals of the history of the city. Mr. Tharp came to Houston as a young man, just out of law school, and imbued with ideals that were never lowered, with an enthusiasm that never dimmed, rendered conspicuous service to his community throughout the more than fifty years of his residence here. He impressed his influence on the development of the growing community, took an active part in its upbuilding, made a record of signal achievement as an attorney, and was in every way a force for good, a factor for progress, in the community in which he lived.

George Washington Tharp was born in the State of Ohio, eighteen miles from Columbus, on the first day of March, 1851. His father, Philip Tharp, a native of Virginia, came to Ohio in his early manhood and spent his remaining years in that State. His mother, prior to her marriage, Miss Mary Swygert, was a native of Pennsylvania, but lived in Ohio for many years. As a boy Mr. Tharp attended the Academy of Columbus, later going to the Normal College at Miami, Ohio. He then went to Websterville, where he took a literary course and after its completion entered the University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor, as a law student, taking his L. L. B. degree at that institution in March, 1880. Shortly after receiving his degree Mr. Tharp married and with his bride came to Waco, Texas. Mr. William Chapman, a classmate of Mr. Tharp, arrived at Waco a week before Mr. and Mrs. Tharp and in that week found the prospects there did not come up to their high expectations, for on the arrival of Mr. and Mrs. Tharp they left for Houston. Arriving in Houston in the late summer of 1880 they established the law firm of Tharp and Chapman, but after a short time Mr. Chapman's health gave way and he returned to his home in Ohio.

The next several years Mr. Tharp practiced alone, then formed an association with R. L. Whitehead, who had studied law in Mr. Tharp's office. During the time of this partnership Mr. Whitehead served as County Attorney of Harris County, and later left Houston. Mr. Tharp then continued his practice alone until his son, Philip Tharp, became associated with him.

Mr. Tharp was married just after taking his law degree, his bride being Miss Hannah Jones, whom he married the eighth of July, 1880. She was the daughter of John David and Margaret Williams Jones, both natives of Wales, who came to the United States in 1865, coming direct to Ohio, where they spent the remainder of their lives. In 1886 Mr. Tharp purchased the Tharp homestead of five acres, on Leeland Avenue, and built the fine old Tharp homestead, where he spent the rest of his life, rearing within its walls a family of six children. This home still stands, but was recently moved to 3016 Leeland Avenue.

The six children of Mr. and Mrs. Tharp are: Mary Mabel, wife of R. J. Stout, of Columbus, Ohio, and who have two children, Evangeline and Roy Jefferson; Bertha Jessie, wife of J. P. Reambert, of Houston, and who have four children, James Lloyd, George Andrew, Hannah Juanita, and Howard Tharp; Anna Margaret, wife of C. F. Hetherington,

of Indianapolis, Indiana, and who have five children, Jessie Tharp, Frederick Benjamin, Virginia Ann, Richard Stevens, and Mary Sue; Philip Tharp, attorney, of Houston, associated with his brother, George, in the firm of Tharp and Tharp, and who is married to Miss Elizabeth Clark, and have two children, Unice and Philip, Junior; George W. Tharp, Houston attorney, and who is married to Miss Kathleen Okay; and Webster Jones Tharp, a graduate of the School of Mines, University of Texas, class of '24. These sons and daughters of Mr. Tharp were all educated in the public schools of Houston, and all graduated from the high school here.

George Washington Tharp was one of the most highly esteemed attorneys of Houston, and had hosts of friends in all walks of life. He was considered an authority on many phases of jurisprudence. During the half a century of his practice he handled many big cases, attaining a reputation in proportion to his years of service and practice. Mr. Tharp was a leader, taking part in all civic improvements and contributing materially to the development of Houston. He was a man of distinguished bearing, impressive personality, and was the center of any gathering. His friendships were many and there were few of the older residents of the city who did not know and honor this distinguished pioneer. His death, which occurred at his home, the twentieth of January, 1923, was felt deeply throughout the city, and the memory of this honored citizen and lawyer, whose seventy-two years were so richly lived, will long be honored.



**T**HOMAS MASON HAYNES. In the history of the progress of the city of Palestine, the name of Thomas Mason Haynes, veteran druggist and citizen of highest order, stands out as one of those men who had the welfare of his community ever at heart, placing the public good above his own private gain. There was no civic activity during his life time that Mr. Haynes did not support, helping in every way at his command to develop Palestine and make it a better place in which to live. His business associates found in him a man of sterling character and high ideals who made his influence for good felt in the commercial world. As a druggist, he operated a store that from the time of its organization kept pace with the progress of the city, giving the public a square deal, and was one of the most popular and extensively patronized drug stores within the environs of Palestine.

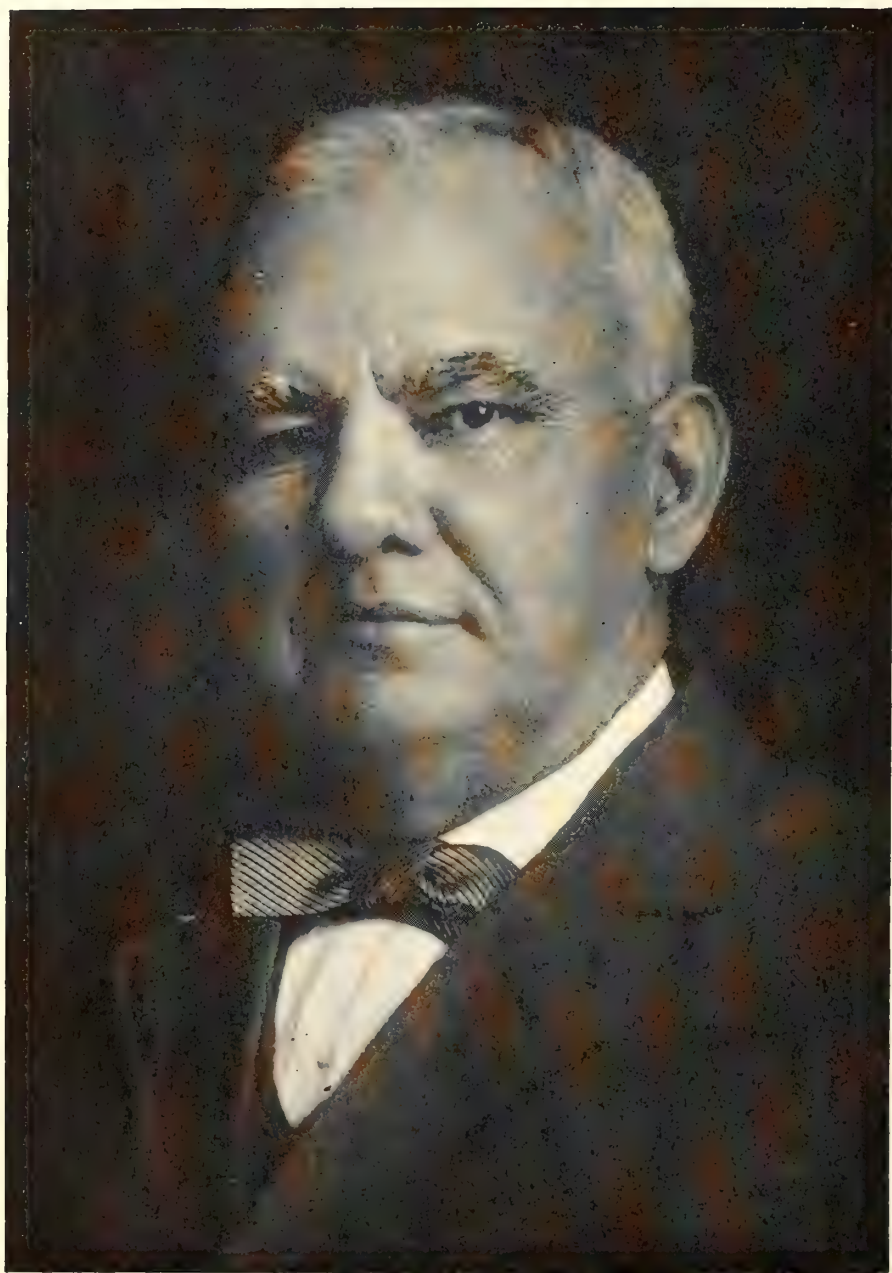
Mr. Haynes was born at Petersboro, Virginia, the twenty-first of January, 1869. His father, J. A. Haynes, a native of Virginia, was a Baptist minister in that state his entire life. His mother, before her marriage Miss Mary Mason, was also a native Virginian. Mr. Haynes received his rudimentary education in the schools of Middleburg, Loudoun County, Virginia, and after finishing his work there, he entered Richmond College, taking the four year course and graduating from that institution. Mr. Haynes went to Baltimore shortly after his graduation from Richmond College and for several years worked as a practical druggist in that city. In 1880 he came to Palestine, and was associated with John R. Hearne, the leading druggist, for a number of years.

Mr. Haynes was married at Palestine, the eleventh of November, 1888, to Miss Laura Sterne, daughter



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of C. A. and Sarah Mallard Sterne. Mrs. Haynes' father was one of the real pioneers of the Lone Star State, and her mother was a native of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes had a family of four children, three daughters and a son. After Mr. Haynes' death, Mrs. Haynes removed to Houston, and has since made this city her home. The family now reside at the Garden Court Apartments.

Mr. Haynes died the ninth of April, 1909, at Palestine, Texas, where he had made his home for so many years. His life in that city had been devoted to the highest good of his community and the welfare of his fellow men, and his memory is honored as one of the real builders of the city. He counted his friends by the hundreds, people from every walk in life, and all of whom admired him for his ideals, his true standards of living, his stanchness as a friend, and his Christian spirit. His passing was the cause of a sincere regret on the part of the entire citizenship, and a distinct loss to the business world there.



**FELIX FOURCADE**—For almost half a century Felix Fourcade occupied a prominent place in the business world in Houston, contributing to the advancement of this city along commercial lines, and taking a deep interest in civic activities. Mr. Fourcade brought to bear in his business a constructive attitude conducive to the highest type of business development, and there was ever associated with his name an integrity which gave prestige to the enterprise with which it was associated for so many years. He was the type of business man who gives of his best to his community, and to his business, and was a leader in every forward movement, and Houston has felt in many ways the results of his deep interest in the progress and welfare of the city.

Felix Fourcade was born at New Orleans, Louisiana, the twenty-ninth day of March, 1857, and spent his boyhood in that city, attending the public schools there. As a boy he began in a local bakery shop, learning this business, and at the age of seventeen years, in 1874, coming to Houston, where he worked in a bakery shop for a short time. A little later he went with the firm of Fox and Heitmann, continuing with that firm, and its successor, the F. W. Heitmann Company, from 1875, until his death, in 1923. During the forty-eight years that he was associated with this company, Mr. Fourcade took a deep interest in its development, and as one of the directors of the F. W. Heitmann Company influenced in a large measure the prosperity of the company along broad and progressive lines.

Mr. Fourcade was twice married, his first wife, Kate Fourcade, preceding him in death many years. There were born to this union ten children; six daughters, and two sons survive. The surviving children are: Miss Blanche Fourcade; Ella, wife of John Cummings; Mrs. Marie Johnson; Leontine, wife of Frank Parker; Kate, wife of Scott Matthews; Victoria, wife of Bert Pereira, and Paul and Arthur Fourcade. Mr. Fourcade was married for the second time to Mrs. Kate Ward, the widow of Stanford D. Ward, a prominent business man of Houston, this marriage occurring the twenty-sixth of May, 1915. Mrs. Fourcade was the daughter of John Mohr, who came to Texas in 1872, from New

Orleans, and located at San Jacinto, later removing to Houston, where he engaged in the wholesale and retail fish business for many years, during the early days running his own boats and supplying his markets with his fish. Mr. Mohr was a native of France. Mrs. Fourcade's mother, whose maiden name was Miss Amelia Armbruster, is also deceased. Mrs. Fourcade had six children by her first marriage, four daughters, Mollie, wife of R. W. Knodel; Maggie, wife of J. F. Rougagnac; Ernestine, wife of T. S. Lubbock; Kate, wife of Lee Johnson, and two sons, Stanford D., and H. Looscan Ward. Mrs. Fourcade is prominent in social and civic activities at Houston, and one of the best loved women of her community.

Felix Fourcade was a member of the fourth degree Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Church, and was a Woodman of the World. His death occurred in Houston, at his home, 517 Sampson Street, the seventeenth of December, 1923, at the age of sixty-six years. Mr. Fourcade was highly esteemed by his associates and a wide circle of friends, both at Houston and in all parts of the state, and his death was a distinct loss to his community, and the memory of his busy and useful life will live in the memory of these friends and associates for many years to come.



**FREDERICK AUGUSTUS TAYLOR**, for upwards of four decades a factor in the railroad world of the Lone Star State, and for many years an honored resident of Houston, had a share in rail activities that have helped to promote civic welfare, and was one of the best known railroad men of the State. In the railroad world, Mr. Taylor was regarded by his associates as one of the best equipped men in the service, always ready to do his full duty, and more, and a real pioneer, who by reason of his years of faithful service, was entitled to the highest respect.

Frederick Augustus Taylor was born in Queens County, New Brunswick, Canada, in March, 1854, the son of James G. Taylor. He was educated in the schools of Canada, and in 1880 came to Texas, remaining at Marshall for a short time, then going to Galveston, with the Santa Fe Railroad, as Train Dispatcher. Later he came to Houston, which was his home for many years, although he was during his career in the railroad world, in various Texas cities at different times. Mr. Taylor was widely known as a conductor, and at various times was on lines in Southwest and East Texas, serving on almost every line in that district, running between Houston and Galveston, Galveston and Dallas, Houston to Temple, and at the time of his death was on the run from Sealy to Matagorda, Texas.

Mr. Taylor was married at Temple, Texas, the fifth of June, 1893, to Miss Cora Wilcox, a native of Central Illinois, and the daughter of S. Wilcox and Mrs. S. Wilcox, nee Hamblen, a native of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were the parents of two children, a daughter, Estabrook, and a son, Hamblen, both of whom are married.

Frederick Augustus Taylor was a member of Hella Temple Shrine, at Dallas, later transferred to Elmira Temple at Galveston, and was a Scottish Rite Mason. He was also a member of the O. R. C. His death, which occurred at Sealy, Texas, the eighth of July, 1915, was a distinct loss to the community, and deeply felt in the railroad circles.





**WILLIAM ROZELL KNIGHT.** William Rozell Knight was for many years associated with important business activities, and was one of the most prominent and widely known contractors in Texas, contributing to the constructive development of Dallas and other cities, and although he was a resident of Houston but a few years at the close of a busy career he left the imprint of his influence on the life here, and was deeply interested in all civic and welfare work. Mr. Knight was one of those sturdy business men of purpose who are able to achieve success through their own efforts and a talent for directing big things and making them go, and he soon built up one of the largest contracting firms in Texas. A man of highest ideals and integrity his association with the contracting business was reflected in a practical way in the raising of building standards.

William Rozell Knight was born in Livingston, Texas, the twenty-fifth of October, 1856. His father, Washington Johnson Knight, pioneer of the pioneers, came here with his father at the age of twelve years, and was thereafter a resident of Texas until his death, which occurred when his son, William Rozell Knight, was three years old. His mother, who was prior to her marriage Miss Mary Rozell, was a native of New York State. William Rozell Knight was educated in the schools of Galveston and Houston, after which he entered Georgetown University, but later entering the University of Texas, where he received the L. L. B. degree. He then returned to Goose Creek, and for some years drove cattle from South and Southeast Texas to the Davis Mountains. In 1888 he went to Dallas and engaged in the general contracting business, and at first concentrating his efforts to Dallas, later broadening the scope of his work, and making his business statewide. He formed the Knight-Kenyon Company, one of the largest contracting firms of Texas, and was active in it until his retirement from business life in 1907. The list of buildings erected by Mr. Knight and the firms of which he was a member would include many of the leading industrial, commercial and office structures of Dallas and elsewhere in Texas. In 1914 Mr. Knight went to Galveston, remaining there for two years, coming to Houston in 1916, and making this city his home until his death. Although he had retired after coming to Houston, yet he was prevailed upon to superintend the building of the new South Texas Commercial National Bank Building, as well as the new Y. W. C. A. Building.

Mr. Knight was married at Cleburne, Texas, the fourteenth of February, 1882, to Miss Annie Gillcoat, a native of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and a daughter of G. W. Gillcoat, a native of Arkansas, who came to Texas in early life and was a resident of this State for over fifty years, his death occurring in Dallas in 1915. Mrs. Knight's mother, who is also deceased, was prior to her marriage, Miss Nancy McClung. Mrs. Knight was for more than forty years the constant companion of her husband, taking an interest in his career, and inspiring him to achieve success, and was also an ideal home-maker and mother, rearing a family of six children. These children are Mabel, widow of the late L. A. Lavender, and who has two children, Alvin, and Frances Louise; Mary Etta, wife of D. C. Elam, of Goose Creek, and who has two children, Juanita and Harry;

William R. Knight, Jr., who married Miss Mabel Bushel, of Dallas, and who has two children, William Rozell and Bettie Jane; George C. Knight, of Houston, who married Miss Nora Bower, and who has one child, George C., Jr.; Charles B. Knight, a manufacturer of Houston, who married Miss Hazel Young, and Jack Knight of Houston. Since Mr. Knight's death Mrs. Knight has made her home at 312 Bayland Avenue, Houston, and has many friends in this city. William Rozell Knight's death occurred the twenty-second day of October, 1925, while he was en route to Dallas, where he had formerly resided for many years. Mr. Knight was well known in business circles throughout Texas. For many years he was a great civic worker, belonging to various civic organizations, but during his latter years he retired from these on account of ill health, not, however, relinquishing his deep interest in civic and welfare work. Mr. Knight was a lover of humanity, a good conversationalist, and the type of man who makes and holds friends. His death was a great loss, not only to Houston, but to the State and to his many friends and associates, and it will be long before his place is filled.



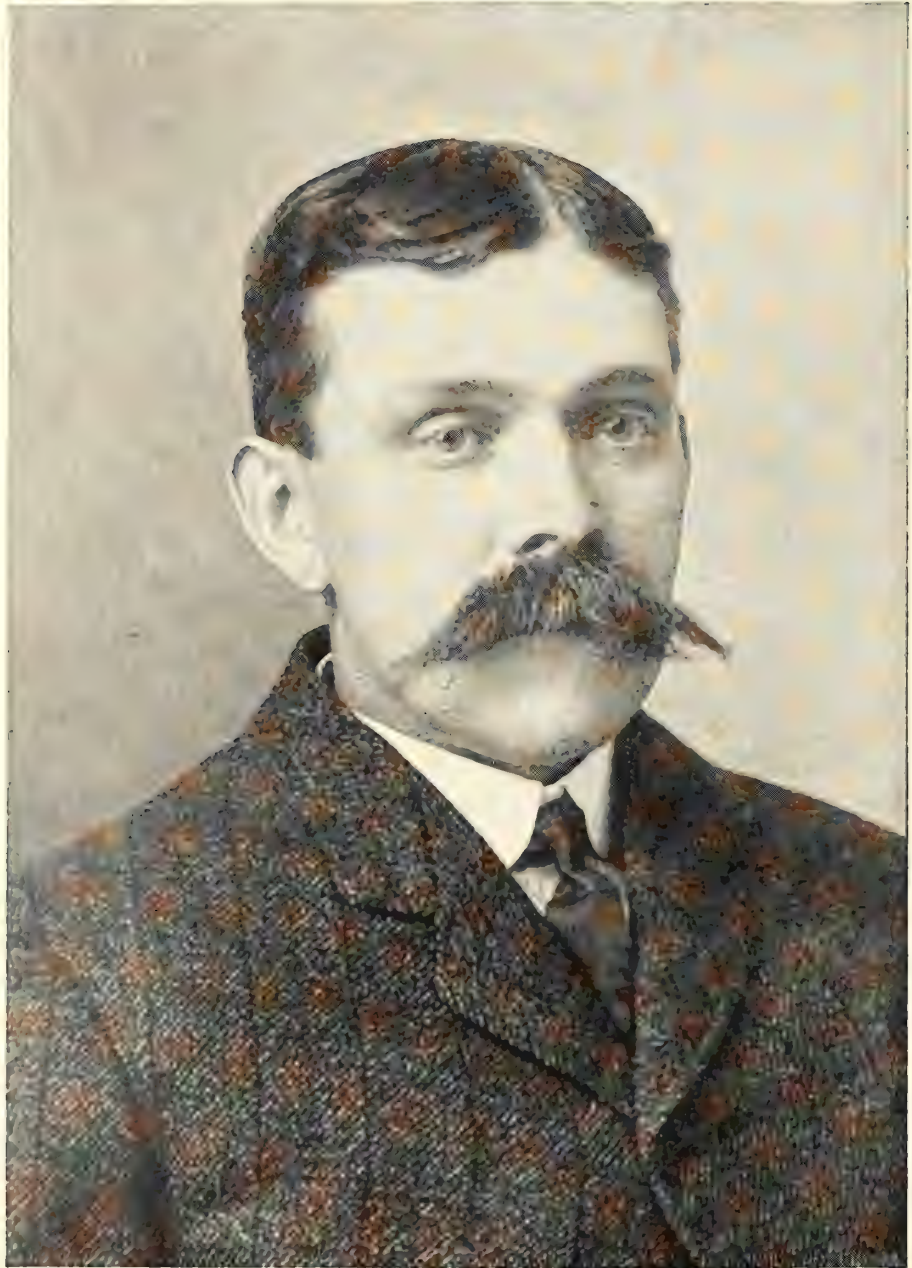
**GEORGE WILLIAM HEYER.** Among druggists who have achieved national reputation, stands the name of the late George William Heyer of Houston, who won distinction through the distribution of his famous "Heyer's Prickly-Heat Powder." Mr. Heyer began the manufacture of this powder shortly after he came to Houston, in 1885, compounding it according to a prescription of his own. He placed it on the market through local channels, mainly in his own drug store at Houston, but as the fame of this well known necessity spread, he was soon called upon to extend his market and increase his manufacturing facilities. At the time of his death, in 1900, the powder was meeting a national demand, and even finding ready and extensive sale in foreign countries. The preparation met with the approval of such men as Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, of the Good Housekeeping Bureau of Foods, Sanitation and Health, who gave it a "star" rating. Since Mr. Heyer's death, his widow, Mrs. Ella S. Heyer, has continued the manufacture of this preparation, personally supervising the business, and through national advertising, combined with the high reputation and recommendation of the powder, has greatly extended the market.

Mr. Heyer was a native of New Orleans, where he was born in 1864. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school there at the age of sixteen. He then entered the Medical College of New Orleans, taking the pharmacy course, and graduating with the pharmacy degree. While in college he gave great promise and was a brilliant student, finishing his course with honors. At the age of twenty-one, he came to Houston and for a short time worked in a drug store in this city. He then went in business for himself, opening a store at the corner of Preston and Main Streets, later removing to Capitol and Main Streets, at which location he continued until his death. Since his death, Mrs. Heyer built the Heyer Building, where this manufactory is located, at 1118 Capitol Avenue, comprising a modern three-story and basement structure with a foundation for a nine-story building, and is consid-



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ered a very valuable piece of property. Mrs. Heyer is now the owner of the building, where she supervises the manufacturing of the powder.

Mr. Heyer was married at Houston to Miss Ella Stewart, a native of Austin. Her father, Robert Cummins Stewart, a native of Virginia, came to Washington County, Texas, as a young man, shipping sheep in the county and for many years engaging in business as a sheep raiser. In those days the sheep were brought in on rafts, coming down the Mississippi River, after which they were herded to the ranch. Later Mr. Stewart removed to Austin, where he was the owner of a large warehouse and other cotton business and was a well known banker until his death, which occurred in 1883. Mrs. Heyer's mother before her marriage was Miss Mary Frances Blake. Mr. and Mrs. Heyer had one son, George Stewart Heyer, who was born and reared at Houston, attending the public schools of that city and graduating from high school here. He later went to the University of Texas, at Austin, where he took his B. A. degree. He was married to Miss Jane Gregory, daughter of the United States attorney general under President Wilson. He and his wife now make their home in Liverpool, England, where Mr. Heyer is in the cotton business, member of the firm, C. E. Kenworthy Company.

George William Heyer died at Yuma, Arizona, the twelfth of January, 1900, at the age of thirty-six years. A man of promise in his profession, his death, occurring thus in his early prime, cut short a career that would have brought him other distinctions. He was secretary of the State Pharmaceutical Association for a number of years. He was of a studious nature, giving careful attention to pharmaceutical development and advancement, and was active in the various associations, both local and state. Mr. Heyer had a distinguished bearing that commanded respect in any gathering, a pleasant manner and personality that won him many friendships, and was one of Houston's most popular young business men. He liberally supported many of the worthy causes and civic movements of his day, and took an active interest in the welfare of his community. His death was a distinct loss, not only to his profession, but to the city and state.

**R**ICHARD OSBORN BIDWELL. Although a resident of Houston but a few years at the close of a busy life, Richard Osborn Bidwell, a man of many distinctions in the business world, left the imprint of his influence on this community, and Houston is indeed fortunate to have been able to count him as one of its citizens. During the time that he spent here he demonstrated many times his interest in the development of the city, his real benevolence, as typified by his generous contributions to many worthy causes, and his real interest in his fellowmen. He won many friends here, and his death was a distinct loss to the community.

Richard Osborn Bidwell was born the tenth of March, 1863, at Providence, Rhode Island. His father, Richard O. Bidwell, for many years a resident of Rhode Island, later removed to Vineland, New Jersey, and his death occurred in that state. His mother, before her marriage, Miss Carrie Willis, was a native of Connecticut. Mr. Bidwell attended the public schools of New Jersey, graduating from

high school. As a young man he began in the sand business at Vineland, New Jersey, and built up a very large business, supplying glass sand to the larger glass manufacturing plants throughout that section of the country, among which was Whitall and Tatum Company. He made a large fortune in that industry, and was widely known throughout that section of the United States. Mr. Bidwell, however, was not the type of man to be content with achieving success in one line of endeavor, and to meet the demand for a really successful sand washing machine he studied the question from every angle, and himself invented the most successful sand washing machine in operation, and a machine that is now in use, and the standard, all over the world.

Mr. Bidwell was the founder and head of the Bidwell Crystal Sand Rock Company, of Vineland, New Jersey, miners of foundry, glass and pottery materials, and concrete and filtration products. When his health failed in 1909 he sold his interests in this business for fifty thousand dollars and came to Corpus Christi, Texas, in an effort to regain his health. But he was by no means ready to retire from the ranks, and in a short time had acquired what was known as the Bidwell Hotel, which he operated for nine years. During this time he made various investments in and around Corpus Christi and owned business and residence property in the city and ranch properties in that section. The storm of 1915, resulting in the almost total destruction of a part of Corpus Christi, cost him a small fortune, although he still had large holdings and was financially independent. Several years after the storm, in 1918, he removed to Houston, but was not ready to retire. To occupy his time, he opened and operated an auto tire and auto supply business, which he conducted for two years, after which he disposed of this interest and spent the two years preceding his death in looking after his interests.

Mr. Bidwell was married the thirty-first of May, 1884, to Miss Elvira E. Homan, a native of Orange County, New York, and the daughter of Edward A. Homan, for many years prominent in various activities in Orange County, and Lucy A. Purdy Homan, a native of White Plains, New York. Mrs. Bidwell always took a great interest in her husband's career and was his constant companion and inspiration. She was a good wife and home maker, and reared a family of three children. These children are Richard O. Bidwell, Jr., of Vineland, New Jersey, who is married to Miss Rebecca Hennis, and who has two children, Sarah Rebecca and Richard O., the third; Sarah A., wife of James L. Kelter, now of Houston, and who has two children, James L., Junior, and Muriel Bidwell; and Miss Lillian Bidwell, a student at North Side Junior High School.

Mr. Bidwell died at his home, 709 Highland Avenue, the fifteenth of December, 1922, and was buried in Forest Park Cemetery. A man of many and varied interests, he had always found time to help his fellow man, to live the life of the true Christian citizen, and his life furnished a real inspiration to those who knew him. Home and family ever held first place in his life, and he was never too engrossed in business affairs to be a companion to his children and his wife.





**WILLIAM FRANCIS LANE**—For a quarter of a century William Francis Lane, pioneer insurance man of Houston, went his way, a man of simple tastes, imbued with high ideals of right, and without being a leader was one of those men who by personal example play an important part in the lives of those about them. His was the guiding hand in the building up of a large insurance organization, and to the business world he was known as a man of sincere purpose and honest intent. A man who loved home and friends, Mr. Lane was blessed in great measure with those simple virtues that make for friendship, and an evening spent with his family, or with friends who shared his ideals, was one of the greatest pleasures of his life. He was charitable in an unostentatious way, preferring to bestow his benevolences without any show or heralding, and none of the many who went to him for help were turned away if it were in his power to give the help they asked.

William Francis Lane was born at Longview, Texas, the sixth of July, 1876, son of William T. Lane, and Dorothy Florede (Felton) Lane. His father was a native Texan, born near the old town of Danville, Rusk County. To secure a good education was the leading purpose of his life, and by the light of pine knots he obtained sufficient learning to begin teaching country school, by means of which he paid his way through college and was admitted to the bar at Longview, Texas. William Francis Lane's mother was a native of Georgia who came to Texas in childhood, and was educated in Tyler College. Her parents were wealthy planters, freeing about two hundred negro slaves at the close of the Civil War, in which she lost two brothers. William Francis Lane spent his early years at Longview, attending the schools there, graduating from high school with honors. He later attended law school and a medical school, deserting these professions to enter the insurance business. He came to Houston in 1899 and formed his first business connection here, as an insurance man. Later he effected the organization of the Southwestern Mutual Benefit Association, a large home company writing benefit policies, and was the president of that organization until his death. The offices of this company are in the Freed Building, and it is continuing to function under lines laid down by Mr. Lane.

Mr. Lane was married at Houston on the fifth of November, 1900, to Miss Louise F. Reichardt, daughter of William Reichardt and Mary (Kuhlmann) Reichardt. Mr. Reichardt, a native of Germany, came to America more than a half century ago, and was a merchant at Houston for many years. Mrs. Reichardt is a native of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Lane had an ideal married life, Mrs. Lane being that charming type of American woman who made of her home a home indeed. It was no doubt due to her influence that Mr. Lane found in his home those comforts for which many men turn to clubs and lodges, and his happiest hours were those spent in the home she created. Home loving though he was, Mr. Lane was not unsocial. He counted his friends by the hundreds, men and women who admired and respected him for those simple virtues that gave character to his life, and his death, which occurred at his home on the third of September, 1925, was sincerely mourned by his wide acquaintance. Several

years before his death his friends urged him to become a candidate for the legislature, which he did, and was very nearly elected, although he became candidate a week before election. Mr. Lane was a member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, and an active church worker, frequently singing in the various churches. Mrs. Lane resides at 828 Teetshorn Avenue.



**ALFRED STROMAN NEWSON.** For almost half a century the name of Alfred Stroman Newson was recognized in commercial circles at Galveston as one of those sterling business men who are the backbone of commercial prosperity, and who through the development of a substantial business enterprise contribute to the growth of a city as a commercial center. Mr. Newson was primarily the business man, finding in business his chief interest, and giving to the management of the large market interests he had founded an application and industry on which true business success is built. During the years of his residence here it was Mr. Newson's privilege to watch the development of Galveston from a small port city until it became one of the most important cities of the Gulf Coast, and as Galveston grew and expanded, so the business, established in a small way, prospered, and kept pace with development. Mr. Newson was one of the first market owners at Galveston to recognize the opportunity which lay in supplying choice meats to the ships in harbor here, and to hotels and other large consumers, a business in which he specialized, and the business which he build up in this line was easily the largest in Galveston.

Mr. Newson was a native of London, England, where he was born of English parentage, the ninth of March, 1847. He obtained his education in the schools of Canada and the United States, coming to this country as a boy, and after finishing his public schooling entered the meat business. As a boy he had worked in a meat shop, learning the practical points of the business at an early age, and later, in 1869, he came to Galveston and went in business for himself. Although he began in a small way, such was his ability, and his business acumen that in a short time his business began to expand, and soon became the most important market business in Galveston. He attributed his success to his early adopted rules of making cleanliness and quality his first considerations, and in a day when these two points were not stressed as they now are, his shop was recognized as progressive and modern far beyond the usual. He built up a large and profitable business supplying ships with their meats, and also supplied hotels, restaurants and other large consumers with quality meats. He had the largest business in this class in Galveston, and supplied most of the ships coming into the port here, a business which increased annually, as Galveston grew.

Mr. Newson was married at Galveston in 1871 to Miss Margaret Stevenson, the daughter of James C. Stevenson, a contractor and builder at Galveston in the early days, and Margaret Welch Stevenson. Mr. and Mrs. Newson resided for many years at 1801 Avenue H and were the parents of one child, Mrs. George B. Ketchum. Mrs. Newson and daughter reside at the Galvez Hotel. Mr. Newson was a Mason, York Rite, and a member of the British Club, one of the earlier clubs here, but since dis-





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banded. Mr. Newson was intensely the business man, finding in his work both vocation and hobby, and while he did not enter actively into the various public works which appeal to many men, he served for a short time as water commissioner, and was also deeply interested in the development of Galveston along commercial lines and as a port city. His death, which occurred in Galveston the sixteenth of December, 1915, marked the passing of a pioneer in the market business, who through constructive and progressive business methods had contributed much to the development of this business, and who was in every way a substantial citizen of his community.

**L**eonard C. Swingle. The career of Leonard C. Swingle, pioneer of the Lone Star State, is an essential part of the history of Houston, and was marked by many distinctions. Mr. Swingle was a factor in the printing business of that day, and for a number of years took a leading part in all activities associated with the development of that industry. He also took time from a busy and useful life, to interest himself in the welfare of his community and took a prominent part in the civic affairs of Houston. He was a man of enthusiasm and determination, and his life was an inspiration to all who came in contact with him.

Leonard C. Swingle was a native of the Lone Star State, his birth occurring at Galveston, on the twenty-seventh of June, 1840. He was the son of Captain Alfred and Laura E. Swingle, a real pioneer family, and for many years residents of Galveston. Captain Alfred Swingle first came to Texas from his home in Ohio during the frontier days, bringing with him a company of men to fight in the Mexican War. After hostilities ceased he decided to make this State his home and located at Galveston, but later went to California, where his death occurred.

Mr. Swingle was educated in the schools of Galveston and New Orleans, receiving a good education and equipping himself to enter the business world advantageously. After finishing his education in New Orleans he returned to Galveston and entered the printing business, first on a salary, and later going into business for himself. After thirteen years in the printing business in that city, during which time he advanced steadily in the industry, he disposed of his interests in Galveston and came to Houston, in May, 1883. He first went to work for Mr. W. H. Coyle, veteran printer of Houston, and later went into business for himself, retiring a short time before his death.

Leonard C. Swingle was married at New Orleans, the twenty-seventh of March, 1870, to Mrs. Sarah E. Summers, nee Allmand, a native of Tennessee, who came to New Orleans as a child and was reared in that city. Mrs. Swingle's father, C. H. Allmand, a native of Tennessee, went to Covington, Louisiana, as a young man and was in the cotton business on a large scale in that city. Later he disposed of his interests there and came to New Orleans, where he engaged in the lumber industry, building a number of large mills at Mississippi City, and taking a prominent part in the commercial and civic activities of the day. Her mother, before her marriage, Miss Elizabeth Allen, was also a native of Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Swingle were the parents of one child, Alfred F. H. Swingle, a prominent wholesale lumberman of Houston, with offices in the Humble Building, and who is married to Miss Magdaline

Fitzgerald. Leonard C. Swingle died at his home in Houston the twenty-seventh of May, 1891, just a month before his fifty-first birthday. In 1893 Mrs. Swingle built a residence at 1507 Dallas Avenue, where she has lived for the past three decades. She is a woman of many talents, a real home maker and mother, and is one of the most admired and beloved women of Houston.

Mr. Swingle's life was lived at a time when Houston was not the city it is today, but a small city with untold possibilities for development. He entered the business and community life here with a whole souled spirit that meant triumph, and with a real enthusiasm built not only a prosperous business, but was one of the real builders of the city. He was ever ready to give generously of his means and freely of his time for the welfare of his community and his fellowmen, and he will always be remembered as a man whose serene spirit, high ideals and honest friendships, made him a pillar of strength in his community.

**L**N. CHAPMAN, oil operator and investor, is one of the younger men of Houston who is becoming well known in the oil industry in South Texas. He has his office at 307 Lumbermans Building. He handles various branches of the oil business and is well informed as to the various fields in the Gulf Coast and has already had a measure of success.

Mr. Chapman deals in leases and royalties and various other activities incident to the oil industry. He is a practical oil man of many years' experience and is already attracting favorable attention from old, experienced operators of the coastal field.

Mr. Chapman is a practical geologist and his expert knowledge of formations has proven highly valuable in estimating the value of leases in which he has become interested. He has been engaged in the oil business since 1920 but was interested in development work prior to that time. Before coming to Houston he operated in the fields at Humble and Orange, Texas, and was formerly with the Brazos Oil Corporation of Texas, holding the position of secretary and treasurer of this company.

Mr. Chapman is a native of Texas and was born at Hempstead on February 19, 1891. He is a son of J. N. and Lucretia (Calhoun) Chapman, and was educated in the schools at Hempstead. His father was engaged in the merchandising business at Hempstead and after leaving school Mr. Chapman was associated with his father until the latter's death in 1915. After that he was in charge of his father's estate until 1920, when he became actively interested in the oil business. For more than seven years he carried the responsibility of looking after his father's large family.

A close student of everything pertaining to the oil industry, Mr. Chapman has followed closely the development of the oil industry in Texas and has studied the formations in the North Texas fields as well as those of the coastal belt. His thorough enjoyment of the work and close attention to every detail, coupled with an intense determination to succeed, is expected to make him an outstanding figure in Texas oil circles during the next few years.

Mr. Chapman is a thorough and consistent booster for Houston and expects this city to assume its logical position as the center of the oil industry in the South during the next few years.





**ARCHIE R. ANDERSON**, for thirty-six years a resident of Houston, now retired from active business pursuits, has had a wide, varied and interesting career, both as a citizen and as a public servant. Mr. Anderson came to Texas from Mississippi January 3rd, 1883, and four years later came to Houston, where he has since resided. He has held many public offices and served with complete satisfaction to the people as sheriff of Harris County for fifteen years, and during this period he was in many close places, which try a man's soul and nerve, but never had to kill a man, and was never wounded himself, although he arrested single-handed some of the "bad" men of Texas. Mr. Anderson was first elected sheriff of Harris County in 1898 and six consecutive times thereafter. This was at the time when Texas history was in the making and conditions were very different here at that time. Gambling was everywhere, cattle and horse thieves were abundant, and many of the historic cowboys would, in reality, want to "shoot up the town," and it required a master hand to cope with the situation, and Mr. Anderson was always equal to every condition, and established a record in being one of the very few men who could control the situation in the early days.

Mr. Anderson was born in Mississippi in November, 1853. His father, Abram Lorenza Anderson, was a farmer and large land owner of Mississippi. His mother was Miss Martha Gallman, a member of a well known Mississippi family. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native state. Mr. Anderson remained on the farm in Mississippi until he removed to Texas in 1883, after hearing so many tales of wealth and adventure told about the Lone Star State. He first located at Harrisburg, and was employed there in the Southern Pacific railroad shops from 1883 to 1887. In 1886 he was elected to the office of constable, and later was made deputy sheriff, but while serving in these offices, retained his position in the Southern Pacific shops. He came to Houston as deputy sheriff in 1887, which position he held for two years. He was then jailer of Harris County for six or seven years, and was then made deputy sheriff under Sheriff Erickson, which office he held for four years, and at the end of this period was elected to the office of chief of police of Houston, and then elected to the office of sheriff in 1898 and continued in this office until 1912, and it is said of him that no man has ever filled this office to the satisfaction of the citizenship of Harris County more completely than did Archie R. Anderson. The most active partner Mr. Anderson had during his career as sheriff was his beautiful horse, "Dandy." This animal was one of the finest saddle horses ever brought to Texas and, according to Mr. Anderson, was possessed of an intelligence that was almost human. Mr. Anderson has always been closely connected with the commercial interests of Houston, and is interested in many of the city's enterprises and industries.

Mr. Anderson was married in Mississippi in 1874 to Miss Melicie Anderson, a member of a well known family of Mississippi. Mrs. Anderson died in Houston in 1892. Nine children were born to them, six of whom died, there being still alive John E. Anderson, who is engaged in the automobile business in Houston, Edna J. Anderson and Archie L. Anderson. The Anderson home is at 1505 Austin Avenue. In

fraternal organizations Mr. Anderson holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, B. P. O. E., and the I. O. O. F. Mr. Anderson has always been interested in all matters having to do with the progress and advancement of Houston, and he believes it will soon become the leading city of the Southwest. Among the citizenship of Houston who have helped in every way in the development of their city, the name of Archie R. Anderson will ever be at the forefront.

NOTE—Since the above sketch was written, Mr. Anderson died, September 27th, 1925.



**EDWARD JOSEPH PERRY**, who for a quarter of a century or more figured as one of the sterling citizens of Houston, and whose life there was one of many sided experience, bringing him in touch with many phases of industrial and commercial activity, took a constructive interest in the public affairs of and was a factor in the development of the city. Mr. Perry was of that type of business man inevitably destined to become an outstanding figure in any community wherein he finds himself, and with strong characteristics of initiative, combined with the asset of integrity and keen insight into business policies, the movements he launched during his lifetime were successful to a marked degree. Whether as a manufacturer, a broker, an undertaker, a civic worker, or a private citizen, Mr. Perry ranks as a citizen of the highest type, and his activities as an integral part of the life of Houston have left their imprint on the community.

Born the thirty-first of March, 1860, at Leavenworth, Kansas, where his father, Edward Perry, banker, railroad builder and capitalist, was at that time supervising the construction of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, Mr. Perry spent his early boyhood in that place, and in Denison, Texas, to which city the family removed after the road was completed in Kansas. His mother was Miss Melamie Brouillette, a native of Montreal, before her marriage, as was also Edward Perry. The elder Mr. Perry made Denison his home for many years, and after the completion of the Katy road founded the first bank in that city. He was a great builder and supplied the capital for many large enterprises in the Lone Star State. The subject of this sketch was educated in Montreal, Canada, in the Catholic schools of that place, and after finishing his education there returned to Denison and entered his father's bank, later going into the wholesale commission business there. Still later he sold his commission business and engaged in the manufacture of press brick until November, 1894, at which time he disposed of his interests in Denison and came to Houston.

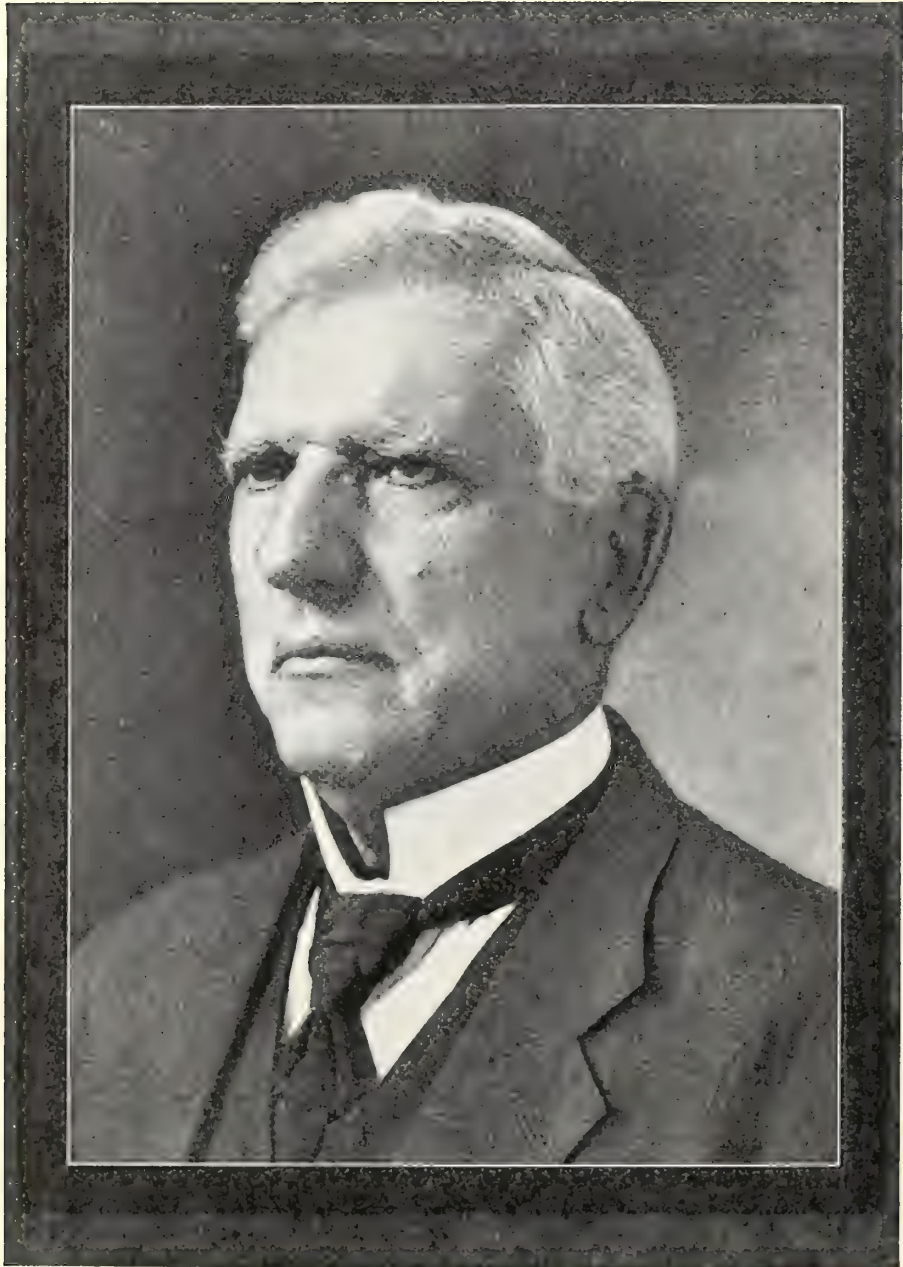
In Houston Mr. Perry continued along the same policy that had marked his earlier career, and the career of his father, that of establishing a business, bringing it to a flourishing and prosperous condition, after which he would turn his attention to a new venture. His first interest in Houston was the mercantile brokerage business, wherein he amassed quite a small fortune. He later bought an interest in the Wall and Stabe Undertaking Company, still later buying the entire business, and taking complete charge of the management of the firm. He put this business on a high plane, developing it along the highest lines, and at the time of his death





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was still actively interested in it.

Mr. Perry was married to Miss Louise Scott, the twenty-third of April, 1890. Mrs. Perry was the daughter of Dr. John O. Scott, a native of Kentucky, who came to Sherman in 1876 and was a prominent physician and surgeon there until his death in 1903. Her mother, before her marriage to Dr. Scott, was Miss Ellen Melvin, a native of Marion, Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Perry had a family of four children, Ellen, Melamie, Edward Joseph, Vice-President and Manager of the Wall and Stabe Undertaking Company and his father's estate, and John S. Perry. They make their home at 803 Holman Avenue.

Mr. Perry died the twenty-fourth of May, 1920, at his home in Houston. He was a member of the Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and various civic organizations. He was an enthusiastic supporter of civic activities, finding a happy satisfaction in watching the progress of his city along the highest lines of civic development. In the business world his outstanding attribute, aside from his integrity and natural endowments, was a spirit of co-operation, practically and intelligently applied that marked his association with his fellows. He was the exponent of all that was best in modern business, and his place in the commercial life of his city will long remain unfilled.



**JUDGE JOHN A. KIRLICKS**, of Houston, was for more than fifty years one of the leading attorneys of South Texas and during his long practice before the Houston and Galveston bars, he was identified with many of the most prominent cases which came before the courts of South Texas. Before he began a general practice of law, he was County Clerk of Harris County for one term, and served in other of the county offices for several years, and during this period he made a host of friends and his acquaintance was with almost the entire population of Harris County. During the regime of H. B. Rice as Mayor of Houston, Judge Kirlicks was Judge of the Corporation Court for a period of eight years, and during this time he attained prominence through his just and straight-forward methods in dealing with the matters that came before that court. He was a member of the Texas Legislature for one term, beginning in 1886, and during this period he fathered many measures for the good of the people of Texas. The lamented Sul Ross was the Governor of Texas during the time that Judge Kirlicks served in the Lower House, and this Governor, perhaps the best loved official who ever served the Lone Star State, was a close personal friend of Judge Kirlicks, and they spent many of their leisure hours together in the Capital City. Judge Kirlicks was admitted to the bar and immediately began a general practice of law in Houston, and was associated with Henry Fisher under the firm name of Fisher and Kirlicks, which was continued for several years. Later, the firm became Kirlicks, Burke and Griggs, and this firm was widely known throughout the State as one of the leaders of South Texas. He later had other associates, and for many years again practiced his profession alone. Judge Kirlicks gained prominence as a writer, author and poet and among his achievements in this field was a book of poems in honor of his friends and which contained photographs of many of the prominent citizens of Houston and Galveston. This book was not sold, but given to his

intimate friends as a souvenir of friendship and association. He was the author of several other books, and for many years was a regular contributor to many of the leading magazines of that time, and his short stories, particularly those along humorous lines, are now in the possession of many of his friends, and prized very highly by them. He was also one of the ranking orators of Texas, and was possessed with rare histrionic talent, blessed with a remarkable memory, and his talent was much in demand in social circles and in public entertainments.

Judge Kirlicks was born in Lithuania on October 2, 1851. His father, Michael Kirlicks, was a farmer and land owner in his native country, and came to America and to Galveston in 1856, where he remained for eleven years. He then removed to Houston and remained here for several years, when he returned to Europe and died at the age of eighty-six years. His mother was Miss Annie Kirlicks (deceased since 1875), also a native of Lithuania, and although of the same name as Judge Kirlick's father, they were not related. Kirlicken a town on the frontier of Lithuania, was named for Judge Kirlicks' grandfather. His early education was obtained in Galveston, and later he attended the Houston schools. During his school days in Houston he was a classmate of Col. E. M. House of New York and Washington. After leaving school Judge Kirlicks studied law in the office of Judge George Golthwaite, and other prominent lawyers of that time. During the Civil War, while the family was residing in Galveston, Judge Kirlicks, then a boy, made friends with the officers of the many boats visiting this port, and in a spirit of adventure, he went with the captain of a blockade running vessel to practically all the ports of South America and returned via Cuba, after the close of the Civil War. During the long period spent on this voyage, he heard no language spoken but the Spanish, and was forced to speak Spanish exclusively himself, with the result that he entirely forgot the English language, and it required some months for him to again familiarize himself with his native tongue.

Judge Kirlicks was married on November 29, 1886, to Miss Gussie M. Thomas, a native of Houston, and a daughter of W. E. Thomas, for many years a resident of this city, where he was well known in the business circles. Two daughters were born to Judge and Mrs. Kirlicks, Mildred, the wife of A. L. Knolle, well known business man of Houston, and Emily Kirlicks, at home. There is one grandchild, Kirlicks Knolle, aged five years. The Kirlicks home is at 1512 Dowling Street, where Mr. Kirlicks died on April 5, 1923. He had not been practicing his profession actively on account of ill health, for more than four years prior to his death. He was a charter member of the Houston Light Guard Association, and of the old Magnolia Histrionic Society, and the various bar associations, in which he always took an active part. He was also deeply interested in all the civic associations of the city and gave of his time and means to further any project for the progress and advancement of Houston. Judge Kirlicks had a host of friends from every walk of life—from the most humble, up to the prominent citizenship of his city and State. His was a gentle, kindly character that appealed to all, and in his passing, the city and State has left upon their pages of history a deep impress of a worthy and honored citizen.



**AUGUST HERMAN BOYSEN, SR.** In recording the early business activities of South Texas we find among the most prominent names that of August H. Boysen, Sr. For forty-seven years he was engaged in the corn and rice milling business in Houston and Galveston, and was well known throughout South Texas. Coming to Harrisburg, Texas, in the pioneer days, he saw Houston grow from a village on the banks of Buffalo Bayou to the thriving city of today, a process in which he played no small part.

August Herman Boysen was born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1845, son of Boyd Boysen. In 1867 he came to this country and located at Harrisburg. Ten years later he moved to Galveston, where he engaged in corn milling. He took a prominent part in the political activities of Galveston in the early '90s. In 1901 he came to Houston and for thirteen years was connected with the T. H. Thompson Milling Company in the rice business. He was an authority on the rice question, and probably no other man of that day was better versed in this great industry than Mr. Boysen. He was the first man that found a practical use for the rice hulls which he made into a nutritious fodder for cattle.

Mr. Boysen was married at Galveston on December 13th, 1883, to Miss Julia Howard, a native of Galveston, and the daughter of Weston Randolph and Margaret (Davidson) Howard. Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Boysen, three daughters, Esther, Mrs. J. H. Tabony, Miss Alice Boysen and Miss Freida Boysen, and two sons, August Henry, Jr., and Randolph Howard Boysen. Mr. Boysen was prominent in political and social affairs of Houston up to a few years ago, at which time he retired from active business life. He was a member of the Houston Sharks Club.

October the 10th, 1924, marked the passing of August H. Boysen, Sr. A loyal devoted citizen, he was ever ready to lend his aid to a worthy cause, and it can be truly said his life was lived for the good of his city and community.

**LOUIS APPELBAUM**, although a resident of Houston but eight years, during that time was a factor in the industrial world and impressed his influence on the life of the community. Mr. Appelbaum came to Houston in 1900 and went in the junk business on a large scale, organizing his business along the most efficient lines, and by his successful operation and management acquired a fortune. His interest in this business led him into the manufacturing business and shortly prior to his death he established a brass manufacturing plant, giving to this industry the same enthusiasm that had made his first venture so highly successful. He had a talent for organization and industrial management, giving close attention to detail and economical operation, and was considered one of the most capable business men of the city.

Mr. Appelbaum was born in Europe, in 1864, coming to the United States at the age of seventeen years. He spent several years in New York City, engaged in various lines of business and then went to Chicago, Illinois, where he made his home until 1900. While in that city he became familiar with the working side of the industrial world, making rapid strides forward along the road to ultimate success.

Mr. Appelbaum was a keen observer of industrial conditions, and had an unusual sense of material values. When he came to Houston in 1900 it was with the intention of going into the junk business, in which he saw an opportunity for the man who was willing to make of this field a real business, in a big way. Shortly after his arrival in the city he began making his plans, and in a short time had organized and put in operation one of the largest of such business that had been established in the city. He applied to his business the same principles that make for success in any line of endeavor, and in a short time became recognized as one of the most progressive of Houston's business men. His later success more than justified his expectations, and he resolved to widen his line of endeavor, organizing the brass manufacturing plant toward this end. His death, in 1908, cut short his career just when an even greater period of success was dawning.

Mr. Appelbaum was married in Chicago, the ninth of August, 1898, to Miss Emma Lipsitz, daughter of Myer Lipsitz, a brother of Louis Lipsitz of Dallas and Mr. Lipsitz of Waco. Her mother, before her marriage, Miss Bertha Bernstein, spent most of her life in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Appelbaum made their home in Houston from the time of Mr. Appelbaum's first business association in this city. Their home was at 1509 Main Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Appelbaum had a family of three children, a daughter, Miss Gertrude Appelbaum, now Mrs. Isadore Schwartz of Houston (Mr. Schwartz is president of the Houston Nut and Products Company, a daughter, Lena, wife of Henry Dee Greenburg, manager of the Rainbow Waist Shop at Houston, and a native of this city; and a son, Benjamin Louis, secretary and treasurer of the Beaman-Appelbaum Drug company, Incorporated, one of the largest drug stores in Houston.

Mr. Appelbaum died at Houston the twenty-fourth of June, 1908, at the age of forty-four years. He was, as this sketch would indicate, a man of intense activity, and a thoroughly public spirited citizen. He was a man of practical attainments and a business executive of acumen. He was a keen student of economic values and brought to the world of business and industry a sound and constructive policy that marked his entire career. Mr. Appelbaum impressed himself upon the business world of his adopted city as one of its finest citizens, and his influence was felt in every walk of life.

**CHARLES JAMES WADDELL.** The railroad world can boast of many men whose influence is felt throughout this great industry, and among these stands the name of Charles James Waddell, for many years associated with railroading as one of the fraternity of engineers, and during his later years as a leader in this field. As chairman of the board of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers in his district, he took a sympathetic interest in all that concerned the workers and advocated many important measures advantageous to them. He knew, through his personal experience, the things that lay nearest their hearts, the things that were really important to them, and had a rare understanding of these men who form the backbone of the great railroad business. Coming up from the ranks as he did, the men themselves had in him an





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implicit confidence, and he was able to talk to them as a comrade, rather than preach to them as one who knew little of their problems perhaps would have done. To all questions that came before the board during the time he was chairman, he gave his closest attention, considering them always from the standpoint of the worker, and many improvements, and protective measures adopted, were made possible through his indefatigable energy and interest. His death was a deep loss to the entire railroad world, and his many evidences of interest in the trainmen will be remembered throughout the years to come.

Mr. Waddell was a native Houstonian, and was born in this city the nineteenth of March, 1870. His father, Thomas J. Waddell, a native of Ireland, came to Houston as a young man and made this city his home until his death. His mother, who is still living, is Mrs. Catherine Waddell, and is one of the most honored pioneers of Houston. She recalls many of the scenes of the earlier days, and delights in recounting them to her many friends.

Mr. Waddell was educated in the public schools of his native city, and as a young man began with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, a road with which he remained until his death. He was first fireman and later engineer, spending eighteen years at Ennis, which was his headquarters. At the expiration of that time he was granted a leave of absence, and made chairman of the board of Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, holding this office until his death, in 1917. He had been for many years a member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and throughout his career as a railroad man had given close study to the conditions under which the railroad man worked, as well as to possible improvements of these conditions.

Mr. Waddell was married to Miss Anna Bessie Callahan, a native of Moberly, Missouri, and the daughter of John R. Callahan. Mr. Callahan came to Texas almost half a century ago, from his home in Missouri, and spent sixteen years at Denison, later going to Ennis, where he lived for twelve years. He is now a resident of California. Mr. and Mrs. Waddell had four children, C. E. Waddell, a cotton man with the Anderson Clayton and Company of Houston; John Edward Waddell, also with Anderson Clayton and Company; Miss Mary Kathryn Waddell, and Robert Osborn Waddell, both of whom are at home. The home life of Mr. and Mrs. Waddell was delightful, and congenial in every way. Mrs. Waddell was both helpmeet and companion to her husband throughout the years of his busy career, and his constant inspiration to higher things.

Mr. Waddell died at his home in Houston the thirty-first of January, 1917. His death was a distinct loss to the railroad world and to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. His activities in behalf of the brotherhood were many and won him the admiration and friendship of the entire brotherhood. He had many friends in Houston, men and women from every walk in life, and was respected by all who knew him. He took a real interest in the welfare of his fellowmen, making it his first duty to give their interests his highest consideration, and his life was an inspiration to all who knew him.



**JUDGE JIM H. REEVES**, well-known attorney, of Houston, and a member of the law firm of Love, Wagner and Wagner, was appointed Judge of the Corporation

Court of the City of Houston for the first time in 1920, and has been reappointed since that time, and during his regime with this Court, has established an enviable record. Judge Reeves is liked by every one, and it is an established fact that fines are paid in his Court, while the payer smiles, and it is known that when Judge Reeves assesses a fine, that he is right. He also does a general civil and criminal law practice, and has been identified with some of the most widely known cases which have come before the Courts of Houston. The firm of Love, Wagner and Wagner is composed of William G. Love, Abe W. Wagner and Myer C. Wagner, all of whom are well-known attorneys, in addition to Judge Reeves.

A native Texan, Judge Reeves was born at Whitewright, Grayson County, on July 5th, 1893. His father, Jim H. Reeves, came to Whitewright, Texas, at the age of fifteen years, grew to manhood in Grayson County, and was a prominent merchant and cotton factor of Whitewright, besides large farming interests in Grayson County, where he was a real pioneer and State builder; he is now retired from active business pursuits. His mother was Miss Ellen Batsell, a native of Kentucky, and came to Texas with her parents as a child. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Whitewright, where he graduated from the latter and then entered the Texas Christian University at Fort Worth, after which he became a student of the University of Texas and graduated from this institution in the class of 1915.

After finishing college, Judge Reeves came to Houston and became associated with the law firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood, and went on the road for this firm, handling claims for them in all portions of the Southern States. After leaving this firm, he entered the practice of law alone in Houston, where he practiced in the civil and criminal courts until he entered the World War. In June, 1917, Judge Reeves became a member of the 141st Infantry, 36th Division, and for a short time was in this department of the service, when he entered the 2nd Officers' Training Camp at Leon Springs, Texas, and was commissioned a First Lieutenant, but he wanted to go in the Air Service, and was transferred to this branch of the service as 2nd Lieutenant, and was sent to Love Field, Dallas, in August, 1917, and assisted in the building of that field. He later went to New York and then overseas, and was first in England, where he received further training, and then to France with the 1st Army Air Service, and was with them all through the War. After the Armistice, Judge Reeves returned to America, and was discharged in June, 1919, when he returned to Houston and was made Assistant District Attorney of Harris County, and served in this capacity for one year, when he became associated with the law firm of Love, Wagner and Wagner, and is still a member of this well-known law firm. Judge Reeves is popular in the business and social circles of Houston, where he has a host of friends, and while yet a young man, he has established a wonderful record as an attorney, and as a Judge of the Corporation Court, over which he has presided since 1920, and his friends predict a great future for this brilliant young member of the Bar.

Note: Since the above sketch was written Judge Reeves died on March 1, 1925.



**G**USTAVE DUVERNOY. The Lone Star State has claimed many great educators, men and women who have devoted a life of service to education and prominent among these stands the name of Gustave Duvernoy, dean of Houston school men, and for many years a leader in this field. At the time of his death one of the oldest active educators in Houston, Professor Duvernoy had been associated with the schools of this city since 1863, teaching in the first high school built here. Among the men prominent in the business world today, many pay tribute to the inspiration given them as school boys by this earnest, ever smiling educator, and many give him credit for their success in life. A man of highest ideals, with an unlimited enthusiasm for his life's vocation, talented and successful in all his educational work, he was one of the most influential figures in the pedagogic circles of his day and Houston is indeed honored through the many years of service and devotion he gave to the cause of education in this city.

Gustave Duvernoy was born in Montbéliard, France, July 18th, 1830, and educated in his native country and Germany. His father, an artillery captain in the great Napoleon's army, had a most interesting career in his native country. As a child he was taken to Germany by his parents where he received his education. As a young man he took part in the German revolution of 1848 and after spending ninety-three days in prison, he came to America. He came to New York where he expected to teach. He was also a talented musician and as he wanted to see the country before settling down to his career he joined a United States band and a little later was sent to San Antonio, Texas, where he remained from 1851 until 1854, when he was discharged and went to Galveston. Here he entered educational work and until coming to Houston in 1863 taught music, as well as teaching in the schools of that city. Professor Duvernoy came to Houston in 1863 and began teaching piano and voice, and also in the public schools. When the first high school was built he became a member of the first faculty and was active in educational work until his death. For twenty-five years he served the Annunciation Church as choir director and organist and served in like capacity for many years the Beth Israel Synagogue.

Professor Duvernoy was married in Galveston the thirteenth of September, 1855, to Miss Dorothea Sellner, a native of Prussia, which at that time was a part of Poland. She came to the United States as a girl with her sister and brother-in-law, and lived in Galveston for many years. After Professor Duvernoy came to Houston, she was a resident of this city and until her death the eighth of March, 1900, took an active interest in her husband's career and was one of the most loved women of her neighborhood. Professor and Mrs. Duvernoy had a family of seven children, three of whom died in infancy, and two, Marie Louise, who died in 1880, and Emile, who died in 1901. Two daughters, both well known in Houston, survive. Miss Henriette, who has since her mother's death taken her place in the home, and Miss Emma, registrar of Central High School, has been connected with the schools of Houston since September, 1890 and was her father's assistant for two years before his death and has now succeeded him.

Gustave Duvernoy passed away at his home in

Houston the twenty-fourth of June, 1917, at the age of eighty-seven years. He had been active in the work he loved until his death and remained throughout his life the jovial, enthusiastic educator, whose pupils were his friends and who had a smile for all. He was loved by all who knew him and at his death men and women by the hundreds who had been his students as boys and girls, many of them gray headed now, came to pay their last respects to this fine old man who had influenced for so many years the youth of his city and encouraged them to seek a real success in life. He had given his entire life to education and in return had been richly blessed in friendships and in the love his students and former students bore him. The many incidents of his life, all associated with educational affairs and with the lives of the boys and girls of his community, form a bright page in the history of his city and his memory will be forever honored as one of the truly great men and educators of his time.



**W**OLLY PEINE. In recounting the development of the public school system of Houston, the name of Wolly Peine, for two decades a factor in the educational world, stood out as that of an alert and discriminating executive, who, by his clear insight into the conditions and demands of modern education, helped bring the Houston schools to their present high standard. Mr. Peine became business manager of the Houston schools in 1903, the first man to hold this position, and his administration was progressive, his heart being thoroughly in the work, and his enthusiasm marking him as an influential factor in the development of the present educational system. His business ideals were the result of many years' study and investigation and showed a marked tendency to keep pace with rapidly changing standards, and his efforts in behalf of the Houston schools were both extensive and important.

Wolly Peine was a native son of the Lone Star State, and was born at Indianola, the sixth of January, 1868, son of Lewis and Nanett Reese Peine. His father, a native of Germany, came to the United States at the age of nineteen, first going to New York City, and then coming to Texas, first to Brownsville, where he established himself as a watchmaker, and later going to Indianola, following the same craft. Still later he was a resident of Houston and of Wharton, at which place his death occurred. His mother was born at New Orleans, later coming to Texas, and was married in Indianola.

Mr. Peine attended the public schools of Houston. He then became a telegraph operator with the Southern Pacific Railroad, later being made station agent. He came to Houston as assistant to the manager of the Southwestern Life Insurance Company, holding this position for several years, after which he was made business manager of the Houston schools, a position he held until his death.

Mr. Peine was married at Flatonia, Texas, the seventeenth of February, 1898, to Miss May Burns, a native of that place. Her father, Edward E. Burns, whose birthplace was in Mississippi, came to Texas as a young man, locating in Fayette County, where he lived until retiring from active life. He now resides in Houston. Her mother, before marriage, Miss Nettie Harrison, a native of Texas, is deceased. Both Mr. and Mrs. Peine were gra-



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GEORGE CHESTER GIFFORD

cious, cultured people, whose influence was helpful in their association with young people, and they had many friends in Houston. Mrs. Peine is interested in welfare, civic and educational work, but her own time is devoted to her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Peine had a family of five children, Louis Peine, a graduate of Houston High School, and radio expert with the Tel-Electric Company; Leon, a graduate of Houston High School, and with the South Texas Lumber Company, and Lorene, Walter and Jeanette, students in the Houston schools. Mrs. Peine and family have an attractive home at 1506 Rosalie Street.

Mr. Peine died at Houston the eleventh of October, 1918, following an attack of influenza. The record of his life, so closely associated with educational work at Houston, shows many achievements and worth-while activities, and will for all time be accorded a place in the history of his city. A man who, during his life-time, made many friendships; did many deeds of benevolence, and was active in every progressive movement, his memory will be an inspiration for the young people of Houston.

**G**EORGE CHESTER GIFFORD. The name of George Chester Gifford was closely associated with the early days of the history of the Lone Star State, and is a name that stands for achievement in many lines of endeavor. As a land owner and rancher, Mr. Gifford came into prominence in the seventies, at which time he was associated with his uncle, the famous Shanghi Pierce, of pioneering days, in Matagorda and Wharton Counties. Beginning with one section of land, near Pierce, Texas, Mr. Gifford became one of the large land owners of that section and was widely known throughout the state. In 1898 he went to Wharton and entered the mercantile business, continuing in this line until his death, his establishment, the Gifford Mercantile Company, becoming one of the large and prosperous firms of the day. But Mr. Gifford was a man of broad vision, for he extended his business interests, with unvarying success in every line. He took over the R. T. Ervin Banking business, a private bank, and very capably directed the affairs of that institution. He also had large holdings in the Peoples Oil and Cotton Company and in the milling business, continuing to direct his ranch holdings, his mercantile business and the banking institution. A real captain of industry, Mr. Gifford could take most any business and make of it a success in the largest and fullest sense of the word. He had vision, executive ability, an indomitable courage, and with these natural qualities of leadership it was inevitable that he become the most prominent man in Wharton County, and a leader in development and progress. But like all men who achieve things by their own grit and sound judgment, Mr. Gifford made some critics, and by one of these, he was shot in cold blood in his bank at Wharton, his death occurring a few days later.

Mr. Gifford was born in Massachusetts, January 23rd, 1852. His father, Christopher Chester Gifford, a native of that state and a prominent contractor and builder, later went to New Jersey, in which state his death occurred. His mother, before her marriage Miss Hannah Pierce, was a sister of Shanghi Pierce, one of the real pioneers of the Lone Star State, and a native of Rhode Island. Mr.

Gifford attended the schools of New Jersey, and at the age of eighteen years, in company with his uncle, Shanghi Pierce, came to Texas to carve his fortune in a land that promised much to the young man of real determination.

Mr. Gifford was married in New Jersey, the fifteenth of October, 1890, to Miss Annie M. Sowle, daughter of Jethro Sowle, a native of Massachusetts, and Mary Grinnell Sowle, a native of Rhode Island. Returning to Wharton County after his marriage, Mr. Gifford continued to make this his home. Mr. and Mrs. Gifford had two children, Anne, wife of Christopher Jones, a native of Washington, D. C. and a business man of Houston and Wharton, and who has two children, Priscilla Gifford and Christopher Lloyd; and a son, George Chester Gifford, a student in a preparatory school in Connecticut. Mrs. Gifford resides in Houston at 708 West Alabama Avenue.

George Chester Gifford died at Wharton, Texas, the seventh day of October, 1915. His death, at the climax of a career as brilliant as it was worth while, was indeed a loss to the county of Wharton and to the entire state, for his activities had a more than local scope and significance. A man who had made many friends and was widely beloved and admired, he served his community well and faithfully, and his life, though cut off so rashly, was not in vain.

**R**OBERT E. LEE JENKINS came to Houston in the nineties and was from that time until his death one of the leaders in civic activities, taking a prominent part in the commercial life of his day, and giving many years of an industrious and busy life to the development of his community. Mr. Jenkins made the real estate business his especial forte, building up an extensive and profitable business, and operating it in such a way as to reflect credit upon the entire community. As a realtor he had the vision to foresee in the Houston of the early nineties the great city of today, and in the accomplishment of this future he had no small part. He used his influence to encourage building and the location of new industries and enterprises within the city and stressed the importance of realty investments. He was active in this work until his death, and is today regarded as one of the vital forces for progress in the history of the city.

Mr. Jenkins was a native of Missouri, where he was born in the town of Wellsville, on the fourth of April, 1866. His father, a native of Virginia, came to Missouri as a young man and spent most of his life in that state, engaged in agricultural pursuits. His mother, before her marriage Miss Mary Jane Williams, was also a native of Virginia. Mr. Jenkins attended the schools of his native state until the death of his father, while he was in his teens. He came to Texas at the age of eighteen, locating at Palestine, where he went to work for the International and Great Northern Railroad, running from Galveston to Palestine. He moved to Houston, in the nineties, and shortly thereafter quit the railroad and went in the real estate business. In this he was very successful, dealing in all classes of real estate, and building up one of the most profitable businesses in the city. He was still active in this line at the time of his death, in 1918.

Mr. Jenkins was married at Houston, the ninth of August, 1893, to Miss Theresa Gehring, a native



of this city, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gehring. Her father, for many years a resident of Houston and prominently identified with the life here, was a confederate veteran, and came to Houston as a young man. Her mother, before her marriage Miss Augusta Hoffman, lived at Houston for many years and was married here. Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins had one child, Marian, wife of A. R. Elgin, member of a prominent Houston family, and one of the firm of Dealy-Adey-Elgin Company, a pioneer printing firm of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Elgin have two children, Marian Theresa and Alfred Robert, Junior, both infants. Mrs. Jenkins has a very attractive home at 3718 Main Street.

Mr. Jenkins died at his home in Houston the seventh of August, 1918. Genuinely and sincerely interested in his city during the more than two decades of his residence here, he had become known as one of those unselfish citizens who are the making of any city. He had early appreciated the need of outside capital and new business to make of Houston the city it was destined to become, and took the lead in securing these advantages. His interest in the real estate business was not alone for private gain but that he might thus aid in the development of his community. Mr. Jenkins had many friends, business men from every walk in life, who honored and respected him for his real sincerity and earnestness of purpose. He was prominent as a Mason and an honored member of the Gray Lodge for many years.



**JAMES BOYD MOORE**, pioneer oil man, and for many years one of the foremost figures in the various fields of the Lone Star State, took an active part in the development of this important resource, and attained a high reputation as an operator familiar with all phases of oil field work, and a real authority on oil matters. Mr. Moore was for two years a resident of Houston, making Beaumont his headquarters, and directing his operations in the various fields from there from 1902 to 1916. He was the sterling type of citizen whose influence on the community is responsible for progressive movements and civic growth, and he was a liberal contributor to many charitable and civic organizations. His belief in the city's future, his many activities of commercial and industrial importance, are sufficient to place him in the ranks of the real builders of Southeast Texas.

Mr. Moore was born at Kosciusko, Mississippi, the ninth of August, 1880, the son of T. A. and Ruth (Webb) Moore. His father, a native of Alabama, and one of the most beloved Baptist Ministers of his time, held services throughout Texas, and his death, the third of January, 1919, was a deep loss to the ministry of that church. Mrs. Moore, a native of Mississippi, is now living in New Orleans.

As a boy Mr. Moore attended schools at various points in Texas, later entering Baylor University, at Waco. While there his attention was attracted to the oil industry, then in its infancy, and he left school to go to Beaumont and participate in the work there. In June, 1902, he went to Spindle Top, shortly after that field first came in, and was one of the most enthusiastic workers in that field. Later his interest was transferred to Goose Creek, and operating for himself, he had a number of real successes to his credit. Mr. Moore also gave a part of his time to the handling of leases, and was an authority

on lease questions and values in the various fields. He served for a time as Vice-President of the Beaumont Well Works, in which he was financially interested. Mrs. Moore still owns an interest in the Goose Creek fields, and looks after other interests in the State. Mr. Moore's last operations were in the Louisiana fields, but these were never completed, his death occurring just when he was getting operations well under way.

Mr. Moore was married the fifteenth of November, 1905, to Miss Pauline Dotson, daughter of E. M. Dotson, a native of Mississippi, and Annie (Stroud) Dotson, a native of Georgia. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dotson now make their home in Beaumont and Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had an ideal married life, and were real companions. She was his inspiration throughout his career, rejoicing in his successes, and cheering him when things did not go well. They had a family of four children, Robert Milton, learning the oil business, Annie Ruth, a high school student, James Boyd and Pauline, both students in the Houston schools. The family attends the Baptist Church, in which faith Mr. Moore was reared. The family resides at 1013 Kenwood Avenue.

James Boyd Moore died at Houston, the sixteenth of October, 1918, after an illness of only eleven days. A man in his prime, his career had many distinctions, and he faced a future unusually promising. During the years of strenuous work in the oil fields he found his chief diversion in golf, and was one of the real expert players of his time. He was the winner of a number of cups, the first of which he won in 1911, and which are among the most prized possessions of his widow. Mr. Moore was sincerely kind-hearted, a true friend and a Christian gentleman, and his loss has been felt by the oil fraternity and by his host of friends and relatives.



**ARTHUR LIPPER**, a well known figure in the business world of Houston for the past thirty-five years, was ranked among the leaders in the business as well as the civic affairs of the city, where his business sagacity was in great demand. In 1915 Mr. Lipper founded the Lipper Motor Car Company, Inc., which grew under his wise management until today it is one of the leading automobile companies in the city, and stands as a memorial to his business ideals. He was associated in this company with his two sons, Edward Lipper as Vice-President, and George Lipper, Secretary and Treasurer, who have carried on the business since the death of their father.

Mr. Lipper was born in Mexico in 1863. His father, George Lipper, a native of Germany, came to Mexico as a young man, and for many years was engaged in the practice of medicine in that country, later engaging in the mercantile business there. He disposed of this business in 1880 and came to Houston, where he retired from active business pursuits. Mr. Lipper's education was obtained in the public schools of New Orleans, Louisiana.

He began his business career in the mercantile business, which he continued until 1893, when he engaged in the loan business, which he continued until 1900. In 1900 he was elected City Secretary of Houston, which position he held until 1905, when he entered the loan and brokerage business, and in 1912 became quite active in automobile brokerage,



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buying automobile paper, which he continued until he organized the Lipper Motor Car Company, Inc., in which he was engaged at the time of his death in January, 1924.

Mr. Lipper was married in Houston in 1883 to Miss Florence Larendon, a member of a well known Houston family. To this union was born three children, Edward, George and Mabel, the wife of B. M. Levy, who is an active figure in the brokerage circles of Houston.

Mr. Lipper literally grew up with Houston, seeing it grow from a small town to a busy, thriving, progressive city in which he played no small part, always being ready and willing to help promote the growth and importance of his city, in which he had the greatest faith.



**GEROME BOLLING COCHRAN.** A history of the city of Houston would be far from complete were mention not made of Jerome Bolling Cochran and the part he took in the development of the city. One of the leading insurance men of Texas, Mr. Cochran was for two score years a factor in the business life of Houston, taking a leading part in the world of affairs here, not alone from a commercial standpoint, but in fraternal and civic circles. He was also one of the leading politicians of Houston, taking a prominent part in all city, county and state politics and while he never held a public office, his influence was a determining factor in many political events. Mr. Cochran was a business man of sound integrity, progressive, yet conservative in all his activities. He had high ideals of citizenship, and was concerned with the development of Houston as a whole, rather than development from a selfish angle. His business affairs were conducted on the same high plane as his private life and few men could claim a greater esteem or counted more friends than he.

Jerome Bolling Cochran was born at Marion Station, Mississippi, November 9, 1863, the son of Dr. Jerome Cochran and Sarah Jane (Collins) Cochran. Dr. Cochran, a native of Tennessee, in which state he was born the fourth of December, 1831, was a practicing physician and surgeon for many years. His death occurred in Alabama in 1877. Mrs. Cochran was a native of Mississippi. Jerome Bolling Cochran attended the public schools of Mobile, Alabama, later entering the University of Alabama, where he took the A. B. degree in 1882. He then came direct to Houston and went with the O. L. Cochran insurance firm. Later he established the Cochran Insurance Agency, of which he was the head until his death. This agency, with offices in the First National Bank Building, was developed under Mr. Cochran's direction and became one of the largest insurance agencies in Houston, representing a number of strong companies in this city and writing a large volume of business annually.

Jerome Bolling Cochran was married to Miss Annie Walker, at Raleigh, North Carolina, the seventeenth of December, 1883. Mrs. Cochran, a native of Clay City, Missouri, was a daughter of the late Andrew P. Walker and Charlotte Benton (Gorman) Walker. Mr. Walker was a prominent attorney of Missouri until his death, which occurred during Mrs. Cochran's early girlhood. Mrs. Walker was a native of Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Cochran had a family of seven children, Jerome Cochran, Houston pub-

lisher, who married Miss Ethel Clark and who has one child, Elma Cochran; Shehamyl Cochran, lieutenant commander, stationed at Annapolis, and who married Miss Isabelle Miller and has two children, Margaret and Ina Walker Cochran; Loleta, now Mrs. Ernest E. Dattner, of Houston; Walter Cochran, lieutenant commander, attached to the U. S. S. Stoddard, and who married Miss Elsie Richmond; Viola, now Mrs. Ben C. Duffie of Houston, and who has one child, Benjamin Duffie; Irma, now Mrs. Henry R. Schulz, of Dallas, and who has two children, Henry Cochran Schulz and Zelma, now Mrs. W. Knox Mellon of Houston. Since Mr. Cochran's death, Mrs. Cochran has continued to reside at the family home, 1518 Hamilton Street, where the family has lived for the past thirty-three years. Mr. Cochran was a Woodman of the World and past head counselor of this order.

Jerome Bolling Cochran died at San Antonio, Texas, the first of July, 1924, having gone to that city in January, 1924 on account of failing health. His death marked the passing of one of Houston's foremost business men and has been deeply felt not only in Houston but throughout the state. The insurance world has lost in his death one of the finest and most enthusiastic insurance men of Texas, and Houston a citizen, who through his many activities in behalf of the development of the city has been a factor in the progress of the past quarter of a century.



**JOHN EDWARDS BISHOP**—The Lone Star State had few men who gave so unstintingly of their time in the cause of education, as John Edwards Bishop, pioneer representative of this profession in Texas, and during the latter years of his life an honored resident of Houston. Mr. Bishop came to Texas as a young man, and when this state was still largely unsettled, and in the education of the youth of that day, took a prominent part. A man of real culture, talented and successful as an educator, alert and discriminating, Mr. Bishop had his heart wholly in this work, and his enthusiasm made him an influential figure in this field.

John Edwards Bishop was a native of Virginia, where he was born the third of April, 1837, son of William Bishop, a very prominent Methodist preacher of that state, and whose death occurred in Palestine, Texas, when the subject of our sketch was a young man, and Lavinia Schoolfield Bishop. The family came to Texas before the Civil War. During his boyhood Mr. Bishop attended the schools of his native state, and also took his college work there. Shortly after leaving college the family came to Texas, going to Palestine, where for a number of years he engaged in teaching school, building up a reputation that was to increase with each passing year. Later he went to Corsicana, teaching there for several years, and where he was active in all welfare and educational work. He then went to Waxahachie, spending several years in pedagogic work there, and still later going to San Marcos and Luling, at both of which places he proved to be both a popular and enthusiastic exponent of education. After some years in Luling advancing years necessitated his retirement, and he spent the remainder of his life at Houston, looking after interests of his own, but not losing touch, or interest,



in young people and their training and education.

Mr. Bishop was married the twenty-third of December, 1873, to Mrs. Florida Wynns McLelland, a widow, and the daughter of Archibald Wynns, a native of Tennessee, who came to Houston in 1837. Mr. Wynns was married to Miss Martha Edmunds in Paris, Tennessee. The Wynns family was one of the outstanding families of the early days, and among the real pioneers who helped to make Texas the great state that it is today. Mr. Wynns was a prominent lawyer of his day, and served as a member of congress during the time Texas was a republic. At the time of her marriage to Mr. Bishop, Mrs. Bishop had one son, by her former marriage, William Clayton McLelland, who married Miss Helen Nina Ervine; and there were born to Mr. and Mrs. Bishop five children, Horace Bishop, John E. Bishop, Jr., Miss Linnie Bishop, Julia, wife of C. L. Newton, and who has two children, Martha Elizabeth and Howard Newton; and Mattie Bishop, deceased.

John Edwards Bishop died at his home in Houston, the twenty-eighth of November, 1918, at the age of eighty-one years. His entire life was devoted to the cause of education, and his enthusiasm in his chosen vocation resulted in many advances in this work. During his many years as an educator, Mr. Bishop taught many of the men who have since held prominent and responsible positions in the business world, and these former pupils recall with pleasure the eager, enthusiastic teachers who first instilled in them the love of knowledge. Truly his life was richly lived, and the record of it will stand a bright page in the history of education in the Lone Star State, to inspire the children of tomorrow, as he inspired those of yesterday.



**CHARLES AUGUSTUS NEWNING**—The story of the career of Charles Augustus Newning, for a quarter of a century a leader in moulding and shaping public opinion in Houston, presents a most interesting and inspirational bit of history, and serves to show what can be accomplished by the individual whose ideals are kept consistently high. Mr. Newning impressed himself on the life of Houston as one of the remarkable personalities here, and as a constructive genius in the field of industrial development. A deep student of economic conditions, he had a special fund of information and constructive ideas concerning lumber and other industries, and knowing the working side of the lumber industry as few have known it he was a powerful factor in the development of Houston as a lumber center. As a citizen Mr. Newning was aligned with the progressive element, and as a publisher he was a factor in promoting the development of the country and the expansion of trade along several lines. As a writer his common sense and his logical presentation of situations, problems and solutions conveyed to his readers a clear understanding of the situation, and frequently saved a hazardous position, and he brought to the business world a wholesome philosophy that was especially notable.

Charles Augustus Newning was a native of Newark, New Jersey, born the twenty-fourth of October, 1854. His father, Isaac Newning, a prominent attorney of New Jersey, died shortly after the close of the Civil War, and his mother, prior to her marriage, Miss Charity Drake, returned to her New

York home with her family. After her son, Charles Augustus Newning, came to Texas she also came, making her home with him at Austin until her death.

Mr. Newning received his education in the schools of New York City, and after graduating from high school there, began work as runner in a bank, and also worked in the New York Stock Exchange. Later he went with Kountze Brothers, bankers, of New York City, and at the age of twenty-three years was sent to Austin by this large firm to fill the responsible position of cashier in the bank of Francis B. Forster at Austin. Later he entered the fire insurance field, building up a large business and while engaged in this line his personality began to be felt in Austin and he formed close friendships with many of the prominent men of the day. He was active in all civic work, and in 1895 he began his newspaper work with the establishment of the Southern Industrial and Lumber Review, a paper whose influence for good was immediately felt. During his residence in Austin, Mr. Newning served several terms as county commissioner of Travis County, and was the originator of the good roads movement of this county. It was during the last few years of his residence in Austin that he organized the Sons of Jove, a fraternal order devoted to men interested in things electrical, and spent about two years in preparing the Ritual.

In 1899 Mr. Newning removed to Houston, where he established the Southwest Publishing Company, and the Southwestern Electrician, a magazine devoted to the wide field of electricity as applied to modern inventions and uses. In addition there issued from his press three other publications, The Texas Tradesman, The Rice Industry, and The Texas Magazine, and with the power of the press thus mobilized he became a factor in the development of the various trades and industries. Mrs. Newning still publishes the first named of these.

Mr. Newning was twice married, his first wife leaving at her death one son, O. B. Newning. He was married the second time in Austin, the fifteenth of April, 1891, to Miss Mary McCarty, a native of Iowa, and the daughter of Martin McCarty of Ohio, who later moved to Iowa, and still later to Texas, his death occurring at Austin. Mr. and Mrs. Newning had one of the attractive homes at 3509 Audubon Place, where Mrs. Newning continues to reside. They had a family of three children, Samuel D. Newning, with the Southwestern General Electric Company in Houston; Harry Newning of Mexico City, both graduates of Notre Dame University, and Margaret, wife of Walter B. Mensing of Virginia. Mrs. Newning was for many years her husband's assistant in his journalistic work, giving him both that inspirational help so necessary to success, and the more practical help which gave her that insight into his work as a publisher that has enabled her to take active charge of his work and carry it on since his death.

Charles Augustus Newning, whose death occurred at Houston the fifth of April, 1924, after two years of illness, was of that rare type of men who, through their unselfish devotion and unswerving loyalty to a cause, make the world better for having lived in it, and the memory of his life, and the great and important work he did will form a bright page in the history of the press of Texas.



*C. A. Newberry*





F. H. Scott





**FISHER HUNTER SCOTT**, whose activities for a period of two decades identified him with Houston, took an active part in the commercial life of this city, and his career, as interesting as it was varied, is an integral part of the history of his city. Mr. Scott came to Houston in 1901, and lived through and took part in, a vital time in the life of his community, those years when a city is in the making, and much that he did in a business way was for the general up-building of Houston.

Fisher Hunter Scott was born in Kentucky, and spent his first few years in the Blue Grass State. When he was a small boy his father died, and his mother brought him to Dallas County, Texas, shortly afterward. He spent most of his boyhood in that county, and had but meagre opportunity to gain an education due to the conditions of this time. As he himself often said, he picked up all he knew in that school of experience, the greatest of all colleges, and what he learned was of a practical nature.

In 1901 Mr. Scott determined to come to Houston, this city seemingly offering an opportunity for advancement that promised well for a young man with his way to make. Arriving in the city he went with the Houston Electric Company, and after an interval with that corporation was special officer for the railroads of Houston for several years. He then became house officer for the Brazos Hotel, taking this position shortly after the completion of the hotel. After several years in this office he became interested in the oil business, then attracting considerable attention in Texas, and with his usual indefatigable energy entered this business, buying and selling leases, and meeting with more than usual success. Later he bought a half interest in the Noyes Safe and Lock Company, in 1916, and was president and manager of this enterprise until his death, in 1922. Since that time Mrs. Scott has retained his interest in the company, while not assuming an active part in its management.

Mr. Scott was married the third of August, 1905, to Miss Mary Virena Hudgins, a native of Wharton County, Texas. Her father, W. A. Hudgins, was one of the first settlers of Wharton County, engaging in stock raising in that section until his death. Her mother, Mrs. Emma West Hudgins, was a native of Ft. Bend County, her family being counted among the real pioneers of the Lone Star State, and taking an active part in its development. In later years the West family removed to Houston, where they became well and favorably known for their respective activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott spent their entire married life in Houston, taking an active part in the social and civic life of their community. Mrs. Scott still makes her home here, residing at 716 Willard Street. She is a woman of charming personality and has many friends both here and in her old home in Wharton County. Mr. Scott died at his home in Houston the nineteenth day of November, 1922, at the time of his death being active president and manager of the Noyes Safe and Lock Company. His career represents achievement, entirely by his own efforts, and is the inspiration of many Houston boys. His entire life in Houston was spent in such a way as to reflect credit on his city. He was never too busy or too tired to do his duty, and more, in a

civic way, and his fellow citizens honored him accordingly. Familiar with the soundest of business principles, enjoying the absolute confidence of the people, and with the highest of ideals, Mr. Scott maintained a place of high honor in the business world, and his passing was the cause of a sincere regret on the part of his business associates, as well as his many friends.



**FRANK MILES WALKER**, who came to Houston in the late eighties and was thereafter a factor in the printing industry in this city, was highly successful in his efforts in behalf of higher standards in that craft, and also took an active part in civic development. Mr. Walker was one of the most true and generous citizens of Texas, giving freely of his time and means for the development of its resources, and accounting well for himself at all times. In Masonry few names are accorded greater honor and respect, and in the history of that order his name finds frequent place.

A native of St. Louis, Missouri, Frank Miles Walker was born the seventeenth of December, 1857, one of the seven children of William and Eliza (Miles) Walker. He first attended the schools of his native city and, later, the schools of Cairo, Illinois, to which place the family had removed. As a boy he entered the printing plant of the Cairo Bulletin, at Cairo, and here learned the intricacies of the trade, applying himself with diligence to every phase of the industry, and becoming familiar with every detail of the printer's art. From 1883 to 1887 he was superintendent of the plant of the Morning Bulletin in Bloomington, Illinois. In 1887 he came to Houston, to which city he had been attracted by the promise it held for the young man beginning his career. He spent a short time with the J. J. Pastoriza Printing Plant, then went to Galveston with Clark and Courts, printers. But after a short while in Galveston he returned to Houston, again going with J. J. Pastoriza, and remaining with that firm for several years. This was followed by a second period at Galveston, this time as superintendent of the Clark and Courts plant, a position he held until 1905. In that year he returned to Houston as manager of the State Printing Company, remaining with that firm two years, then going to Dallas with the Dorsey Printing Company, and remaining active there until his death in 1911.

Mr. Walker was married at Houston, the seventeenth of August, 1889, to Miss Alma Martha Risse, a native of Barton, Wisconsin. She was an ideal wife and helpmeet, inspiring her husband throughout his career, in which she took an appreciative and sympathetic interest. Since his death she has returned to Houston, living at 715 Rosalie Avenue, and takes an active part in Eastern Star work. Even before Mr. Walker's death she had devoted much time to the activities of this order, and for a quarter of a century has been identified with the Eastern Star work. She is Past Grand Matron, Order of Eastern Star of Texas, an honor accorded her in recognition of her services, and wherein she distinguished herself. She also devotes much of her time to work in the Episcopal Church and in Y. W. C. A. activities.

Mr. Walker was one of the real big men in Masonry, devoting to the activities of that fraternity a great deal of time. He was, at various times, Worshipful Master, High Priest and Eminent Com-



mander, Past Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star, of Texas. At the time of his death he was a member of Tucker Lodge, No. 297, A. F. and A. M.; San Felipe De Austin Chapter No. 1, R. A. M., Galveston Counsel No. 16; San Felipe De Austin Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, Dallas Lodge of Perfection No. 7; Lone Star Chapter Knights of the Rose Croix No. 4; Dallas Counsel of Knights of Kadosh, No. 12; Dallas Consistory No. 2; P. G. P., Order of Eastern Star of Texas, Past Patron Mizpah, Chapter No. 2, Order of Eastern Star; El Mina Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.; honorary member of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma Eastern Star Number 32. He was also a Woodman of the World, of Galveston, his membership in that order dating from its first organization in that city. Mr. Walker died at his home in Dallas, the sixteenth of July, 1911, at the age of fifty-four years and was buried in Houston, which had been his home for many years. A man of many distinctions, both in the business world, the social world and in Masonry, he was above all a real lover of humanity, and as such will ever be remembered.



**JESSE GREENBARY DUDLEY**, for more than a quarter of a century was a leader in commercial activities at Houston, taking a deep interest in civic development and using his influence to secure additional advantages for his city. Mr. Dudley was a pioneer in the cafe business here and had a wide experience in this calling, and during the many years he spent in this field was a factor in raising the standards of cafe operation. He organized and operated successfully one of the finest cafes in Houston, taking great pride in having his establishment reflect credit on himself and his city. Mr. Dudley, during the latter years of his life, was also interested in the real estate business and with his genius for making things go, as well as his keen sense of values and foresight, was successful also in this line. His policy was to purchase property in line for developments, later selling to advantage.

Jesse Greenbary Dudley was born in Florida, in the town of Granville, on the sixteenth day of October, 1872, son of Aaron and Sarah (York) Dudley. His father lived in that state for many years, his death occurring there. His mother then came to Texas, with her son, and lived in Houston until her death. Mr. Dudley spent his boyhood in the city of his birth, attending the schools there. After his father's death, which occurred while he was in his teens, Mr. Dudley left his home in Florida and came to Texas, for a short time living on a plantation but later removing to Houston, where with a brother, Henry M. Dudley, he opened his first cafe. Later he engaged in this business alone, operating a cafe in the Prince Building for some time, then opening the cafe on Main Street which he operated until his death, with the exception of his last six months, when ill health forced him to turn the management of this interest over to others. After his death in 1921, Mrs. Dudley continued to operate the cafe until 1922 when she sold the business.

Mr. Dudley was married the eighteenth of July, 1894, to Miss Lottie Rindt, a native of Houston and daughter of Charles Rindt, who was born in New Orleans, later removing to Galveston in the early days and still later coming to Houston, which he made his home until his death. Her mother was

Miss Louise Erb, a native of Germany, who came to the United States with her parents while she was a child and spent her girlhood in Galveston, where she met and married Mr. Rindt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley spent their married life in Houston. In 1912 they built the fine home at 903 Holman Avenue which they and their family thereafter occupied, and where Mrs. Dudley now resides. This attractive and hospitable home has ever been open to a wide circle of friends to whom its mistress has endeared herself by her many lovable qualities and her charming personality. Mr. and Mrs. Dudley had a family of three children, Jesse Greenbary Dudley, employed by the city of Houston and a Witter, of Belton, and who has one child, Jesse Greenbary Dudley, the third; Henry Charles Dudley, of Houston, who married Miss Maude Stedman, of Beaumont, and who has two children, Gene Elizabeth and Lottie Idell; and Idell, wife of Griffin Duff Vance, of San Antonio, and who has two sons, Griffin Duff Vance, Junior, and Dudley Vance.

Mr. Dudley died at Houston the ninth of September, 1921, just a few weeks after celebrating his forty-eighth birthday. He was a member of a number of fraternal organizations, the B. P. O. E., Knights of Pythias and Dokeys. Mr. Dudley was one of the patriotic and public spirited citizens of Houston, active in all development work, and a leader in progressive business activities. He was a man of striking personality, a good conversationalist, well versed in all the topics of the day, and had a host of friends to whom his death was a deep loss.



**ISAAC W. WALKER.** For many years this venerable pioneer was associated with those activities of civic and commercial importance that largely influenced the future of Houston, and his name will ever be accorded a place of honor among the builders of the city. Whether as banker, as farmer, as cotton factor, or as a private citizen, he played his part well and Houston can boast of no truer, more generous citizen than this splendid man who gave so largely of his time and means for the development of his community. Mr. Walker, in the many years of his residence here, enjoyed some of the highest distinctions and honors of his home community, and was known not only in Houston, but throughout the Gulf Coast district for his many interests in the commercial world.

Isaac W. Walker was born in Madison, Georgia, the fifth of February, 1851, the son of John and Elizabeth (Fannin) Walker, both natives of that state, and prominently identified with the life there. Mr. Walker was one of a family of thirteen children, and as a boy attended the schools near his home. At the age of fourteen he ran away from home and joined the Confederate Army, fighting through the later part of the war. After its close he traveled a great deal, and became attracted to the Lone Star State, where he had heard great wealth awaited the young man of enterprise and industrious habits. He came here a few years after the war and bought up large tracts of land in Wharton County, and with his brother, Oliver Walker, whom he induced to come to Texas, he operated one of the large plantations of Wharton County for many years. He sold this interest and moved to Houston, where he went with the pioneer banking firm of Milby and Porter. Later he was associated with T.



JESS GREENBARY DUDLEY






*E E Grant*

W. House, in his bank, and in 1900 went into business for himself, as a cotton factor. While he was primarily an exporter on a large scale, he did not confine his interest to this branch of the business, but handled all lines of cotton and cotton seed products. Mr. Walker was active in this business until several years before his death, in 1915, and was one of the leading cotton men of the Lone Star State, and one of those qualified to speak with authority on any question concerning this industry. He was the organizer of the Oriental Textile Mills that has grown to be one of Houston's leading industries.

Mr. Walker was married the twentieth of October, 1884, in Houston, to Miss Mamie Johns, daughter of Andrew J. Johns, a native of Louisiana and a large sugar plantation owner of that state. His death occurred when Mrs. Walker was a small child and her mother, before marriage Miss Minerva Plough, came to Houston, where her death occurred in February, 1918. She was the daughter of Dr. A. L. Plough, of New Orleans. Mrs. Walker is a woman of many accomplishments and a real home maker. She took a deep interest in her husband's career and was his constant inspiration. More than three decades ago she moved into the fine old home at 2216 Milam Street. Mrs. Walker now resides at 2211 Louisiana, with her daughter, Miss Sarah M. Walker, who was educated in Houston and New York. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Walker, John H. B. Walker, a graduate of Texas A. and M. College, is one of the well known filling station operators of Houston, and is married to Miss Inez Hall.

Isaac W. Walker died at his home in Houston the nineteenth of December, 1915, after an illness of three years. He was at the time of his death sixty-four years old and, with the exception of the several years prior to his death when ill health forced his retirement, one of the most active men of the city. He was an indefatigable worker, and gave to his business affairs an enthusiasm which, combined with the integrity ever associated with his name and a natural talent for affairs, was a factor in his success. Mr. Walker took great pride in the accomplishments of his city, and in these accomplishments had taken a very material part. He had many friends, men and women from every walk in life who admired and respected him for his simple virtues and his sterling character. His death was a distinct loss to his city and to the enterprises he had directed for so many years.

 **R. ELMORE ELLSWORTH GRANT.** For a quarter of a century the name of Dr. Elmore Ellsworth Grant was of special significance in Houston, and was accorded high honor, not alone because of his signal achievement in the field of medicine and surgery, but also on account of his efforts in behalf of the development of the County School System of Harris County, and his work for the welfare of school children. Dr. Grant ever gave of his time and efforts for the improvement of the schools of Harris County and during the two decades he served on the School Board he worked indefatigably for the advancement of educational standards, as well as for better and more school buildings, better equipped teachers, longer school terms; and the general welfare of the pupils. As a physician, Dr. Grant won the highest esteem and for three decades of his residence in Harris County he was the faithful custodian of the welfare

of his patients and worthy in every way of the honors and obligations attached to his profession.

Dr. Elmore Ellsworth Grant was born at Merenga, Iowa, the ninth of May, 1861, the son of Dr. James W. Grant, and the grandson and great-grandson of physicians in the Grant family. Dr. James W. Grant was a native of Scotland, who came to America as a boy with his parents, and after many years in Iowa came to Texas in the pioneer days, practicing general medicine, with all this term implies, at Cypress, in Harris County, and specializing in much and hard work. Dr. Elmore Ellsworth Grant was reared in Harris County, attending the public schools, and early formed the ambition to succeed his father. He received his medical training at the University of Louisville, taking his degree in 1890, and after a year spent in clinical and hospital work returned to Harris County, taking over his father's practice. After twenty-two years at Cypress Dr. Grant came to Houston, in 1911, and established his practice here, engaging in general practice, and during the two decades following was one of the leading physicians of the city. Interested in medical advancement and the improvement of medical standards, Dr. Grant, with other progressive physicians, organized the Harris County Medical Society, of which Dr. Grant was a charter member, and during those early years when this society was being built up he was a leader in the work of developing it into an organization that has since played an important part in the advancement of Houston as a medical center. Dr. Grant also took a deep interest in educational work, especially in the development of the rural school system, and was the sponsor of many important development movements in Harris County for the improvement of the school system. He gave twenty years to constructive educational work, serving on the School Board during that time, and although himself a heavy tax payer he voted and fought for all issues that were planned for the improvement of the schools. At the time of his death he was President of the County School Board, and this organization lost one of its most courageous workers in his death.

Dr. Grant was married at Houston, the thirtieth of May, 1900, to Miss Lela Woodward, a native of Bandera County, Texas, and who was reared in Uvalde County. Her father, William Henry Woodward, a native of Virginia, came to Texas before the Civil War, in which he served in the Confederate Army, with General McGruder. He engaged in farming and stock raising activities throughout his lifetime. Mrs. Grant's mother was prior to her marriage, Miss Elizabeth Crowder, a native of Sulphur Springs, Texas. Mrs. Grant resides at the family home, 1621 Ashland Avenue, in the fine home built by Dr. Grant in 1911. Dr. and Mrs. Grant had one child, James Henry Grant, born the eleventh of January, 1906, and a graduate of Heights High School and a student at Rice Institute.

Dr. Elmore Ellsworth Grant died the twelfth of October, 1923, and his loss was not only a deep loss to the medical profession, and to the county schools, but to his hundreds of friends in Harris County, men, women and children from every walk of life. His busy life, lived to the full, typifies the highest example of Christian citizenship, and through the years to come his memory will be recalled at Houston, and should be an inspiration to others.





**WILLIAM VERNON LAURAINÉ** came to Houston, Texas, in 1900, and resided in this city for more than a quarter of a century, where he was loved and esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He was widely known in the business world as an expert accountant—indeed he was at the top of his profession and considered an expert not only in Texas but in all parts of the United States, especially in Washington, D. C., among the government officials who knew of his careful, efficient and dexterous work. For about twenty years he was one of the best known public accountants of the entire country and his services were eagerly sought by the largest and most important financial and commercial organizations of the country and the greater corporations of the nation. He maintained offices in the old Beatty Building, now the West Building, during the period in which he was engaged in the work of public accounting, moving to the Zindler Building two years prior to his death, where he was the sole owner of his accounting business, throughout his career in this profession. Mr. Lauraine was an expert questioned document examiner, and practiced here in Houston and was the only expert in this line in the city. He and Mr. Jay Fordyce Wood of Chicago, one of the best known handwriting experts in the country, often worked together and through this work became close friends.

A native son of Texas, Mr. Lauraine was born at Columbus on April 6th, 1863. His father, A. Lauraine (now deceased), a native of South Carolina, was throughout his life active in the financial, commercial and political life of Colorado County. His mother, Mrs. Frances (Vernon) Lauraine, a native of New Orleans was a member of that city's most illustrious families. His education was obtained in various schools of the Lone Star State, the greater part of which was in Austin. His first venture into the life of business was in the office of a wholesale merchant of Kansas City, Missouri, where he remained for a few years before entering the service of the Northwestern Railroad as an auditor. He continued in railroad work for about twelve years, during which period he served in the various branches of the service, only leaving the railroad when he removed to Houston and established his Public Accounting offices.

Mr. Lauraine was married at Austin, Texas, on October 31st, 1887, to Miss Josephine Strong, a native Texan, and a daughter of N. C. Strong, a native of New York State and Mrs. Roxylana (Barlow) Strong, a native of Ohio, both of whom were members of well known families in their respective States. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lauraine: Josephine of Houston, Texas; Maida, now the wife of T. B. Hooks of El Paso, Texas; G. S. Lauraine of Baytown, Texas, well known in the commercial circles of South Texas; Frances, now the wife of F. W. Hoepfner of Taft, Texas; William Vernon Lauraine, Jr., of Houston, Texas, and Hattie, now the wife of W. C. Averyt of Baytown, Texas. The Lauraine home is located at 212 Adams Street. Mr. Lauraine was for many years a consistent member of the St. Paul Methodist Church, and was active in all the workings of this denomination until his death which occurred here on March 5th, 1926. Perhaps no man ever lived in Houston who had more friends than Mr. Lauraine—these extending to all

walks of life. Born in the turbulent sixties he shared as a youth all the privation of the Southern people, and perhaps this had to do with his being throughout life a knightly defender of every cause that needed help. He was a born partisan, a defender of everything good in life, a Southern patriot and a gentleman of the Old School.



**WILLIAM CHARLES BUOY**, for almost a decade was one of the sterling citizens of Houston, impressing his influence in many ways on the life of the community, and contributing in many ways to the prosperity of the city. Mr. Buoy was prominently identified with business activities, and had a wide reputation as a jewelry maker, a craft in which he was a real artist. He was active in civic and fraternal affairs, and took a deep interest in public welfare work. Mr. Buoy was chairman of the Entertainment and Publicity committees of the Elks Lodge, and widely known to members of this order. He was also interested in the welfare and student's aid work being carried on by this order. During the decade that he made his residence here he made many friends, and in many ways demonstrated his real interest in the city. During the World War, Mr. Buoy gave much of his time to war work.

William Charles Buoy was a native of Pennsylvania, having been born at Lancaster, in that State, the twenty-first of June, 1877. His father, the late W. H. Buoy, was a pattern maker in that State until his death, and had many friends there. His mother, formerly Miss Mary A. Cherry, is now making her home at Springfield, Illinois. Mr. Buoy attended the public schools of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and later learned the jewelry manufacturing trade in that city. He traveled all over the United States, his expert craftsmanship making him in great demand, and in 1914 came to Houston with a view to making this city his permanent home. He spent one year with the L. Lechenger Jewelry house, and then went in business for himself, establishing the Diamond House, at 315 Queen Building, which business he conducted successfully for three years. He then went out of business for a short time, preparatory to opening his shop at his home, where he specialized in high-class work for various large jewelry firms. He was considered one of the best jewelry makers in Texas and all kinds of special order work, demanding an unusual skill, was sent to him from over the state. During this time he made some intricate examples of the jewelers' art, creating a number of exceptionally fine pieces of jewelry. Mr. Buoy was active until two weeks prior to his death.

Mr. Buoy was married the eleventh of April, 1913, at Carlinsville, Indiana, to Miss Emma Hoover, a native of that State. Her father, C. R. Hoover, is a native of Pennsylvania, and her mother, Lillie Jordan Hoover, a native of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Buoy resided at 2013 La Branch Street, Houston. Their home life was delightful, and Mrs. Buoy was not only a true companion and wife, furnishing her husband inspiration throughout his career, but a devoted mother. Mr. and Mrs. Buoy had four children, Helen, William Edward, John Albert, and Charles Henry.

Mr. Buoy's death occurred at a Houston hospital, the thirtieth of August, 1923, the funeral services being under the auspices of the Elks Lodge.



*W. V. Lorraine*





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**MORRIS ARNOLD MOORE** of Houston, Texas, was throughout his life an active agent for the best interests and the up-building of his city, community and State—a born leader and an honored citizen. His career in the business, fraternal and social circles was outstanding and unusual in its character. Not having the privileges of an education in his early life, he was, nevertheless, a cultured and educated man, these splendid accomplishments having been obtained entirely through self help. He was throughout his life a student, reading the best literature obtainable, and being blessed by a retentive memory, he was well versed in the world's literature, and was an interesting and accomplished speaker on any subject of the day, he was even more, he was a convincing and eloquent speaker, using a vocabulary made up of the purest English, and his aid was sought at all times for public speaking, along practically all lines. Mr. Moore was indeed a splendid Christian gentleman, courteous, generous and charitable, with a kindly disposition and a pleasing manner that endeared him to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. He had a host of friends in practically every portion of the United States. Dr. J. H. Cassity of Shreveport, Louisiana, said of him: "I never knew him to be on the wrong side of any controversy, neither was he on the fence, a man of strong convictions and swift and unerring judgment. He quickly lined up on the right side of every issue, fought with that moral and patriotic courage, which is the righteous heritage of the man who knows himself to be clean and square." His mind was keen and clear—his heart was pure and clean, his purposes were magnanimous, his will was unconquerable.

A native Texan, Mr. Moore was born at Denison on August 19th, 1886. Both his parents died when he was an infant, after which he was brought to Houston, where he was reared by an aunt. His education was obtained in the public schools of Houston, but his real education was obtained later in life through his contact with men and things. After reaching early manhood he was engaged in various lines of activity. For a period of nine years he was chief clerk to the Western Weighing and Inspection Bureau, under Mr. A. W. Helm of New Orleans, Louisiana. Later he became assistant to Clifford G. Beckham, prohibition director for the State of Texas. He remained in this position for a period of three years, during which time his work in this field was outstanding and noteworthy. Mr. Moore was one of the early members, and one of the organizers of the Ku Klux Klan, associated with Col. W. J. Simmons, and organized the intelligence department of this organization in Houston, was made a life member, receiving a heroic medal for work done in this organization. He resigned from the klan at the time when he thought best, but during the period in which he served with all his energies with this organization, he never accepted any pay for the work which he had done.

Mr. Moore was married at Houston, Texas, on July 25th, 1906, to Miss Claudia Louise Greber, a native Houstonian, and a daughter of J. A. Greber, who has for almost sixty years been an honored citizen of Houston, and well known in the business circles of South Texas. The Moore home is located at 1520 Hussion Street. Mr. Moore was a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Linwood Lodge No. 167 of New Orleans, and was a member of the

Shrine of Galveston, and also a member of the Grand Consistory of New Orleans. During the World War Mr. Moore was active in all organizations for securing funds, and enlisted in the 2nd Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs, Texas, where he injured his ankle and was discharged from that camp. Later he was commissioned a second lieutenant in New Orleans, being promoted to a first lieutenant some time after. Mr. Moore was killed in an automobile accident near Gainesville, Georgia, on February 21st, 1925. At the time of his death he had just organized the American Bureau of Investigation, and was first vice president of this organization, and it was his intention to devote his entire time and attention to this company. He was a member of the American Legion and was a first lieutenant in the Quarter Master's Reserve Corps. Mr. Moore was a member of the Christian Church and was active in all church work, giving liberally of his time and means to aid in all charity and church organizations. At the time of his death he was supreme recording knight of the Knights of the Flaming Sword. Mr. Moore was indeed an inspiration of all that is good and true in humanity, the qualities that make for the higher and better life here, and increase our capacity better to perceive and recognize the beckonings of God to the progressive plains of the hereafter.



**C. BELL**, was well known in Houston and South Texas, where he had been active in the cattle raising and banking circles for many years. In 1910 Mr. Bell organized the Guaranty State Bank of Houston. He remained with the bank for four years and a half. With the intention of retiring from active business he sold stock in the bank, but in 1919 he organized the Citizens State Bank of Houston, remaining with this bank until 1922.

Mr. Bell was born in Richmond, Virginia, in 1859. His father, N. E. Bell, was engaged in farming in Virginia and removed to Texas in 1860, settling in Guadalupe County, and at the outbreak of the Civil War, he entered the conflict from Texas. At the close of the war, the family removed to Weimar, Texas. Mr. Bell's mother was, prior to her marriage, Miss Sallie T. Green, a member of a prominent Virginia family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Texas.

Mr. Bell spent nineteen years on cattle ranches near Pierce, and was for seven years engaged in the cattle commission business, of which he was the owner. He came to Houston in 1898 from Pierce, organizing the Bell Stockyards which he operated for many years. Mr. Bell had accumulated much valuable property, consisting of land in Harris County and Houston city property, among the latter being the building in which the Citizens State Bank was located. Mr. Bell was closely connected with the commercial interests of Houston, and owned stock in various companies and business establishments.

Mr. Bell passed away on February 20th, 1925, at the home of his sister, Mrs. V. L. Le Tulle of Bay City, where he had lived since his retirement in 1923. With Mr. Bell's passing Texas lost one of its sterling citizens, and a pioneer who helped to make the Texas of today.



**I**SIDOR JAPHET came to Houston in the early sixties, as a young man just beginning his career, and thereafter became an integral part of the progress of the city, contributing his share to its early development. Mr. Japhet took a great interest in civic matters, and in all that pertained to the betterment of Houston, or the welfare of its citizens. He gave freely to every cause toward this end, and liberally supported all the movements of that day.

Mr. Japhet was a native of Germany, in which country he was born the third day of November, 1842, son of a well known German family. His father died when he was a small boy, and after a number of years his mother remarried, Mr. Japhet shortly afterward coming to the United States. In his native country he had received an excellent education, and, although still a boy, he at once began his business career in New York City. In the early sixties he was attracted to the Southwest as offering exceptional opportunity, and came to Houston. His first several years in this city were spent in the employ of the Fox and Harris Dry Goods Company, one of the old firms of the city. A little later he went in the retail liquor business, and after several years in the retail trade converted his interests to a wholesale establishment.

For many years Mr. Japhet's wholesale liquor business was located at the corner of Main and Commerce Streets, and under his management grew to be one of the largest wholesale establishments in the state.

Mr. Japhet was twice married, the first union resulting in four children, Daniel A., well known oil operator of Houston; Gus; John H., of St. Joseph, Missouri, and George W., now deceased. His second marriage occurred the tenth of September, 1872, at Houston, when he was married to Miss Ida Wipprecht, a native of the Lone Star State. Her father, Rudolph Wipprecht, was a native of Germany, who came to the United States as a young man, locating in Texas in 1849, where for several years he taught school at New Braunfels. Later he was a member of the faculty of Texas A. and M. College, teaching languages. He taught there for many years, later retiring and removing to Seguin, Texas, where his death occurred at the advanced age of seventy-two. Mrs. Japhet's mother, before her marriage Miss Julia Kapp, was also a native of Germany, coming to the United States with her parents in the early days.

Mr. and Mrs. Japhet had a family of five children, Betty, widow of Jack Paullen, and who has three sons; Earnest, who married Miss Edith Toombs, and who has three children, two boys and a girl; Hilda, wife of Louis Hamilton, of New York, and who has three children, two girls and a boy; Alfred, who married Miss Daisy Watts, of San Antonio, and who has two sons; and Emil, who married Miss Katherine Tuttle, of Illinois, and who has two daughters.

Mrs. Japhet resides on a beautiful farm, on which she has built a fine country home, about three miles from the center of town. She also has numerous other holdings in real estate, including city business and residence property.

Isidor Japhet died at Houston, the twenty-fourth of December, 1895, at the age of fifty-three years. He was one of the most progressive citizens of that

day, managing a large business according to the most efficient and approved principles, and making a success that enabled him to lay the foundations of a small fortune. He was a great giver, contributing freely to every fund and movement of that time, and one of the most generous citizens of Houston. His benevolences were many, and unostentatious, he giving largely for his own satisfaction rather than for any praise he might gain thereby. His friends were many, men who knew him as a true friend and comrade, ready to share alike their good fortune or their sorrows. His death was a great shock to those who knew him, and he is remembered as one of Houston's finest pioneers, and one who at all times did his part toward furthering the welfare of his city.

**D**R. JAMES HAMILTON MORRISON. In the history of the progress of medicine in the Lone Star State, the name of Dr. James Hamilton Morrison, one of the most distinguished pioneer physicians and surgeons of Texas, stands out prominently. Dr. Morrison for many years performed conspicuous service in his community, Grimes County, and later Hempstead, his prestige being in proportion to his years of service. He was a factor in raising the medical standards of his day, keeping apace with the advancements made in his profession, and winning the reputation of a practitioner, careful and competent in all branches of his calling, was well worthy the obligations and honors of his profession.

Dr. James Hamilton Morrison was born in Alabama, on the fifth of July, 1842, son of James Hamilton Morrison, of South Carolina, who later went to Alabama, and still later came to Texas, locating in Grimes County, when the subject of this sketch was a small boy. He was a prominent land owner and planter of that time, taking an active part in the development of Grimes County, until his death. Dr. Morrison's mother, before her marriage, Miss Juliana Allen, was a native of South Carolina.

Dr. Morrison came of a family distinguished for the number of physicians and surgeons recruited from its ranks, a number of his uncles, as well as both his grandfathers being prominent in the medical world. It was therefore natural that the boy turned to this profession as his life's vocation. After attending the schools of Grimes County, and later at Independence, he was forced to give up his education and participate in the Civil War. After the close of the conflict he went to Galveston and began the study of medicine, showing marked aptitude throughout his course. He took his degree from the medical college there and returned to Grimes County, where for a number of years he engaged in the practice of his profession. He then went to Hempstead, and during the rest of his life served that city, and the surrounding territory faithfully, and was one of the best beloved physicians in that section. Dr. Morrison was accorded many honors in his home community, and was for many years County Health Officer. He was also a Trustee of the Public Schools and was Physician for the Prairie View State Normal and Industrial College.

Dr. Morrison was married the twenty-second of March, 1877, in Grimes County, to Miss Carrie Lacy, a native of that county, and the daughter of Captain Thomas H. Lacy, pioneer Texan, and



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Texan, and plantation owner. Although too old to actively participate in the Civil War, Captain Lacy rendered distinguished service to his country recruiting companies for active service. Mrs. Morrison's mother was before her marriage Miss Janie Edwards of South Carolina. Mrs. Morrison was an ideal physician's wife, sympathetic and helpful, and a real inspiration to her husband throughout a life filled to overflowing with service to others. She made his home life delightful, and was the mother of three children, Miss Mary Morrison, of Houston, a talented art teacher; Robert Morrison, deceased, who had one child, Lacy Morrison, who makes her home with her grandmother; and Winnie, also deceased. Miss Mary Morrison has been for a number of years a leader in art circles at Houston, and was for twelve years art instructor in colleges of Texas. She now has a private school, and is meeting with exceptional success in her work. She has had excellent training and for a number of years took special courses in Chicago and New York. She and her mother, with the small daughter of the late Robert Morrison, make their home at 2210 Caroline Street.

Dr. Morrison died at his home in Hempstead, the twentieth of November, 1910. Perhaps there has been no man who was so sincerely mourned as this fine old physician, who spent his life alleviating the sufferings of his fellowmen, and who gave so freely and unselfishly of his services for others. His life is a record of the sacrifices and joys of a physician, faithful to his duty, and his ideals, and will ever be an inspiration to all who knew him.



**HENRY CRUGER BAILEY**—The name of Henry Cruger Bailey will ever be associated with the history of Houston as a citizen who by his sincere belief in, and untiring efforts for, the growth of the city were largely responsible for the upbuilding of Houston. He was the sturdy type of citizen who gave his best to the community in which he lived and was always in the lead in every forward movement. Purposeful, often in advance of his time, and with the courage that qualified him to hold a position of leadership and gave him equanimity to face grave responsibilities without flinching, his life was an inspiration to all who knew him, and Houston received many advantages as the result of his citizenship.

A native of New York City and son of John J. Bailey, prominently identified with activities there, and Cordelia Cruger Bailey, a native of England, Henry Cruger Bailey spent most of his youth in the Consul House, in Italy, to which country his father was sent as U. S. Consul. His education, acquired abroad, was rounded out by the advantages of travel and the environment of history-making events, and launched him on his business career with every assurance of success. He came to Houston in the late seventies, and became associated with his brother-in-law, Paul Bremond, owner of the Bremond Railway, and for which line Mr. Bailey was auditor until after the railway went into a receivership and was sold. He then retired, spending his remaining years in Houston, in which city his death occurred. Mr. Bailey was a real pioneer in the railroad world, and took a prominent part in building up a railroad system that would enable the Lone Star State to develop and progress.

Mr. Bailey was married in New York City in August, 1873, to Miss Alice Marion Mollan, a native

of the West Indies, of English and Scotch parentage, and daughter of David Canning Mollan, who was the nephew of George Canning, one of England's most distinguished premiers. Her mother, Mrs. Catherine Ann Mollan, brought Mrs. Bailey to the United States, and it was here she met and married Mr. Bailey. She took an especially deep interest in his career, and in addition to being a true wife and helpmeet, and creating an ideal home life, reared a family of three children. These children are, Harry Cruger and Louis C. Bailey, both of whom are married and reside in Houston, and Frank W. Bailey, of Bradford, Pennsylvania, and who is married and has three children, Frank Walton, Cruger Oakley and Alice Liane Bailey. Since the death of Mr. Bailey, Mrs. Bailey and her family have continued to make their home in Houston, living at 1711 Caroline Street. Mrs. Bailey takes great interest in the welfare of her community and in furthering educational and civic work.

Henry Cruger Bailey died at his home in Houston on the fifth day of November, 1907, after a career of intense activity and usefulness. His participation in the railroad world of his day added much to the potential wealth of Houston, and in a day when railroad building was almost at a standstill, was a factor in the development of his community. A man of outstanding personality he was equipped by nature for the management of big affairs. He was a student and scholar, a citizen of true Christian character, and above all, a man of tolerance and understanding. Perhaps one of his greatest distinctions was his ability to win friends, for these he attracted to himself by the hundreds, men and women from every station in life, and who deeply mourned his passing.



**JACOB FRANKEL**, for many years a prominent figure in the insurance world of the Lone Star State, and one of Houston's most distinguished and respected citizens, represented the true self-made man who has achieved success in the world entirely by his own efforts. Mr. Frankel entered the insurance business as a young man, determined to rise to a position above the average, and this will to succeed, with a definite talent for business, was not long unrecognized, and he held positions of importance and responsibility. Mr. Frankel was not only successful as an insurance man, but as a friend and he counted friends in Houston by the hundreds. He took a deep pride in his city, and was always eager to do his part toward making possible growth and development.

Jacob Frankel was born in Roumania, on the eighteenth of January, 1870. He spent his early boyhood in his native country, then, with his parents came to the United States, and to New York. Here he went to work, although but a small boy, and attended school at night. Later he went to Chicago, and from there to Dallas. Shortly after his arrival in Dallas he went to work for I. Reinhardt, at the time he operated a clothing store in that city, and remained there until Mr. Reinhardt went into the insurance business. He then went with the insurance firm of I. Reinhardt, and was with them until 1902, when he came to Houston as agent for the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, of California. During his many years with this strong company, Mr. Frankel wrote a large volume of business on the books of the company, each year making



a new record. In 1917 he was made general agent, in acknowledgement of his success, and held this position until his death. Mr. Frankel was always enthusiastic, imbued with the highest business ideals, and determined to make a real success in the insurance world. He was a real business getter, and an organizer capable of building up a real insurance organization, and was known throughout the state for his many achievements in this business.

Mr. Frankel was married at Corsicana, Texas, the thirtieth of April, 1895, to Miss Belle Schwartz, a native of that city. She was the daughter of Aaron Schwartz, who came to Corsicana as a young man, during the early days of the city, and remained there until his death. He was a cotton man throughout his life, and prominent in social and civic activities. Her mother, prior to her marriage Miss Caroline Zander, was also active in the social life of Corsicana, and one of the outstanding women of her day. Mr. and Mrs. Frankel had an ideal married life, she taking a deep interest in his aspirations and activities in the business world. She was a real companion to him, and was also a devoted mother to the one child born to the couple. This child, a daughter, Miss Julia Frankel, was married on June 10th, 1924, to Alfred Goldman of Corsicana where they make their home.

Mr. Frankel's death occurred at Houston, the seventh of May, 1923, and he was buried in the Jewish Cemetery. He was an honored member of the Elks Club, the Turnverein Club, the Conopus Club, and a member of Brith Abraham. Mr. Frankel was a great civic worker, and there were few civic movements at Houston during his residence here, that he did not participate in. Generous and benevolent, it was one of his highest pleasures to contribute to the happiness of those less fortunate than himself, and these benevolences, in keeping with his character, were entirely without ostentation. In his business relations he was known for his outstanding attributes of integrity and high ideals, unfair competition and petty jealousies were never associated with his name. In his friendships he was steadfast and sincere, ever ready to lend a helping hand if trouble came, as well as sharing the joys of those so fortunate as to be able to call him friend. His family was his greatest delight, and he was never so happy as when surrounded by wife and daughter, giving them a devotion that was often remarked. His death was a great loss not only to the bereaved widow and daughter, but to the entire city, and Mr. Frankel will be remembered for many years to come.



**WILLIAM ALFRED WOOD.** Whether as banker, lumberman, planter or individual citizen, it is doubtful if any name in the history of Southeast Texas has a larger command of respect and admiration than that of William Alfred Wood. For many years one of a group of bankers carrying a heavy load of responsibility, he had a direct influence on commercial and industrial affairs at Brenham, his native city, and this influence was largely responsible for many progressive development movements there. In Houston, his home for a number of years, he was also active in banking and civic affairs, and contributed much to constructive banking service in this city. Mr. Wood also took a deep interest in practical farming, and himself directed the operation of his farms and exerted a real influence on the agricultural devel-

opment of the southeastern part of the state.

William Alfred Wood was a native of the Lone Star State, his birthplace being in the city of Brenham, on the twenty-sixth day of April, 1880. His father, William Alfred Wood, came to Brenham as a boy of thirteen and lived in this city for the rest of his life. He had large lumber interests in this section and also extensive farm holdings, and was one of the leaders in the early development of Brenham. His wife, and the mother of the subject of our sketch, was a native of Houston, Miss Fannie Wheeler, before her marriage. Her birthplace was in the Bender Hotel block, where in the early days of Houston's history, her parents, real pioneers here, had built their home. Her death occurred in the city of Brenham.

Mr. Wood was entered as a boy in the schools of Brenham, and after finishing the course of study there entered the West Texas Military College, at Llano, Texas, where he spent several years. He then supplemented his work there with a business course at the business college at Waco, after which he returned to his native city. He began his business career with his father and was associated with him in the lumber business until the latter's death, the firm being known as W. A. Wood and Company, lumber. He was also associated with the bank at Brenham, and had farming interests in that section and was active in civic development.

Mr. Wood came to Houston in 1913 but did not enter the business world here, making this city his headquarters while looking after his varied interests. He did, however, buy Houston property, and was also one of the organizers of the State National Bank at Houston, of which he was vice president until his death. While Houston and Brenham claimed him as a citizen, the entire state felt the trace of his many activities and he took an interested part in civic development throughout the Lone Star State.

Mr. Wood was married at Brenham, the twentieth of September, 1905, to Miss Susie Shepard, a native of that city. Her father, John Shepard, who was also born at Brenham, was a planter and farmer in Washington County all his life, and still resides there, taking a prominent part in the life of his community. Her mother, prior to her marriage Miss Alice Thornhill, was a native of Mississippi, and came to Texas as a child.

Mr. and Mrs. Wood had one of the most attractive homes in Houston, made further delightful by their true hospitality and the presence of a son, William Alfred Wood, III. Mrs. Wood is a woman of more than average accomplishments, with many natural endowments, complemented by an excellent education. She takes a deep interest in home, but not to the exclusion of other interests, and is active in welfare work and civic progress.

Mr. Wood died at his home in Houston, 417 West Alabama Avenue, on the twenty-sixth of March, 1921, just one month before his forty-first birthday. He was taken to his old home in Brenham for burial, and there a simple, impressive service was held. Mr. Wood was one of the most admired men of his time, typifying that type of Christian citizenship that makes for leadership in any community. He gave his best to his business and his fellowmen, and the record of his life is a bright page in the history of his native city and his adopted city, Brenham and Houston.



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*H. C. Fischer*

**HENRY C. FISCHER**—Few men have combined business ability and a capacity for friendliness and genuine interest in life and affairs more agreeably than Henry C. Fischer, native Houstonian, and a resident of this city during his entire life. Throughout his business career Mr. Fischer was associated with merchandising, for many years operating a retail grocery house, and later entering the wholesale grain business. His business activities were actuated by unusually high standards, and there was always associated with his name a reputation for square dealing that was no small factor in the success of his ventures, and in the esteem in which he was ever held by his associates.

Henry C. Fischer was born at Houston on the twenty-fifth of July, 1867, son of C. F. Fischer and Sophie (Stahl) Fischer, both natives of Germany. Mr. Fischer, Sr., a pioneer contractor of Houston, was very active in the business world here during the early days and was well known in this section. Henry C. Fischer, the subject of this sketch, obtained his education in the schools of Houston and after leaving school began working for Henke, now Henke and Pillot. After some years with that firm he entered the retail grocery business, establishing a small grocery store which later became one of the largest, if not the largest, retail groceries in Houston. A policy of service and fair dealing was the foundation of the success of that venture, and friendships and business associations formed during that time lasted throughout his lifetime. After a number of years in the grocery business Mr. Fischer sold that interest and entered the wholesale grain business, and up until his death, was the owner of the Acme Feed Mill. This business grew by leaps and bounds, and all products marketed by the company were of recognized quality. Several years prior to his death Mr. Fischer was forced, on account of ill health, to resign the active management of the business, but he never relinquished the deep interest he took in it.

Mr. Fischer was married at Houston, the seventh of November, 1888, to Miss Annie Dora Bammel, daughter of Christopher and Mrs. Dora Bammel. Mr. and Mrs. Bammel were both natives of Germany, but spent the greater part of their lives in Houston where Mr. Bammel was engaged as a mechanic. Mr. and Mrs. Fischer had a very happy married life, their home, at 110 Lenox Avenue, being one of those real homes that mould true character and inspire high ideals in the children reared there. Mr. and Mrs. Fischer had five children, Henry C. Fischer, who married Miss Marie Gaywaller of San Antonio; Edna, now Mrs. W. H. Irwin of Houston; Lois, now Mrs. L. S. Kleinfelder of Houston; Emma, now Mrs. J. H. Bussell of Houston, and Annie, now Mrs. W. Scheiler of Houston.

Mr. Fischer was a Woodman of the World, Magnolia Camp No. 13, and belonged to the Turnverin Club and the Methodist Church. His death occurred in Austin on the twenty-fourth of August, 1925, funeral services being held from his home in Houston two days later, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Mr. Fischer's name stands as that of a business man, who while devoting much of his time to his business, never neglected an opportunity to serve his city or his fellow citizens.

**FREDERICK GERALD LAEVERENZ** was for almost a quarter of a century one of the leaders in the business and social life of Houston, Texas, and prominent in the Masonic circles of this city. Coming to Texas and to Galveston in 1877, when nineteen years of age, from his home in Germany. Mr. Laeverenz started his business career in the new world with the G. W. Nordholtz Company, one of the leading mercantile establishments of the Island City and was promoted from time to time until he had reached a very responsible position with this firm.

After the storm of 1900, which swept Galveston, he removed to Houston. After locating here he was for several years associated with the Ed Kiam establishment. Later he engaged in the clothing business with S. E. Sims. A few years later he entered the field of insurance, associating himself with the Great Southern Life Insurance Company, remaining with this organization for about ten years. Mr. Laeverenz was active in the Masonic circles being one of the best known men of this order of the state. His membership was in Holland Lodge No. 1 of Houston, and he had served in practically every office of the A. F. and A. M. He served as past master of Holland Lodge, was past venerable master of the San Jacinto Lodge of Perfection, was past wise master of Houston Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix, knight commander of Court of Honor, treasurer of all Scottish Rite bodies, member of the Ransford Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and member of Arabia Temple Shrine. Mr. Laeverenz had devoted much time to the Masonic order, and he was regarded as one of the greatest men of Texas in this work by the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. Laeverenz was born in Oldenberg, Germany, on November 27th, 1858. His father, John Laeverenz, and his mother were both natives of the Fatherland. His education was obtained in the schools of Germany; although he came to America when very young he was very highly educated, the foundation of which was laid in his native country and the remainder was obtained entirely through self help. He was throughout his life a student—devoting his spare moments to the reading of books from which he obtained the most valuable information. He was well versed on practically every subject of the day and it was a pleasure to hear him talk. Mr. Laeverenz believed that all fowls and animals were God's creatures and should live their allotted time here. Throughout his life he never took the life of any kind of animal or fowl, domestic or otherwise.

Mr. Laeverenz was married at Galveston, Texas, on May 13th, 1891, to Miss Anna Hall Raymond, a daughter of Martin Raymond, a native of Taunton, Massachusetts, and a well known sea captain of Galveston and other ports of the world. Her mother, Mrs. Anna Marie (Pattison) Raymond, was born in Santiago, Cuba, when her parents were temporarily residing there. The Laeverenz home is located at 119 East 3rd Avenue, where he died on November 2nd, 1924. He was engaged in the insurance business at the time of his death, and was well and favorably known in this field of activity. Mr. Laeverenz was a great lover of nature, and devoted much of his time to the cultivating of natural things. He had a beautiful garden with flowers



and shrubs where he enjoyed seeing God's things grow and flourish. Mr. Laeverenz was great in every relation in life, having many very admirable characteristics that made all those with whom he came in contact love him; his outstanding characteristic being an unwavering affection for his friends. His funeral was perhaps the largest and most elaborate ever performed by the Masonic order in Texas.

**J**OHNN YOUNG. In every city there is to be found a group of men, not spectacular in their performance, but sound, constructive business men, forging ahead in a conservative way, who can be counted upon to support those civic activities directed toward municipal growth, and who can be depended upon in every emergency. Such a man was John Young, for more than four decades a resident of Houston, and one of the best known and most highly esteemed bakers of Texas. Mr. Young was a business man of that safe, sane, and sensible type who are equipped by nature to bear heavy responsibilities without flinching, and who look the world squarely in the face with the conviction that they have nothing to hide.

John Young was born in Kaiserlautern, Germany, in the year 1849, the son of sturdy German parents. He spent his youth in his native country, receiving the usual education of the German school boy and learning the baker's trade in Germany. In 1881 Mr. Young came to the United States, landing at New Orleans, and coming from there to Houston, on his way to Weatherford, at that time his idea being to make Weatherford his home. The short time of his stay in Houston, however, left a vivid impression on him as to the future this city offered, and after a winter in Weatherford, he returned here to make Houston his permanent home. He went to work in the H. and T. C. Railway shops, as a painter, and a year later went with Browne, Bolfrass, bakers and merchants, as foreman of the bakery, remaining two years. During that time, by rigid economy, Mr. Young saved enough to start in business in a small way and organized Young's Bakery at 73 Washington Street, in 1885, as a small baking establishment. This bakery grew under his management and direction until it became one of the largest and most prosperous in Houston, at the time of Mr. Young's death the plant having a capacity of ten thousand loaves per ten hour day. As Mr. Young's sons reached manhood they became associated with him, and for some years before his death, the management of the plant had been largely in their hands, and he was preparing to relinquish the entire management of the plant to them at the time of his death. The plant and retail store is located at 2212 Odin Avenue.

Mr. Young was married in Germany, in 1875, to Miss Katherine Frank, a native of Germany, and who was his faithful companion and constant inspiration throughout the years. She resides in the old Young home place, at the age of sixty-eight. Mrs. Young was the true type of home maker, finding her greatest delight in the happiness of husband and children, of whom there were fourteen born to Mr. and Mrs. Young, seven surviving. The surviving children are J. Hugo, who married Miss Dollie Purkes in 1900, seven children, Rosie (married to A. V. Treppeke), George H., Katherine, Mildred Carrol, Audrey, Dorothy Alice and J. Hugo Jr., being born

to this union; William A. Young, who is married and resides in Temple; Carl Young, who married Miss Bertie Clark, and who resides in Houston and is active in the bakery; Fred W. Young, who married Miss Estelle Pridgeon, and who has two children, John F. and Alice E., and is also with the bakery; Marguerite Louise, wife of J. F. Green, who has two children, James E. and Marguerite Louise; Alice, wife of Arthur Marmion, who has three children, Lenora, Kenneth and Cora Louise; and Rosie, wife of Marcus D. Burkett, and who has one child, Helen Annette.

John Young died at Houston the twenty-third of March, 1924, at the age of seventy-five years. He was one of the oldest members of the Master Bakers Association in Texas, and was well known throughout the state. While he was active in civic work he did not belong to the various civic organizations, and, in fact, was not the type of man to take an interest in clubs and lodges and like organizations, although he counted his friends at Houston by the hundreds. In the early days he belonged, however, to the Saengerbund, Turnverein and the Sharks Club. He found in his family and home his chief interest and delight, and when his strenuous business day was over, preferred to spend his time with his family.

**I**KE BLIEDEN, whose business activities for more than two decades identified him with the city of Houston, during that time attained the reputation of a merchant of experience and success, and made many friends throughout this section of the country. Notwithstanding his close attention to business, Mr. Blieden took a deep interest in civic affairs and in the development of the community in which he lived. He was one of those business men of determination to whom the country is indebted in many ways, allowing no obstacles to stand in the way of success and believing that he who is not willing to fight for success is not entitled to assistance.

Mr. Blieden was a native of Russia, coming to the United States alone, at the age of fifteen, truly a stranger in a strange land. He went first to New York City, remaining there but a short time, then going on to Philadelphia where he spent three months, while awaiting the arrival of his mother, who had been widowed while the subject of our sketch was on his way to the States, and his sisters, Rose and Annie. When they joined him, he made his way to Terre Haute, Indiana, where he remained several years. He was married there in 1900, coming after several years to Houston after that event. He first went with the L. B. Price Company as salesman but after four months with that firm went in business for himself, and during the four succeeding years built up a fine business. Then came a period of nine months when he was ill and unable to look after his interests and during this time the business he had worked so hard to establish went under. However, on regaining his health he again started a business, this time a hardware and salvage business, known as I. Blieden Hardware, which managed in the enthusiastic and capable manner that had brought his previous success, was soon in a flourishing condition. This establishment was first located on Milam Street, later being moved to different locations on this street to secure larger



*John Young*





*J. L. Griffin*

quarters, and at his death was located at 206-8 Milam Street.

Mr. Blieden was married at Terre Haute, Indiana, the seventh of March, 1897, to Miss Ella Weis, a native of Roumania, who came to the United States with her mother after the death of her father, Leo Weis, in the old country. Mr. and Mrs. Blieden, as we have stated, came to Houston several years after their marriage and made this city their home. They had a family of four children, Adolph, a graduate of the Houston high school, and a business man of Houston; Clara, Fannie and Esther, who are at home.

Mr. Blieden's death occurred the twenty-fourth of March, 1921, following an operation. One of the predominating characteristics of his life was a high integrity and a habit of seeing whatever he tackled through to a finish. He was that sterling type of citizen whose delight is in home and family, and when not at his business he was most often to be found in his home. Mrs. Blieden was a real home maker and the residence at 3007 Caroline Street was the seat of a gracious hospitality. Mr. Blieden had many friends, both in the business world and from every station in life. His many benevolences and acts of kindness endeared him to all who knew him and his life will be remembered through the years to come.



**GEORGE C. GRIFFIN**, one of the best known men along the waterfront, where he had for thirty-five years been engaged in the tow boat, sand, and shell business was probably unparalleled in his knowledge of this class of work. His wife was his able assistant until his death, at which time she bravely took charge of the business, carrying it on, knowing that her husband had supreme faith in her business ability, it being his habit to say his wife was "the best partner in the world."

In the thirty-five years in which Mr. Griffin was engaged in this work he built up one of the largest trades in the city. The equipments of the concern are complete, consisting of a large power boat, three barges with 535 yards capacity, one river dredge and trucks for delivery from the docks to the trade, which is retail as well as wholesale. The large storage yards at Commerce and San Jacinto Streets are equipped with power hoisting cranes with which barges are unloaded into bins.

A short time before Mr. Griffin passed away, he leased for a period of twenty-two years a two and one-half acre piece of land with 500 foot water frontage at Harrisburg, where he contemplated conducting his wholesale sand business, and where he expected to manufacture concrete products. In addition to his sand and shell business, he was also interested in the cattle business.

Mr. Griffin was born at Shasta, California, on July 29th, 1874. His father, George L. Griffin, was a prospector and miner of California and removed to Texas in 1879. His mother was Miss Amanda J. Summers, a member of a well known Illinois family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston. In 1888 Mr. Griffin started in the tow boat and sand business and continued in this line of endeavor until his death, July 6th, 1924.

Mr. Griffin was married in Houston, in 1902, to Miss Maud Canniff, a member of a well known Harris County family, and a daughter of John W. and Gertrude Canniff, both belonging to pioneer Texas

families. The wedded life of Mr. and Mrs. Griffin with indeed ideal. In business, as well as home life, they were true helpmates. Mrs. Griffin holds a unique place, being probably the only woman in the state of Texas to hold a captain's license to operate a steam boat, which she operates as well as any man, regardless of his experience.

Mr. Griffin was a member of the Houston Builders' Exchange, and took an active interest in this organization, and in all movements for the improvement, progress and advancement of Houston. His time and means were given generously to any project having to do with the improvement of his city, and Houston lost a true and valued citizen when Mr. Griffin passed away.



**JAMES BUCHANAN BROCKMAN.** In recounting the history of the Texas Bar the name of James Buchanan Brockman, for over two decades a resident of Houston, stands out as one of the foremost of its criminal lawyers, and one of the most distinguished criminal lawyers of the country. Yet high as was his standing in the Bar, Mr. Brockman was not only great as a lawyer, and while his masterly platform manner, and his legal poise and ability, won the admiration of the Bench and Bar, his qualities as a citizen stood out and characterized him as a Christian citizen and a real man, in the highest sense of the word. Where the future of Houston was concerned Mr. Brockman was indefatigable in his efforts, contributing generously, both of his time, and of his wealth, that this city might achieve the future he foresaw for it. A lover of humanity, he gave freely to all charitable work, making these benevolences unostentatiously, and few men had more friends, men, women and children, than he.

James Buchanan Brockman was born at Sweetwater, Georgia, the twenty-fourth of February, 1864, the son of James and Katherine (Albright) Brockman, both of whom died when their son was a small boy. Mr. Brockman was reared by an uncle and his own sisters, in Ohio, attending the public schools of that state. However, with brief educational opportunities, he was largely self educated, and his achievement in the Bar came entirely through his own efforts and the determination, formed during his boyhood, to become not only a lawyer, but a great lawyer. Mr. Brockman was admitted to the bar at the age of seventeen, but as he could not practice in Ohio until he attained his majority he spent the intervening years teaching school. Later he went to Arkansas, beginning his practice there, and later went to New York City, where he engaged in practice a short time, after which he came to New Orleans, and some time later to Houston, beginning his practice here in 1890. Mr. Brockman's advancement in his profession was rapid, and he early showed the promise of a wonderful future as a criminal lawyer, a future the subsequent years more than fulfilled. In twenty years of practice and service in Houston he enjoyed the distinction of never having lost a major case, and he figured in some of the hardest fought legal battles of his time. Mr. Brockman's reputation as a criminal lawyer was not local in character, but he was known over the entire Southwest as one of the most distinguished criminal lawyers this section has produced, and as a lawyer well able to match his wits with the foremost legal talent of the country and



come out with honor.

Mr. Brockman was married at Alton, Oklahoma, the twenty-fifth of December, 1896, to Miss Lola Eldora Davis, a native of Ohio, and the daughter of M. D. Davis, and Mary (Miranda) Davis, both of Ohio. Mr. Davis removed to Kansas from Ohio, later coming to Houston, where he resided for seven years and still later going to Oklahoma, where Mr. and Mrs. Davis now live. Mr. and Mrs. Brockman resided for many years at 3004 Hamilton Street at Houston. They had one child, Mary Katherine, a professional singer, who makes her home with her mother.

Mr. Brockman was a member of many fraternal and civic organizations and clubs, and few men could count more friends than he. An interesting conversationalist, a brilliant speaker, he had a personality that made him an outstanding figure in any gathering, and marked him as a man of achievement. Mr. Brockman was assassinated at Houston, the twenty-sixth of October, 1910, on the streets of Houston, by former Chief of Police, Ransom, thus ending a career of rare promise, and of rich fulfillment.

**R**ICHARD WILLIAM BEST, for a number of years one of the most honored residents of Houston, was during the time that he spent in this city a leader in commercial activities and civic development. Mr. Best was one of the founders of a manufacturing enterprise that was during his life time, and has been since, pre-eminent successful. This company, the Moncrief-Lenoir Manufacturing Company, is today the largest factory in Houston and in Texas, manufacturing tin containers, and is enjoying a prosperity that in a measure was made possible by the sincere efforts and keen business judgment of Mr. Best. This firm, with Mr. Best as vice president, was established in 1912, and was one of the first enterprises in Houston to develop the business of manufacturing tin containers to the point of a large commercial industry. Mr. Best, in spite of heavy business responsibilities, found time to take an active part in the development of Houston, and was one of the most public spirited citizens of his community.

Richard William Best was born in Hamilton County, Canada, son of Albin Charles Best, a native of England who came to Canada as a young man and whose death occurred there at the age of seventy-six, and Annie Kennedy Best, a native of Ireland. After finishing his education, Mr. Best left his home in Canada and came to the United States, going to New York City, where he went into a large litho-engraving plant. Here, applying himself closely to the details of this craft, he soon became an expert steel engraver, and for a number of years was associated with several large plants in the East. In 1912 Mr. Best came to Houston and in association with Messrs. Moncrief and Lenoir founded the Moncrief-Lenoir Manufacturing Company. Mr. Best was also, while in the East, engaged in manufacturing, and was with the Crown Cork and Seal Company for a number of years. Mr. Best, through training and a natural ability, had the executive ability to operate such an industry along the most progressive lines and aided in building up an organization of which Houston is justly proud.

Mr. Best was married the thirtieth of January,

1901, at New York City, to Miss Anna Moore, a native of New York state. She contributed much to his success in the business world by her sympathetic interest in his affairs, and throughout the years of their married life was ever a loyal wife, a real comrade and helpmeet. Mr. and Mrs. Best had a family of three children, Richard A. Best of Houston, a graduate of Texas A. & M. College, class of '23, where he specialized in textile engineering and is now with the Houston Textile Mills; Francis L. Best, a graduate of Rice Institute with the B. A. degree and Joseph Best, a student in the Houston public schools. Since the death of Mr. Best, Mrs. Best has continued to maintain her home in Houston, living at 604 West Main Street.

Richard William Best died at Houston January 1st, 1920, his death a distinct loss to his many friends and to the commercial and manufacturing world. A member of the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus, Mr. Best took a sincere interest in religious work and was a liberal contributor to the support of these organizations. As a business man he had a wise influence on the life of his community, an influence which he always used to advance Houston. As a citizen he was active on the side of right, generously supporting any movement directed toward the welfare of his fellow citizens, and ready to lend a helping hand to those less fortunate than himself who appealed to him for aid. And it is thus he will be remembered, a sincere Christian, a business man of highest integrity and a good citizen.

**D**R. ELBERT ARTHUR NORTON, during his lifetime an acknowledged leader in the fields of medicine and surgery at Houston, devoted his talents to the service of humanity along the lines that best promoted the development of his life's vocation, and was well worthy the duties and obligations of his calling. Dr. Norton was a man of exceptional attainments, his natural ability, mental endowment and excellent medical training being contributing factors to his successful practice. He always kept apace with the advancements made in modern medicine and his practice was broad and general. He was interested in civic affairs, especially athletics, and was a leader in work along this line. Dr. Norton was also a law graduate, thoroughly versed in medicol-jurisprudence, and was at one time district judge of Alaska, being appointed to this position by the government, and at the same time directed health work in that territory.

Dr. Norton was born in New York City, son of Captain William Norton, a native of that metropolis, and a city official there until his death. He was educated in the public schools of New York City, afterward attending Fordham Military College, where he graduated. He later studied law, taking the LL. B. degree, then entered Baltimore College of Medicine, where the M. D. degree was conferred on him. He served an internship at Bellevue Hospital, in New York City, and later engaged in the practice of medicine in New York. He was appointed district judge of Alaska, by the government, serving also as head of the health department there, and remaining in that territory until he came to Houston, in 1910, and engaged in the practice of medicine. Here he devoted himself not only to his private practice, wherein he built up an ex-



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tensive clientele, but to the broader interests of his profession, and took an active part in civic organizations, helping to make this city the great city it has become. He was especially interested in athletics and was president of the Gulf Coast Athletic Club. His death, occurring the fourth of October, 1922, was a loss not only to his profession but to the entire city, and was sincerely regretted.

Dr. Norton was married to Miss Eva Bertha Sale, a native of Montreal, Canada, and a graduate of the Laura Franklin Hospital Training School for Nurses, where she took high honors. Mrs. Norton specialized in surgical work, wherein she attained distinction and was considered exceptionally well equipped for. Previous to Dr. Norton's death she spent several years perfecting a preparation, "Protectone", which she is now placing on the market on an extensive scale. Her laboratories, at 605 Francis Avenue, are well equipped for her work, and she has spent much time in experimental work before she considered her preparation sufficiently perfect to begin its manufacture.

Dr. and Mrs. Norton had two children, a daughter, Frances, a student in the public schools of Houston, and one of the most talented pupils of Mrs. C. J. Geizendanner's Dancing School, where after five years special training she graduated and won through her teacher a scholarship in the American Ballet Association of Washington, D. C., valued at \$1,000.00, for three months' training. Her ambition is for a professional career. She also took special work in New York for two summers, and has displayed remarkable artistry in her chosen mode of expression, and for the past two years acted as assistant and demonstrator for Mrs. Geizendanner. She was the winner in three different beauty contests. Her younger sister, Genevieve, is also a talented dancer, studying under Mrs. Geizendanner. Mrs. Norton and her daughters make their home at 605 Francis Avenue.



**DAVID CHRISTIAN HELBERG**, for upwards of four decades a factor in the merchandising business at Houston, gave many years of an industrious and busy life to the development of his community. Mr. Helberg came to Houston in 1875, as a young man, and at once went to work in a grocery store here. His close application to business brought him rapid success, and he later opened a grocery store, the D. C. Helberg Grocery, becoming one of the leading retail grocers of his time. After a number of years he sold his store and for a time was not engaged in active business, but after a few years again entered the grocery business, in which he was active until his death.

Mr. Helberg was born the thirtieth of March, 1855, in Germany, where he spent his boyhood and was educated. He came to the United States when in his teens, and was in New York City for the first year or two. While in that city he became attracted by the opportunities the Southwest offered a young man for advancement, and in 1875 came to Texas and to Houston.

Mr. Helberg was married at Houston, the eighth of January, 1880, to Miss Emma Quensell, daughter of William and Louise (Reinermann) Quensell. Her father came to Harris County as a young man and was a farmer for many years. He served all through the Civil War, and after the war came back to his

farm in Harris County, where he resided until coming to Houston to live the last few years of his life. He took part in the development of the agricultural resources of this section, and was one of the most successful farmers of that time. Her mother, Mrs. Louis Reinermann Quensell, came to Harris County with her parents when she was a child of three years old. She spent her entire life thereafter in Harris County, living to be eighty years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Helberg had one son, W. T. Helberg, well known public accountant of Houston. He was married to Miss Ella Streit, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, and has three children, Dorothy Emma, Gladys Louise and Ella Marjorie. Mrs. Helberg resides at 1318 Crawford Street.

Mr. Helberg died at Houston in November, 1912. He had been closely associated with the history of the city, taking an interest in its development and progress. In the early days he was active in the German Methodist Church, and was a member of the Elks, K. of P., and D. O. K. K. Lodges.

His activities in the mercantile business were characterized by a sound integrity and spirit of fairness that marked his entire life.



**BEN ROMM**.—Although a resident of Houston but a half a decade, Ben Romm was able to influence the trend of commercial prosperity to a gratifying extent, and was aligned with many of the important civic movements of his time. Essentially the business man Mr. Romm was appreciative of the fact that the business standards and the business advantages of a city are a true barometer of the growth of the city, and to this end he was active in the encouragement of commercial development at Houston. A business man of unusual discernment and soundness of judgment, Mr. Romm was quick to appreciate true values, and particularly in the matter of real estate and land values was his judgment unerring and invaluable.

Ben Romm was a native of Germany, born the twenty-seventh of August, 1864. He spent his early years in his native land, attending the schools there, and obtaining a good education. As a young man, however, he made the decision to come to America, as offering a greater future to one of his ambitions, and at the age of twenty-three years he left Germany and came to the United States, coming direct to Texas. He located in Navasota and engaged in the liquor business there until prohibition measures were enacted, when he entered the real estate business. After a short time in that business at Navasota Mr. Romm disposed of his interests there and came to Houston. Here he entered the real estate business, building up a large clientele, and becoming known as a progressive type of realtor who is an asset to the city wherein he is located, and who is the real type of city builder, using his own and his clients' money for the development of the community. Mr. Romm was able to see present advantages, but more than this he was able to visualize future growth, and to anticipate the trend of development, making his advice in regard to investments particularly valuable. In the five years of his business connection with Houston Mr. Romm made many friends, and was known to his associates as a man of high integrity, and square dealing.



Mr. Romm was married at Houston, the twenty-first of September, 1919, to Miss Ola Goldberg, a native of Columbus, Texas, and the daughter of Adolph and Pauline Goldberg. Mr. Goldberg was one of the prominent business men of East Texas and well known in that section for his many activities relative to the prosperity of the community. Mrs. Romm has two brothers, Leo and Ike Goldberg, residents of Freeport, Texas, where they are engaged in the mercantile business, and are well-known as progressive and forceful citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Romm resided at 1816 Pierce Avenue, Houston, and here Mrs. Romm, and her son, Julius, have continued to reside since the death of Mr. Romm. Mrs. Romm is an accomplished young woman and has made many friends in Houston since her home has been in this city.

Ben Romm died in Houston on the twenty-fourth of March, 1924, and his death was deeply felt by his many friends and associates, who had found in him not only a sincere friend, but a man of high calibre. In the half a decade of his life in Houston he had made himself a real factor in the life here, and the influence of his brief connection with the business world here will long be felt.



**MORDELLO STEPHEN MURRAY** during his residence in Houston, Texas, extending over a period of almost a score of years, was at all times active in the commercial, civic and financial circles of this city. Beginning his business career here with the Well Fargo Express Company he remained with this company for several years, after which he became associated with the Lumbermans National Bank of Houston and for thirteen years held the position of cashier of this institution. Mr. Murray aided greatly in the success achieved by this bank, being popular with all who knew him, not only those with whom his banking association brought him in contact, but with the citizenship of Harris County.

A native Texan, Mr. Murray was born at Angleton on August 22nd, 1883. His father, Rev. J. L. Murray, a minister of the Methodist Church, was a member of one of the best known families of the State of Missouri. Rev. Murray was a minister in South Texas when that portion of the state was sparsely settled and the different churches which he pastored were many miles apart. He not only suffered the vast inconvenience of this condition, but also the dangers of Indian raids in those days. He was among the first to preach the gospel in many of the small rural churches of this portion of the Lone Star State. His mother, Mrs. Emma (Munson) Murray, a native Texan, was a member of a pioneer family of South Texas. His grandfather, Mordello Stephen Munson, was the first white child born on the Trinity River. His education was obtained in the public schools of Angleton, Texas, after which he attended a business college at Waco, starting in the business world at a very early age.

Mr. Murray lived with his mother at their former residence at 3108 Caroline. He never married, but chose to remain at home in order to take care of his mother, for whom his affection was very marked. He was a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in the lodge at Houston in which he took an active interest. He was a member of the Methodist Church, that being the religion of his

forbears. He was deeply interested in church work, and devoted much time to this work, and gave liberally of his means to further all religious activities. Mr. Murray died at Houston on November 22nd, 1923. In addition to being known as one of the leaders in the banking industry, he was regarded as one of Houston's most enterprising citizens. Mr. Murray was one of those rare souls worthy of that highest title of human esteem, a real friend. Being a man of sterling qualities, he was loved by those who knew him, intuitively esteemed by all who had the honor of his acquaintance—a gentle, kindly character that appealed to all. He loved Houston and was ready to contribute his material aid and time toward the upbuilding of this city. Nobly born of a family that was typical of the best in the old South, Mordella Stephen Murray embodied and exemplified the traditional magnanimity of the old South that now lives only in song and story and united them with the nerve and the alertness of the new South in a most magnificent manner.



**RICHARD HALL HANNA** was for many years identified with financial and commercial activities at Houston, and was firmly established as a business man of wide influence. Mr. Hanna was a banker of constructive policy, familiar with sound financial principles, and enjoyed the absolute confidence of the public. Until ill health forced his retirement from the business world, he had been for a number of years in charge of the tellers of the South Texas Commercial National Bank of Houston, and devoted himself with characteristic thoroughness and energy to the welfare of the bank, his business and banking methods greatly affecting the industry of his community.

Richard Hall Hanna was a native son of the Lone Star State, born in Matagorda County, February, 17th, 1856. His father, Robert Hall Hanna, a native of Tennessee, came to Matagorda County in the early days and was a greatly beloved and admired physician of that time, and spent many years alleviating suffering in Matagorda County. His mother, whose maiden name was Louise Thompson, was born in the Blue Grass State, but spent many years in Texas and died in this state.

Mr. Hanna received his elementary instruction in the schools of Matagorda County, later attending school at Navasota, after which he went to Mexia and began his business career with the Houston & Texas Central Railroad at that place. Later he was transferred to Ennis, with the same road, and still later went to Dallas with Oliver and Gregg's Bank, a private banking institution of that time. While in Dallas he was also with the Gaston National Bank, but in 1888 came to Houston, which he made his home thereafter. He went with the South Texas Bank of Houston, shortly after his arrival in the city, beginning as bookkeeper and steadily advancing until he was made head of the tellers department. When the South Texas Bank merged with the Commercial Bank, becoming the South Texas Commercial National Bank, Mr. Hanna remained with the consolidated institution, and was with them until his retirement, a year prior to his death.

Mr. Hanna was married at Mexia, the seventeenth of February, 1880, which was also the anniversary of his birth, to Miss Mary Taylor, a native of Columbus, Kentucky, and the daughter of William Henry Harrison Taylor, a native of that state



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who came to Texas and lived in various parts of the state, his death occurring in Robertson County. Her mother, before her marriage Miss Nancy Bird Eskridge, was a native of Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Hanna had a most happy married life and Mrs. Hanna was always a sympathetic and interested companion, eager to do her part toward making her husband's career a success, and giving him inspiration to do bigger things. She is a woman of charming personality, cultured and interested in both civic and social activities, and has many friends at Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Hanna had a family of three children, Nannie Louise, wife of J. F. Renfro, of Brownwood, and who has two children, Joseph and Nancy; Robert Hall Hanna, assistant vice president of the South Texas Commercial National Bank; and Richard Taylor Hanna, of Atlanta, Georgia, and who married Miss Marie Martin and has two children, Richard Taylor, Junior, and Robert Hall Hanna.

Mr. Hanna died at his home in Houston the second day of February, 1918, at the age of sixty-two years. He had been ill for more than a year, and had retired from active business life for some time prior to his death. Mr. Hanna was a Mason, Holland Lodge No. 1, and took an active interest in the affairs of that order. He had many friends among the bankers of the state, as well as in his home city, and was one of the most highly esteemed and capable men in the banking world.



**JAMES F. GORMAN**, well known in the retail trade circles of Houston, where for the past eight years he had been active in the millinery trade. Mr. Gorman was president, treasurer and manager of the James F. Gorman Company, Incorporated, which was one of the most exclusive millinery establishments in the Southwest. He made a specialty of individual models from noted designers. The salon was beautifully fitted, created with a view providing a fitting environment for their millinery creations. It was conceded that Mr. Gorman featured the best display windows in the city.

Mr. Gorman was born in Massachusetts in 1880, son of the late James Gorman, a carriage and wagon manufacturer, who spent his life in that State. Mr. Gorman received his education in the public schools of his native State. At the age of seventeen he went to New York City, where he began his business career in a millinery store. His first position being in charge of the window displays, and later in other departments. He then went to Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was for four years in a millinery store. This was followed by a year at Kansas City, at the expiration of which time he came to Houston. His first two years in this city were with the W. C. Munn Company as manager of the millinery department, which position he resigned in 1919 to open his own establishment.

Mr. Gorman was married in Ohio to Miss Marian Spresser, a native of that State. Mr. Gorman was a member of the Kiwanis Club and of the Elks, belonging to order No. 151, Houston.

With the passing of Mr. Gorman on June 3rd, 1925, Houston lost one of its most public spirited citizens, and the business world lost one of its leading members. Always ready and willing to lend his aid to any good cause, he will be long remembered as the sterling type of citizen.



**EMILE SIMMLER.**—The name of Emile Simmler, pioneer of the pioneers, recalls that period of the history of Houston, when this city was but a small village of a few inhabitants. To this village, so small indeed, that Mr. Simmler could not follow his profession of music teaching, came this venerable and honored pioneer in 1839. Born in the village of Mulhouse, France, July 6th, 1816, he grew up in that country, but in 1837, came to America. He landed first at New Orleans, and for two years taught music there, then came to Houston, in 1839. He was perhaps one of the very first manufacturers, of a commercial commodity, to launch a business in this little village. Looking about him for a means of livelihood to take the place of the music lessons he had hoped to give, he was struck with the possibility of making mattresses from the moss that grew in such abundance in the adjoining woods. Experimentation followed, with the working out of a method of operation, at once simple, as befitted the times, and satisfactory. This consisted of digging holes in the earth in which he placed the black moss as he took it from the trees for a curing process. After leaving it in the ground for a time he took it up and found it made an ideal filler for his mattresses. As the people began to come to the village and to settle in this section of the state, the demand for these mattresses grew, and he soon had a flourishing business. He also supplied many of these moss mattresses for the steamships that were being outfitted. During these years his wife, like the true helpmate of pioneer days, assisted him in every way possible, and made quilts to sell with the mattresses to the new comers.

After a number of years thus spent Mr. Simmler went to Austin County and opened a store for William Rice which he operated for some time. He then returned to Houston and resumed his mattress making. Mr. Simmler also took an active part in the development of the young community, helping to put Houston on its present high plane. He was elected notary public and squire, and was at one time commissioner for the State of Massachusetts. During the Civil War he was Consul for France, and held other public offices, retaining the confidence of the people throughout a long and useful life.

He helped build the first Masonic Lodge of Texas, located at Houston, Holland No. 1, and in order to furnish the new lodge brought from his home carpets and furnishings.

While on the boat coming to America the young Emile Simmler met Miss Catherine Rupp, who became his bride on landing at New Orleans, in 1837. She was a native of Bavaria in which country she was born the twelfth of August, 1815. Throughout their married life she was a wonderful companion and helpmate, inspiring her husband in all his undertakings, and lending her sympathy when the dark hours came. To this union were born seven children, Emile, whose death occurred in California, John Henry, deceased, who had three daughters; Alfred, deceased, Elizabeth, who died in infancy; Elizabeth, who died in Houston, March 6th, 1925, at the age of eighty-four; Catherine, deceased, who married the late Henry Baldinger, who was a prominent business man of Galveston, and there are four surviving children of this union, Alfred, who is married to Miss Edith Hyde; Miss Catherine, and



Susie, wife of W. A. Spoor, and who has three children; Amelia, Caroline and Mary who is deceased. Mr. Simmler died at the old home place on Prairie Avenue, in 1879, at the age of sixty-three. Mrs. Simmler continued to make her home in the old homestead until her death, at the age of seventy-three, in 1888.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Simmler gave to the young community of which they became members, an interest and earnestness of purpose that made their lives an inspiration to all who knew them. Mrs. Simmler not only mothered her seven boys and girls, but loved all the children of the community and took an active interest in their lives. Mr. Simmler, by devoting himself to an industry that was of real worth to his fellow citizens, lent his aid in the development of the village until it became a city, and is honored as a pioneer, not only of Houston, but of Texas.

**M**ICHAEL C. LYONS was for a period of forty years an active figure in the business circles of Houston, Texas, where he was engaged in the retail grocery business practically all of this time. In his chosen field of activity Mr. Lyons was successful and was held in the highest esteem by his customers and competitors alike. He aided Houston in her growth to the magnificent city she is today, taking a leading part in every project for the advancement and progress of this city. Mr. Lyons was known as one of the Magnolia City's most charitable men—never failing to assist the poor and needy and it is known among his intimate friends that many came to him for aid. For two decades he owned and operated a grocery store at the corner of Conti and Hardy Streets, but his friends and customers were not confined to that portion of the city, but were in all parts of Houston.

A native of Ireland, Mr. Lyons was born at Caven on January 5th, 1870. His father, Michael Lyons, and mother, Mrs. Susan (Cusiack) Lyons, were both natives of the Emerald Isle and died in their native land. Mr. Lyons' early education was obtained in Ireland, but after coming to America and Texas he attended for a period of four years the St. Mary's School of San Antonio.

Mr. Lyons was married at Houston, Texas, on April 20th, 1897, to Miss Elizabeth Browne, a daughter of John T. Browne of Houston, who was one of the city's best known and most prominent citizens. Mr. Browne served with distinction for two terms as mayor of Houston and served as state representative for two terms and his regime as a member of this body is shown by the various measures which he fathered, to be an important one. In addition to his splendid career in the political annals of his city and state, Mr. Browne was for many years a leading wholesale and retail merchant of Houston. He was a native of Ireland but was brought to America and to Houston by his parents when five years of age. Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyons, ten girls and one boy. Jane, now the wife of T. J. Kornmeyer of Houston; Sudie, married to Wm. Reardon of Houston; Margaret, now the wife of E. D. Colleraine of Galveston; Alice, Elizabeth, Helen, Katherine, Madeline, Loretta, Winifred and Michael C. Lyons, Jr. The Lyons home is at 1902 Providence Street, where Mr. Lyons died on December 20th, 1924. Always occupying a place of leadership in the business and civic life of his city on

which indelibly he left the seal of his usefulness. Mr. Lyons was a consistent member of the Catholic Church and was active in all church matters.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lyons has since the death of her husband been successful in conducting the grocery establishment. It is said by the friends of Mr. Lyons that his loyalty to a friend was a shining and beautiful example of his most intimate life and this will ever live as a monument to his memory.

**L**UDWIG SCHARCK, for upwards of four decades an influential figure in the life of Houston, and veteran cafe and restaurant man, has always been foremost in civic activities, taking a great interest in the development of his community, and winning the highest esteem of his fellowmen. Mr. Scharck first entered the cafe business in 1885, when he opened a small restaurant in the Old Casino. In the early days he also owned and operated the Texas Bar, a partnership with Mr. Butler, under the firm name of Scharck and Butler. Later he opened Scharck's Cafe, opposite the Court House. This cafe was for many years noted for its exceptionally well prepared foods, and many famous dishes found place on the menus. Mr. Scharck retired from business in 1918, closing his cafe interests at that time. He has, however, extensive property interests in Houston, owning the Scharck Apartments and a number of city lots, as well as residence property.

Ludwig Scharck was born in Friedland, Germany, the twenty-seventh of November, 1859, son of Henry Scharck, a Forest Officer in Germany. He attended the schools and gymnasiums of his native country, acquiring a splendid education, and after leaving school came to the United States, in 1881. He stopped first in Chicago, then in St. Louis, and after a few months in those cities, came on to Houston.

Arriving in Houston Mr. Scharck first went to work for Mr. Hamilton, in the ice factory, a primitive plant, and spent several months there. Then he went with Alfonse Stude, with whom he remained four years, after which he went into business for himself. During the first few years of Mr. Scharck's residence at Houston, when he was learning American, or rather Texas, ways, he attended night school, studying English, and equipping himself for a real place in the business world of his adopted city. In those first few years he also found adventure, and in a famous encounter with a noted "bad man" of the day, wherein the latter endeavored to force himself into Mr. Scharck's place of business, he came out the winner, evicting the intruder, and throwing him head-first in the mud. This brought Mr. Scharck quite into the limelight, for this was the only time on record when Ben Thompson had been successfully opposed.

In 1885 Mr. Scharck went into business for himself, opening a restaurant in the old Casino, and later establishing the place opposite the Court House, which he operated until his retirement from business. Mr. Scharck took a great interest in the development of Houston, investing from time to time in real estate here, and still has valuable property in the city.

Ludwig Scharck was married at Houston the fourteenth of February, 1886, to Miss Emily Ries, who came to Houston from Germany as a child of eight years, and was reared in this city. Mr. and Mrs.



*M. C. Lyons*





J. W. Shearer, M.D.



Scharck had a family of four children, three daughters, Elsa, Anna and Hildegard, and a son, Adolph, who was with Anderson-Clayton Company in the cotton business, in charge of their insurance department prior to his death the seventh of November, 1922. He was highly regarded by his firm, and when he was stricken with his fatal illness they furnished a special train to take him where he could receive the best medical attention, but without avail. Before going with Anderson-Clayton Company, he was in the office of the City Comptroller, where he also made an exceptional record. Mr. Scharck lives at 2003 Leeland Avenue. He has with the exception of several months spent in West Texas, in search of health, and a trip to Europe with his family in 1907, made Houston his home since coming here in 1881. Mr. Scharck is a member of the Houston Turnverein, the Houston Saengerbund Club, and the Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Sons of Hermann, of which he is Ex-Grand Lodge Officer. He and his family attend the Lutheran Church, of which he is a liberal supporter. Mr. Scharck has many friends at Houston, and is one of the most honored and respected pioneers of this city, and his activities in promoting civic development rank him among the real builders of his community.



**DR. THOMAS W. SHEARER** came to Texas thirty-eight years ago, bringing with him youth, ambition and a determination to make a success in his profession. He first settled in Chambers County, where he practiced for twenty years. Dr. Shearer was a familiar figure on the country roads of Chambers County, quick to heed the call of duty, carrying relief from pain to all parts of the county in fair weather and in foul. If the roads were impassable for his buggy, he saddled his horse and carried on, never failing a suffering patient. For the past eighteen years he was a resident and practicing physician and surgeon of Houston. During his residence in Chambers County he was for ten years the only physician in the county, and it was necessary for him to make long rides to attend the sick and many days he would ride on horseback as much as seventy-five miles. For twelve years he served as treasurer of Chambers County, and took an active interest in the general welfare of this section of the state. He was the organizer of the Old River Rice Canal, and for two years was the sole owner of it. For years he experimented with various crops on the Shearer home place, and demonstrated how agriculture could be improved in his county.

Dr. Thomas W. Shearer was born August 25th, 1856, in Janesville, Wisconsin, son of Robert B. and Elizabeth (McDougal) Shearer. His early education was received in the schools of Janesville, Wisconsin, and Ames, Iowa. He was a graduate of the Iowa State College, taking the B. A. and M. S. degrees. His M. D. degree was given in 1884 by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Chicago, now the University of Illinois. During summer vacations from medical college he was an assistant in chemistry at the Iowa State College. From 1884 to 1887 he practiced medicine at Des Moines. During this time he was state chemist and professor of chemistry and toxicology at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Des Moines, which is now part of Drake University.

Dr. Shearer was married to Miss Hannah Hutton,

a native of Windsor, Canada, at Tama, Iowa, on June 17th, 1886. Seven children were born to Dr. and Mrs. Shearer, five sons, T. Rodney Shearer of the United States Marine Corps in Aviation, R. Gerald, R. Bruce, Hutton A., and Ross Sterling Shearer of Houston, and two daughters, Mrs. A. M. Shearer of Chicago and Miss Hannabelle Shearer of Houston. Dr. Shearer was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity of the Iowa State College, The Harris County Medical Society, The State and American Medical Associations and The Woodmen of the World. The Shearer family attend the Second Presbyterian Church.

Upon the death of Dr. Thomas W. Shearer, May 7th, 1925, Houston suffered the loss of a good citizen, and a valued physician. In the hour of greatest happiness or of greatest sorrow, so kind and sympathetic was he that his patients loved him as a father. During his long residence here he made a host of friends, and his passing was the cause of much sadness throughout the entire community.



**AMUEL L. OLSON** is the secretary and treasurer of the Layne-Texas Company, water supply contractors and distributors of the products manufactured by the Layne and Bowler Company, with offices at 6931 Harrisburg Boulevard, Houston. The Layne-Texas Company was incorporated in September, 1923, and is the successor of the Southern Well Drilling Company. It is engaged principally in the development of water supplies from deep wells for municipalities, industrial plants, railroads, plantations, irrigation systems and other similar enterprises. The company has ten rotary drilling rigs equipped with steam power plants and two operated with gasoline engines, and is the largest drilling concern in Texas, employing from fifty to one hundred men all the time. Other officers of the company are E. J. Boyse, president, and W. H. Taylor, vice president.

Mr. Olson is a native of Kansas and was born at Lindsborg on December 10th, 1892, a son of O. A. and Christine (Gelin) Olson. The family removed to Port Lavaca, Texas, shortly after Mr. Olson's birth and he was educated in the public schools there and the high schools at Houston and Massey's Business College. After leaving school, he spent a short time in the cotton business in Houston and six months in the lumber business and in 1910 began work as a driller with the Layne and Bowler Company drilling water wells in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Missouri and Tennessee. He remained with this company until 1917 when he enlisted in the army and was assigned to duty with the headquarters company at Camp Travis, remaining there until his discharge as sergeant major, in 1919. After receiving his discharge from the army, Mr. Olson went to Florida, where he was connected with the Gray Artesian Well Company until the formation of the Southern Well Drilling Company in September, 1920, of which he was a partner and manager, continuing in that company until the incorporation of the present company.

Mr. Olson is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is an enterprising, hustling business man who has achieved a splendid success and is a firm believer in Houston as the coming metropolis of the Southwest.



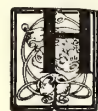
**C**HARLES A. MCFARLAND for a decade and a half was a factor in the amusement world of Houston, having won recognition as a theatre manager who, through his highly successful efforts to provide high class amusements was instrumental in raising existing standards in this field. Mr. McFarland was a manager of four theatres in Houston at the time of his death, namely the Queen, Capitol, Liberty and Prince. To these he devoted his time and efforts in obtaining the best in the amusement world to offer his public. Not only was he a remarkable executive, but he came to be considered an expert in writing advertising copy, in which field he won prizes for his business-getting manuscripts.

Mr. McFarland was born at White Hall, Illinois, the thirteenth of March, 1883, son of Hubert L. McFarland, a retail implement dealer of that place, and Mary Jane (Amos) McFarland. He was educated in the public schools of White Hall, and after graduating from the high school there, entered Illinois College at Jacksonville, Illinois. He spent several years in the hotel business and playing baseball in the minor leagues. In 1900 he became one of the staff pitchers with the St. Louis National League Baseball Club. During the six years he played with this team, and about one year with the Pittsburgh Nationals Mr. McFarland won a worldwide reputation as an athlete. After a short time spent with the Oklahoma City Club as manager, he came to Fort Worth as manager of the Majestic Theatre. In 1907 he came to Houston and became manager of the old Majestic Theatre, and under his management produced a big business and was instrumental in building the new Majestic, in 1910. He was manager of this theatre until 1913, when he became manager of the Southern Enterprise theatres in this city, a position he held for a decade, during which time he won the reputation of being one of the best theatre managers in Texas. For a short time after coming to Houston he managed the Houston ball team, and for a time served as manager of the Auditorium for the City of Houston.

Mr. McFarland was married in St. Louis, Missouri in 1899 to Miss Nettie Hocking, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hocking. Mrs. McFarland died when their two children, Jean and Marjorie, were small and Mr. McFarland devoted his life to their careful rearing and education. Today they are accomplished musicians and are still studying their respective instruments, Miss Jean the violin cello, and Miss Marjorie the violin. At the time of Mr. McFarland's death one of the local papers said, "To most of the picture-going public and to many friends who knew him casually C. A. McFarland was a clever showman, who anticipated the wants of a fickle public. This he was. But to those who were closely associated with him there was another man, and another character. The man whom few knew because although a sentimentalist at heart, he never expressed that side of his nature; in his home life he lived it. Back in 1911, after a lingering illness, a wife left him with two golden-haired little girls. Their life became his very existence. They read, played and studied together. The happy little family of three lived at 503 Sul Ross Avenue almost since the children's kindergarten days. The close friends of the family have often said that

he filled the gap left by the death of their mother, and as a father he dedicated his life to Marjorie and Jean. Their friends are as numerous as his own."

Mr. McFarland was a member of the Elks Lodge, the Rotary Club, Salesmanship Club and the River Oaks Country Club. Upon the death of Charles A. McFarland, December 14th, 1924, Houston lost a beloved and respected citizen, less one who was always ready and willing to help in any cause for the advancement of his city. His friends were numbered by the hundreds, to the most intimate of whom he was lovingly known as "Chappie" McFarland.



**G. THAYER** for two decades has been rated as the foremost Bandmaster at Houston, taking a recognized place among the musicians of the city, and securing for his audiences the best orchestral and band entertainments available. Mr. Thayer is the owner of Thayer's Military Band, which has been under his direction since its organization, and which is one of the finest military bands in this section. He is also band instructor and director of the Texas Company's Employees Band, a fifty-piece band, and one of the finest in Houston, supported and operated by the Texas Company. This band is in constant demand and the performances, under the direction of Mr. Thayer, show great artistry. They give numbers at conventions, public entertainments, and on other occasions, and have a large repertoire. Mr. Thayer also directs Thayer's Band and Orchestra, with thirty-five pieces, and Thayer's Orchestra, a highly trained orchestral company of fifteen pieces.

H. G. Thayer was born at Camden, New Jersey, the twenty-fifth of July, 1869, son of J. S. and Jane Thayer, who now make their home in Dallas. Mr. Thayer was educated in the Philadelphia public schools, graduating from the high school there, after which he began the development of a talent for music evident from childhood. He attended the Philadelphia Musical Academy for four years, under Gustav Hille, following this with three years at the Chicago Auditorium Conservatory of Music, under Ericco Sansone and Walter Booth. He then went on the road as a leader of band and orchestras for twelve years, attaining a high reputation for his work as a band leader. In 1904, on account of ill health, he came to Houston, and has made this city his home since, taking an active part in public and professional music as a band and orchestra leader. During the World War he was at the Officers Training School, at Camp Stanley, where he organized and led a forty-piece band until the armistice.

Mr. Thayer was married at Houston in 1907, to Miss Mary Isabelle Caylat, daughter of Judge Caylat, of New Orleans, and Lucy Caylat. Mr. and Mrs. Thayer make their home at 1106 Bremond Avenue, and have one child, Justin Caylat Thayer. Mr. Thayer is a member of the Texaco Club and the Houston Music Council, and takes an active part in the work being done by both these organizations. Fraternally he is an Elk and a Knight of Pythias, and is well known to members of these orders. His record as a band master, a work for which he is splendidly equipped, has made him known not only in Houston, but in this entire section, and few bands in this section are in greater demand than those directed by him.



C. A. McFarland







**JOHN W. HARRIS**, attorney and manager of the Harris Estate, founded by his grandfather, has been a resident of Galveston all his life except the time spent at college and in the service of his country during the World War. The office of Mr. Harris is at 206 Trust Building and while he was admitted to the bar in 1920 he was never engaged in active practice, the management of his estate requiring all his time and attention.

The Harris estate was founded in the early days of Texas by J. W. Harris, grandfather of the subject of this sketch, who died while the estate was still largely in an undeveloped condition. The work of development was taken over then by his son, J. W. Harris, father of John W., who succeeded in putting it on a paying basis.

The grandfather was born in Nelson County, Virginia, and was a member of an old family which came to America from England in the early Colonial days and settled on the James River near Blue Ridge, Virginia. He was reared on a farm and attended the county schools and the University of Virginia, one of the oldest seats of learning in the country. He entered this institution in 1830, graduated from its law department and came to Texas in 1837, locating in Brazoria County and beginning the practice of law in 1838. He was senior member of the law firm of Harris and Pease, his partner later becoming governor of Texas.

As a member of the first Legislature of Texas, Mr. Harris in 1839 introduced and secured the passage of the bill changing the form of practice in Texas from the Mexican to the English Common Law form and was also the father of a bill protecting the rights of married women. This bill was later made an integral part of the first constitution of Texas.

After Texas was admitted to the Union, Mr. Harris was appointed attorney general by the first governor of the new state and re-appointed on account of his valuable services to the state during the formative period of statehood. He served in the Legislature in 1839 and again was a member in 1872. He was known far and wide as one of the greatest of the famous pioneer lawyers of Texas. In 1852 he was married to Mrs. Annie P. Dallam of Matagorda, Texas, who came to this state from Philadelphia in 1832. Mr. Harris accumulated large tracts of land in Texas from which he derived little or no income, and a considerable portion of the earnings of a lucrative law practice for years went to pay taxes only. These undeveloped lands. He died in 1892.

J. W. Harris II was admitted to the bar and followed in the steps of his illustrious father for six years when he gave up his practice to devote his time to the management of his father's estate, who at this time was in failing health and unable to devote much time to his business affairs. He was married to Miss Minnie Knox Hutchings, member of an old pioneer Galveston family. Mr. Harris was for some time actively engaged in the insurance business, being associated with Mr. Will Rogers. Mr. Harris died June 6, 1918, and his wife died May 14, 1922.

John W. Harris III was born at Galveston September 23, 1893. He received his education in the schools of Galveston and the Episcopal High School of Virginia and matriculated at the University of Virginia

where he graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Laws with the class of 1920. His university work was interrupted by the World War but he re-entered school after his discharge and completed the work for his degree and was admitted to the bar on November 1, 1920.

Enlisting as a naval aviator on October 17, 1917, Mr. Harris was commissioned as ensign on September 11, 1918. As a cadet he was rated as chief quartermaster and later was assigned as instructor at the flying field at Pensacola, Florida.

On June 14, 1917, while a student at the university, Mr. Harris was married to Miss Eugenia Davis, daughter of Dr. John Staige Davis, professor of medicine at the University of Virginia. They have two children, Eugenia Davis and Anne Pleasants. The family home is at 2603 Avenue O.

Mr. Harris takes an active interest in civic affairs and is a member of the Galveston Country Club, the Artillery Club, the University of Virginia Chapter of the D. K. E. fraternity, the Galveston Bar Association, the Rotary Club and the Galveston Chamber of Commerce. He is intensely interested in modern farming and is a close student of agricultural economics.



**A. RILEY** came to Galveston, Texas, in 1921, as Accountant of the National Oil Company of this city, and later was placed in charge. As manager of the National Oil Company, Mr. Riley had much to do with the success of this company's operations here. The National Oil Company established its business in Galveston in 1920. Prior to this date, Mr. Riley was interested in ship building at Orange, Texas. He had been for many years with the National Oil Company at Seattle, Washington. This company has large holdings in Mexico and imports the Mexican crude oil from their Mexican operations, and sells same to the various railroads and industrial plants throughout the country. Their product is shipped out from their Mexican activities by railroad from their storage plant, which has a capacity of 165,000 barrels. Fifteen people are employed at the Galveston agency, which is located at Pier A. The National Oil Company is also engaged in active operations in the oil fields of Texas, and are engaged in developing some new territory. This work of development is also under the supervision of the Galveston office. Mr. John F. Penrose of New York City, is the president of the company.

A native of Nebraska, Mr. Riley was born at Hastings on April 17th, 1889. His father, C. A. Riley, also a native of Nebraska, has been engaged in farming in that state during his entire life, and resides near Hastings. Mr. Riley's early education was obtained in the country schools of Nebraska, after which he became a student of the high school at Hastings, and still later attended a business college. His first activities were confined to farming, after which he went to Seattle, where for a period of five years he was employed by the Telephone Company in various capacities. He then became associated with the present company, who at that time were engaged in ship building.

Mr. Riley was married at Seattle, Washington, on October 20th, 1915, to Miss Mildred V. McMullen, a member of a well known Washington family. They have two children: Jean Louise and Marian Joyce.





**CAPT. THOMAS BARRY**, former head of a river packet line on the Alabama River, had since 1916 been a factor in the business life of Houston, Texas, where he owned and operated a series of news stands, shoe shine parlors and shoe shops in this city. He had had an unusual business career, withal a successful one, it being characteristic of him to put all his energies into whatever he undertook. During a portion of his business career here he owned and operated six shoe shops in this city, all of which did a good business, due to his splendid business ability and attention to his work. In addition to his business Capt. Barry was an active leader in the civic, religious and political life of this community during the years of his residence here.

A native of Alabama, Capt. Barry was born at Mobile on September 25th, 1877. His father, Capt. Robert Barry, was for many years a captain and owner of boats that plied the Alabama River and also was the owner of some of the first boats on the Alabama River. Capt. Robert Barry was a native of Ireland, where he belonged to a well known family of the Emerald Isle. Capt. Thomas Barry's mother, Mrs. Ellen (Preston) Barry, a native of Pittsburgh, was a member of a prominent Alabama family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Mobile, which he left at an early age in order to join his father on the Alabama River boats. In his early manhood he worked on boats out of Mobile. He was a conservative business man, exercising rare judgment in his various business transactions and he prospered. In 1915 he retired from the river packet service, and having a desire to come to Houston for many years, through his knowledge of this city's growth, he accordingly located here the following year. His faith in the future of Houston grew stronger as the years passed, and he always did what he could for the city's interest, progress and advancement. He acquired a splendid income from his several shoe stores here, which had good locations on Main Street and Texas Avenue, and his places were known throughout Harris and contiguous counties and were very popular with the public.

Capt. Barry was married on his ship Peerless at Montgomery, Alabama, on April 4th, 1915, to Mrs. Annie Louise (Hasselvander) Schweiger, a daughter of J. N. Hasselvander, a native of France, but became a leader in the business circles of Selma, where he was one of that city's best known and most active real estate dealers of his time. Her mother, Mrs. Martha Lee (Bolton) Hasselvander, was a native of Richmond, Alabama, where she was a member of a well known family. The Barry home is located at 819 Harold Street. Capt. Barry was a member of the B. P. O. E. and took a keen interest in this organization. He was also a member of many of this city's civic and commercial organizations. His church affiliation was with the Episcopal faith. Capt. Barry died at Houston, Texas, on November 6th, 1924. Perhaps no man who ever resided in Houston for the same length of time that Capt. Barry lived here, made as many friends as did Capt. Barry, who was loved by all with whom he came in contact. He was a great home man, loving dearly his home, flowers and children, being a prime favorite with the children of the neighborhood in which he lived. He possessed a rare knowl-

edge of the river boat traffic on the Alabama, Tom Bigbee and Warrior Rivers, which he would give out when urged by friends to tell of his experiences on these waters. Houston and its citizenship lost a staunch friend who was ever ready to do his part, contributing his material aid to every worthy project for the betterment of this city.



**ARL J. SUHM** has for many years been an active figure in the business circles of Houston, Texas, and is perhaps the most widely known man of his profession of South Texas. Mr. Suhm is a partner in the C. J. Suhm Machine Shop, agents for Howe Scale Company and adjusters of cotton beams and all kinds of scales. Associated with Mr. Suhm in this business is Mr. Rudolph P. Suhm, also well known in the business circles of South Texas. Mr. Suhm repairs scales of all makes and kinds and is regarded as an expert in this line of activity. Having spent practically all of his business life in the various branches of the scale industry, he knows this business as few men know it. Being a student, he goes into the most minute details of his work. The Suhm Machine Shop is located at 306-8 Preston Street and does a large volume of business, being the largest plant of its kind in this city.

Mr. Suhm was born at Winterthur, Switzerland, on February 9th, 1879, but came to America and to Houston in 1881, when a boy less than three years of age and has resided here continuously since that time. His father, Carl Suhm, a native of Germany, was regarded as one of the most efficient cabinet maker of his time. His mother, Mrs. Agatha (Goekel) Suhm, was also a native of Germany and a member of a well known family of the Fatherland. His education was obtained in the public schools of Houston, which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world where he has met with great success.

Mr. Suhm was married at San Antonio, Texas, on June 25th, 1907, to Miss Rose V. Gahwiler, a daughter of G. Gahwiler, who was born in Switzerland, but came to America at an early age and for many years was a successful business man of the Alamo City. Her mother was also a native of Switzerland, where she was a member of a well known family. They have two children: Carl Eugene and Vera Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Suhm reside at Forest Hill and their home is one of the most attractive on Alta Vista Avenue. Mr. Suhm has always taken an active interest in the civic improvements of this city, giving of his time and means to further all projects for the betterment of the Magnolia City, where he is regarded as one of its most progressive citizens and leading business men. His church affiliation is with the Catholic faith and he is active in the work of this church. Mr. Suhm has great faith in the future of Houston and believes that she is destined to become the leading city of the Southwest, not only in shipping, but in all other activities that go to make a great city. He has at all times maintained one of the most modern plants of its kind in the country, installing from time to time all the latest devices made in order to turn out the most satisfactory work possible in his line, and to add to the efficiency of his employees in their respective lines. His business continues to increase and his reputation has spread to all parts of Texas.



*Phil Barry*





*W. Crawford*



**CHARLES M. CRAWFORD** was for many years prominent in the automobile circles of Houston and South Texas. He was the owner of a large garage, automobile supply house and filling station, a business he had built up from a small beginning to one of the most popular garages in the city. Mr. Crawford came to Houston more than fifteen years ago, and during his residence in the city made a host of friends.

Mr. Crawford was born in Sedalia, Missouri, on February 3rd, 1882, but was brought to Texas by his parents when only a few years old. His father, C. W. Crawford (deceased since 1908), came to Texas and to Houston in the early '80s, where he contributed his material aid and time toward the upbuilding of Houston. He was the first secretary of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, and was active in securing the Electric Street Railway for the city, and was a constant worker for deep water here, and made many trips to New York in the interest of this great project. He was known to his intimate friends as "Deep Water Crawford," and was a man of sterling qualities, loved by those who knew him, intuitively esteemed by all who had the honor of his acquaintance. A gentle kindly character that appealed to all, and a man of vision, far-seeing, yet conservative. His mother was Miss Clara Fuller, a native of Illinois, where she was a member of a prominent family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Houston and later attended college in New York City.

His untimely death on September 15th, 1925, was a loss to Houston and South Texas. While still a young man, his business standing was established, and his future gave promise of still greater achievements. Respected and loved by his many friends, he will be long remembered as a progressive young man and a citizen who was ever ready to lend his aid to any good cause.



**Wm. B. GRIFFIN** for thirty-five years was a sterling citizen of Houston, impressing his influence on the life of the community, and contributing in many ways to the prosperity of the city. Dr. Griffin was prominently identified with the dental fraternity of Houston, having practiced dentistry ever since coming here as a young man of twenty-six. During the later years of his life he specialized in bridge work, and became an expert in this field.

Wm. B. Griffin was born in Moss Point, Mississippi, March 1st, 1863, son of J. W. Griffin, a lumberman of Scranton, Mississippi, and Virginia (Brown) Griffin. His early education was received in the public schools of Moss Point, later taking his degree in dentistry. After finishing his education he came to Temple, Texas, to start his career, and after a short stay in Galveston came to Houston. Mr. Griffin was a lover of the great outdoor, spending every hour that could be spared from work and duty in some outdoor sport. Hunting and fishing were his hobbies, although all outdoor sports interested him. He was a great baseball fan and for a number of years was president of the Houston Rooters' Club.

Dr. Griffin was married on October 6th, 1885, in Temple, Texas, to Miss Lula Randolph, native of Navasota, Texas, and a daughter of John and Jane H. (Paul) Randolph, both of whom were pioneer Texans. Three children were born to Dr.

and Mrs. Griffin, two daughters, Mrs. R. K. Cleveland of St. Louis, Missouri, and Mrs. J. S. Vedder of Galveston, and one son, Wm. B. Griffin, Jr., of Houston.

Dr. Wm. B. Griffin passed away on December 29th, 1924. During his long residence in Houston he made many warm friends, who knew him as a jovial, kindly, generous and charitable man. To know him was to love him, and many close friends were left to mourn his passing.



**CHARLES E. GARDNER**, well known in the financial and business circles of Houston, owns and operates the plant bearing his name at 70 Heights Boulevard where the highest type of auto painting and top covering, all classes of auto body building and repairing, fender work and upholstering is done. The splendid building, owned by Mr. Gardner, was constructed for his business and opened on April 25th, 1921, the floor space in which is fifty feet by one hundred and fifty feet and is one of the best equipped and most complete plants of its kind in South Texas. Mr. Gardner employs eight people, all of whom are experts in their respective lines.

Mr. Gardner was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, on April 5th, 1872. His father, Arthur Gardner, also a native of Ohio, spent practically all his life in that state, where he was well known in the business circles. His mother was Miss Sara Judd, a member of a prominent Ohio family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Cincinnati. Mr. Gardner began his business career as a boy in a buggy factory, where he worked in the paint and top departments, and remained in this factory and learned this branch of the business, and when automobiles came into general use, he was a very highly skilled man, and was superintendent of the paint department of the Packard Motor Company, of Indianapolis, and later was superintendent of the National Motor Car Company in their paint department. Later, he became superintendent of the paint department of the Upper Sandusky Buggy Company, and still later became superintendent of the paint department of the Bimel Buggy Company, also was in charge at consecutive times of the paint department of other large auto and buggy manufacturing plants in Ohio, Michigan and Indiana, and came to Houston in 1909 as paint foreman for the Mosehart-Keller Company. He remained with this firm for some time and then formed a partnership with J. R. Patton, which was known as the Texas Carriage and Top Company, which was located on Congress Avenue, and this business was continued from 1911 to 1919 when he sold his interest in the business and after a short rest from active business duties, built his present plant and started in his present business.

Mr. Gardner was married at Hempstead, Texas, in 1918 to Miss Mamie Snell, a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Gardner reside at 1136 Columbia Street. Mr. Gardner is a member of the Temple Lodge No. 4, A. F. and A. M. of Houston, and of the Scottish Rite to the 18th degree. Mr. Gardner has made a host of friends since locating in Houston, and is a recognized authority on all matters pertaining to his business as regards paints and finishes, having spent almost a lifetime in this line of endeavor, and his plant would be a credit to a city of larger proportions than the South Texas metropolis.



**G**EORGE A. BRANARD, Senior, throughout his business career was engaged in the plumbing industry at Houston, and for many years prior to his death was one of the largest plumbing and heating contractors in the city. Mr. Branard was born in Houston in 1876, son of George and Julia House Branard, residents of this city for many years. He was educated in the Houston public schools and after graduating from high school entered the plumbing business. Mr. Branard was recognized as a skilled man in his work, his ability being fully conceded by his associates and patrons. By dint of hard work and perseverance he built up a splendid business located at 513 Dallas Avenue where he had attractive display rooms and a well equipped shop. At the height of his activities and in the full bloom of his life Mr. Branard passed away. The manner of his passing was typical of the man.

On June 13th, 1923, George Branard unselfishly and bravely laid down his life in an effort to save the life of one of his employees who was engaged in work in a sewer manhole. The young man was overcome by noxious fumes and Mr. Branard immediately went to his rescue but he also was overcome and both men died before assistance could reach them. So passed on a brave man, a devoted husband and loving father.

George Branard, as he was affectionately called by all that knew him, and his popularity was attested by his large funeral and many beautiful floral offerings. He laid down his life to save that of another; as he died so he lived, in his effort to be of service to others. As a friend he was a loyal one. He was considered a first class workman for his skill and accuracy could not be surpassed, and like all good mechanics was no braggart but was willing to let the kind of work he did speak for itself; in fact, modesty was one of his virtues.

He never spoke ill of anyone, always sound in judgment and not easily persuaded once his mind was made up to do a certain thing in a certain way. His errors were few and were of the head rather than of the heart. It may well be said that a fitting epitaph for Mr. Branard would be, "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend."

As an indication of the esteem in which Mr. Branard was held, the following resolution was made and passed by the Association of the Local Plumbers: "Whereas, Almighty God, in His divine wisdom, has seen fit to remove from this life our former good brother, George A. Branard, therefore be it resolved that we, the members of Local No. 68, Houston, Texas, extend to his family our sincere sympathy in their hour of sorrow; and be it further resolved that upon the reading of this resolution we stand for one minute in respectful silence to his memory; and be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our meeting and a copy sent to his wife and family, also to the Houston Labor Journal and U. A. Journal for publication."

Mr. Branard was married in 1897 to Miss Elizabeth Connor, daughter of James Connor and Catherine Connor. Mr. Branard left his wife and three

children, George A. Jr., John and a daughter, Elizabeth.

George A. Jr., is carrying on the business and is following closely in the footsteps of his father. He has the same high ideals and principles and every indication points to his success.

**S**IEWERSSEN, pioneer business and cattle man, now a retired capitalist, came to Houston in 1878, and for a period of more than forty years was active in the business life of this city. As a pioneer cattle man, Mr. Siewerssen was well known, not only in his own state, but in many others and particularly to the St. Louis and Chicago markets. He was for many years engaged in the hide and wool business in Houston and owned and operated the leading establishment of its kind in South Texas. Mr. Siewerssen owned many hundreds of cattle, but during the past few years has disposed of much of his live stock business holdings, and has purchased much valuable real estate in Houston, and farm and ranch lands contiguous to the city.

Mr. Siewerssen was born in New Orleans in 1848. His father, Francis Siewerssen, was one of the leading citizens and business men of New Orleans. He was chairman of the finance committee for two years in New Orleans, and for a period of four years was a member of the state legislature of Louisiana, and fathered many measures that to this day stand as a monument to the good work he accomplished for the residents of his state. His mother was a member of a well known Louisiana family. His early education was obtained in public and private schools of New Orleans, after which he was a student for four years of Gordon's Academy in New Orleans.

Mr. Siewerssen has had a wide and varied business career which he began in the cotton business. He entered the employ of the Longstreet and Owen Company and remained with this firm for three years in New Orleans. He then came to Galveston and entered the hide and wool business and remained in this business for about five years in the Island City. He then came to Houston and opened a branch house here for T. H. Anderson and Company, and after five years spent in the employ of this firm, Mr. Siewerssen bought the business, and has owned it since that time. The growth and enlargement of the business kept pace with the development of Houston along all lines, and as Houston prospered, so did Mr. Siewerssen and his business. While this business still retains Mr. Siewerssen's name, he has disposed of all interest in the business. He is today one of Texas' most esteemed pioneers, and is the type of the old-time cattle men, who are fast giving way to modern civilization, progress and advancement in every line of endeavor. Mr. Siewerssen is the type of yesterday's men, who built so wisely that the Lone Star State today in all its prodigious industries is making such strides in expansion and big business. He has seen Houston emerge from the small town to the big, thriving city of today and he believes that the big development only had its beginning with the ship channel, and Houston is soon to become the leading city of the entire Southwest.

Note: Since this sketch was written Mr. Siewerssen died, November 5th, 1924.





*G. T. Brannard.*





**T**HOMAS PENNINGTON, for a decade associated with the civic and commercial life of Houston, so used his influence for good that his many activities are recalled with pleasure and the enterprise which he established and built stands a monument to his business acumen. Mr. Pennington came to Houston in 1910 after a decade of experience in the lumber business, a good part of which was under John H. Kirby, the well known Texas lumberman. He opened his office in this city shortly after his arrival here, establishing the Thomas Pennington Lumber Company, and engaging in a general lumber commission and brokerage business. Mr. Pennington gave to the development of this business an enthusiasm that made it a success from the beginning, and his business methods made quite a favorable impression on the citizens of Houston. He was particularly interested in the development of the lumber business and gave careful study to this industry, becoming known as one of the best informed men on lumber in this city, where lumber activities are especially brisk and many men make lumber their study. With the development of his business, his responsibilities and opportunities grew, and made possible an enlarged effort in behalf of a greater Houston, and at his death he was recognized not only as a leading lumberman, but as a leading citizen.

Thomas Pennington was born at old Washington, Texas, the seventeenth of June, 1882, son of A. and Martha Morgan Pennington. His father, A. Pennington, was a native of this state and spent his entire life near Brenham, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. His mother was also a native of the Lone Star State. As a boy, Mr. Pennington attended school at Brenham, finishing his education in the public schools there. When he attained his majority he went to Kirbyville, Texas, and went to work for John H. Kirby, and for five years was associated with the Kirby interests, advancing steadily in the business. He then went to Saron, in Trinity County, Texas, and for one year was with the William Cameron Lumber Company. The following year he moved to Glendale, also in Trinity County, and went into business for himself. He engaged in the industry from the angle of the sawmill operator, and in partnership with J. D. Larkin, operated a sawmill at Glendale. After a successful period of operation his sawmill burned, and he came to Houston as offering bigger business opportunities, and established the lumber commission and brokerage business, operating as the Thomas Pennington Lumber Company. This firm became, and still is, one of the largest of such businesses in the city, and a large volume of business is handled annually, the trade territory covering the city of Houston and vicinity. Since the death of Mr. Pennington, in 1920, Mrs. Pennington has managed this business, demonstrating marked capability as a business woman. Her brother, R. B. Ridley, is sales manager.

Mr. Pennington was married the twentieth of April, 1910, to Miss Olva Ridley, daughter of J. C. Ridley, a native of Virginia who came to Texas in 1886, and Mary Kent Ridley, also a native of Virginia. Mrs. Pennington was born in Sherman, Texas, and reared in East Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Pennington had two children, Thomas and Mary Kent.

During his life in Houston, Mr. Pennington was an active figure in community affairs. Endowed

by nature with a genius for friendships, he formed many associations in his adopted city, and was the friend of many hundreds of the citizens here. He was a generous contributor to every worthy cause, and gave freely to those civic movements that were directed toward the development of Houston. His business associates found in him a man of high ideals, always ready to help the other fellow, never taking an unfair advantage, and his death, occurring the fourteenth of November, 1920, was sincerely mourned.



**OLIVER F. BARTINE**, who spent practically all his life in Houston, was one of those substantial citizens who take an interest not only in their own private affairs but in the growth and prosperity of their community. He took an interest in all civic affairs, and as evidence of his faith in Houston's growth made frequent real estate investments. Mr. Bartine was for three decades associated with the firm of Joseph F. Meyer & Company, and at the time of his death had been head of one of the departments of this establishment for a number of years.

Mr. Bartine was born in New Orleans, on the third day of December, 1871, son of Charles and Josephine Bartine. The family removed to Houston in 1874, and the father's death occurred shortly after their arrival in this city. Mrs. Bartine survived him a number of years. As a boy Mr. Bartine attended the public schools of Houston, and at an early age began work for the J. L. Mitchell Jewelry Store. After a few years with that firm he went with the Joseph F. Meyer Company, and during the three decades spent with the firm worked in all departments. He applied himself closely to mastering the details of the business, and his promotion was rapid, with the result that he soon became a department head, and at the time of his death held this position. He was always active in the establishment, giving close attention to the details that were under his supervision, and was a real factor in the success of the firm.

Mr. Bartine was married in Houston, the sixth day of June, 1900, to Miss Melissa Miller, a native of Kansas, and the daughter of David H. and Chloe Fisher Miller. Mr. Miller came to Houston from Kansas in 1895 and was for many years a building contractor in this city. He has lately become associated with the Fidelity Trust Company and is actively interested in the affairs of that corporation. He and Mrs. Miller have made their home with their daughter, Mrs. Bartine, since Mr. Bartine's death in 1920. The married life of Mr. and Mrs. Bartine was especially delightful and their home the scene of many pleasant hospitalities. Four children were born of this union, Irma, married to E. C. Laird, a teacher in the Houston public schools; Olive, a young business woman of the city; Charles David, a student in the Houston public schools, and Ruby, likewise a student. For the past fifteen years the family has made their home at 4012 Austin Avenue, where they have an attractive residence, and have taken an active part in the various social activities of their community.

Mr. Bartine died at his home the twenty-seventh of March, 1920, and was buried in Greenwood Cemetery. His death was a distinct loss to the business world of Houston, and to his many friends who admired him for his true Christian character.



**R**OBERT JEROME HILL, artist, has enjoyed a varied and interesting career as a devotee of the brush and palette, and has attained a creditable position in the art circles of Texas. Mr. Hill, or "Bob," as he is familiarly called by his relatives and intimate friends, maintains an attractive studio in Dallas and is engaged in both landscape and portrait painting, either in oil or pastel. He does his portrait work either from life or from photographs, at the pleasure of his patrons. While his landscape paintings are mostly from nature studies, many of his creations are from idealistic or imaginary conceptions.

Mr. Hill's whole life since boyhood has been devoted to his art. A native Texan, he was born in Austin. His parents were Robert Jerome and Kate Easton (Raymond) Hill. His father, who was a prominent attorney at law, came to the Texas capital in 1872. His mother, who was an accomplished musician, was a native of Austin. They were married in 1875. Robert Jerome was educated in the Austin public schools and the State University. Determining upon a career as an artist, he went to New York City, where he studied in the Art Students' League, under the tutelage of such well known artists as J. H. Twachtman, Robert Blum, Kenyon Cox, Howard Chandler Christy, Walter Appleton Clark, Louis Loeb, Clifford Carlton and George Bridgeman. He also took a course of lectures and criticisms by William M. Chase. This course was later supplemented by two years of study in Dallas under a noted painter, Herr Kunz Meyer of Munich, Germany. Mr. Hill returned to Austin, where he opened his studio, painted portraits and taught drawing and painting.

He later came to Dallas to accept the position of staff artist of the Dallas News. After nearly three years, he resigned to accept a position as instructor of drawing and design in the Bryan Street High School. A year later he returned to New York, where he opened a studio and did magazine illustrating and cartooning. While in Gotham, he gave much time to the study of pictures in the various public and private art museums and galleries. After a year in New York, he returned to Dallas to illustrate a novel for Holland's Magazine. A short time later he opened a studio in Dallas, which he has since maintained.

Mr. Hill has exhibited each year except one at the Texas State Fair at Dallas, since 1920, and at the Fort Worth Art Association's Annual June Exhibition every year since 1918, and at the Dallas Woman's Forum Annual Exhibition since 1917. He has also exhibited in New York and other cities.

Among his best known pictures may be mentioned: "Youth and Old Age," "The House on the Hill," "Apples," "Springtime," "Sleeping Girl," "Cloud Peak," "Abandoned Farm," "Golden Memories," "Sunny Gypsy," "The Old Man," "The Phantom Tree," "Cradle of the Brook," and a portrait painting of John H. Kirby of Houston.

Mr. Hill has taken a very active interest in art circles of North Texas. He is a member of the Dallas Art Association, American Federation of Arts, and the Texas Fine Arts Society. He has been called upon to lecture on art subjects on many occasions and has been a director in a great many art exhibitions. His services are particularly in demand at the various art exhibitions, for he is thor-

oughly familiar with all of the different styles of art and the most important works of all the great painters, both past and present. He can discuss them in a manner that never fails to arouse interest in the observer.

Mr. Hill's whole life is devoted to his art and he is determined that whatever fame and fortune may be in store for him will be through the successful creations of his brush and palette.



**J**OSEPH MOODY DAWSON is one of the leading artists and teachers of the violin, not only of Houston, but of the entire State. Mr. Dawson began teaching in Houston in 1913, where he has continued except for the period spent in the World War. He has done much public concert work and his services in this line of work are in great demand, and the technique in his playing of the violin is considered remarkable by those who have been fortunate enough to hear him. Mr. Dawson has a large class, and many of his pupils come from points outside of Houston. He teaches the violin only, and has several assistants employed to help him with his large number of pupils. Mr. Dawson has seen evidence of his great success in the work accomplished by the number of pupils who obtained their knowledge of the violin under his able guidance and supervision. He has made a special study of the history of the violin and is considered an authority on this subject, which he has pursued diligently for many years. While not a collector of instruments, Mr. Dawson owns violins and bows that have a monetary value of twenty-five thousand dollars. He maintains his studio, which is considered one of the most beautiful and splendidly appointed in the State, in his attractive home, which is located in the best residential section of the city, at 501 West Moreland Boulevard.

A native Texan, Mr. Dawson was born in Houston December 6, 1886. His father, Joseph Dawson, now retired from active business pursuits, was engaged in the wholesale confectionery business in Houston from 1878 to 1908, and was a pioneer in this business. His mother was Miss Mary Jones, a member of a well known Texas family. Mr. Dawson's literary education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston, and the University of Chicago, where he was a student for three years, and graduated from this institution with the M. A. degree. He started violin lessons at eight years of age, and continued same during his academic education and then entered the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, where he remained for four years. He then returned to Chicago, where he attended the American Conservatory of Music and the Metropolitan Conservatory of Music for a period of eleven years and was under Harry Dimond, one of the leading violin instructors in the United States. Mr. Dawson gave up his class in October, 1917, and entered the World War, where he was a Lieutenant in the Signal Corps until September, 1919, when he was sent to Washington, D. C., and was on the staff of General George O. Squier, and had charge of the purchase of all photographic supplies. Mr. Dawson is the inventor of a photographic device used in rifle practice which is being used by the United States Government. He is now a Captain in the Reserve Corps.

Mr. Dawson was married in Chicago in 1913 to





R. Jerome Hill





*Wilson Fraser.*

Miss Agnes McCarthy, a member of a well known Illinois family. They have one daughter, Mary Jane, three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Dawson reside at 501 West Moreland. Mr. Dawson is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the American Legion. He is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Dawson is popular, not only in the music circles of Houston, but in the business and social circles as well. He is a teacher of the violin, and is a student as well, and great things are in store for this talented young violinist, and Texas and Houston are proud to claim him as their native son.



**WILSON FRASER**, pianist and teacher of piano, came to Houston in 1919 and since that time has established a reputation second to none in his chosen field.

A native Texan, Mr. Fraser was born at Fort Worth in 1893. His father, Dr. S. T. Fraser (deceased since 1919), was a well known physician and surgeon of Fort Worth and had large cattle interests in North Texas. His mother was, prior to her marriage, Miss Leona Poitevent, a member of a prominent family of Mississippi. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Fort Worth, after which he was for four years a student under Wilbur MacDonald at the Texas Polytechnic College. He then went to Vienna, where he studied for two years under Leopold Godowsky, and returned to America in 1914. Godowsky came to America during the same year, and Mr. Fraser studied under him in New York City for another two years.

Mr. Fraser has devoted his whole life to the study of music and as an instructor. He was for three years a member of the faculty of the Kidd-Key College at Sherman, Texas. On May 8th, 1917, Mr. Fraser entered the World War, and attended an officer's training camp. He was assigned to the machine gun branch of the army and was sent to France with this assignment, where he saw service for fourteen months. He returned to America after the signing of the Armistice, and was discharged from Camp Bowie, at Fort Worth, in 1919, following which he came to Houston. For three years after coming here, he taught in private classes before starting the Texas College of Music and Art, in which he was active until becoming connected with Thomas Goggan and Brothers. Mr. Fraser has done much concert work and there is a demand for his services at all times in this line. He makes frequent trips to New York, where he is regarded as an artist of great merit.

Mr. Fraser was married in Houston in March, 1922, to Miss Lorraine Buchanan, a native Virginian, and a member of one of the State's oldest families. Mr. Fraser holds membership in the Music Council of Houston. He is popular, not only in the music circles of Houston, but in the business and social circles as well, and is the type of man that Houston welcomes, being progressive and public spirited. He is ready at all times to endorse any cause which is conceived for the good of his adopted city, and give it any necessary personal support.



**LOUISE C. DANIEL**, teacher of music and professional accompanist, has been connected with the musical life of Houston and South Texas since 1911 and is one of the leading teachers of the piano in this section of the

state. Miss Daniel maintains her studio at 410 Marshall Avenue, where she conducts a large class of advanced pupils. Miss Daniel is building a beautiful new home which, when completed will contain a music salon embodying the atmosphere of a studio and a home.

Besides her work as a teacher, Miss Daniel is in great demand as an accompanist and has appeared during the past few years with many of the celebrated artists who have appeared in Houston and various other cities in Texas and Louisiana.

Miss Daniel is a native of Galveston and is a daughter of Col. Lee S. Daniel, who was one of the first men in the South to take up telegraphy at the beginning of the Civil War. He delivered to Jefferson Davis the telegram notifying him of his nomination as president of the Confederacy. Her mother was formerly Miss Jennie Rockwood, of Vicksburg, Mississippi. Miss Daniel received her literary education in the public and high schools at Victoria, Texas, and studied music at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. Miss Daniel graduated with high honors at the conservatory at the end of two years and then did post graduate work there. During this period she was accompanist in the vocal studio of William S. Dunham, and also studied organ under Henry Dunham. At this time she began her work as organist at suburban churches near Boston, gaining valuable experience which has been very useful in her further work along this line. After her post graduate work, she spent a number of years in Boston, occupying herself with concert work through New England with members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and singers, private teaching and as one of the junior instructors in the New England Conservatory of Music. She studied under Madame Szumowska at Boston for four years and during this time she was one of the leaders in the ensemble classes of Joseph Adamowski. She coached with Frank LaForge of New York, for two summers. After living a few years in Boston she felt the lure of the South and returned to Texas and established her studio at Houston where each year she has had more applications from students than she could care for. She was president of the Girls' Musical Club from 1919 to 1921 and is concert accompanist for the Treble Clef Club, two of the leading musical organizations of the city. She was for eleven years organist for the First Presbyterian Church and now holds a similar position in the Temple Beth Israel.

The "Annual Concerto Recital" given in Houston each year by advanced students of Miss Daniel is an unusual event and is looked forward to each year by lovers of music. Miss Daniel is the only music teacher in Houston who features this annual concert by her pupils. A gifted musician herself, any appearance of Miss Daniel attracts a large and enthusiastic audience and among her pupils are found some of the best pianists of the city.

Indicative of her popularity as an accompanist, during the past few years Miss Daniel has appeared in concert with such well known artists as Helen Stanley, Carolina Lazzari, Julia Caussen, Helen Ware, Frances Ingram, Bannouci, Ellison Van Hoose, Lambert Murphy and others. She is a woman of rare poise and charming personality and is highly popular in musical, club and social circles of the city.





**MILES ABELL**, although one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, Texas, has made his influence felt in the commercial life of this city, where he is the executive head of the motor company bearing his name. While the Abell Motor Company is a comparatively recent addition to the city's ranks of automobile dealers, it has made exceptional progress since the enterprise was launched here in December, 1925. The Abell Motor Company, 1015 Caroline Street, are dealers in Star Automobiles, with sales and service departments, which are numbered among the largest in Houston. Other officers of this company are: B. F. Wilkinson, vice president and treasurer; Rawle Buckner, chairman of the board of directors, both of whom are well known in the financial and commercial circles of South Texas. As an evidence of the vast increase in the sales of this company, during the second month after their organization had started in business here, they sold seventy-eight cars, which is a record for the month in this territory for gear shift cars. This company started with four employees, and in less than three months it was necessary to increase this number to twenty-seven in order to take care of the business, which is showing a vast increase each month.

Mr. Abell was born at Ridge, Maryland, in January, 1901. His father, H. F. Abell, and his mother, Mrs. Cora (Crane) Abell, were both natives of Maryland and both were members of well known families of that State, where Mr. Abell was prominently identified with the business life of Ridge and community, and is now active in the business life of Houston. The education of J. Miles Abell was obtained in the public schools of Houston and at the Rice Institute of this city. He started as a very young man with the Texas Company, and for three years was employed in various capacities by this company, leaving its employ in order to engage in business for himself. His first venture for himself was in the garage business, under the name of the J. M. Abell Garage, which he continued to operate until he organized the present successful automobile company.

Mr. Abell resides at 1101 West Gray Avenue. He is a member of various commercial and social organizations of this city, in all of which he takes an active interest. His church affiliation is with the Catholic faith. Mr. Abell is a leader among the younger generation in Houston and his friends predict a brilliant future for this enterprising young man of business. The Abell Motor Company, through its executives and personnel, have succeeded in popularizing an automobile in this territory that is far ahead of anything of the kind ever attempted here, and the Star Automobile is on the map of South Texas to stay. Perhaps to no young man of the Lone Star State is the future more bright in the business world than it is to J. Miles Abell of Houston.



**H. FREDERICKSON**, district manager for Jos. Stewart and Company, contractors and builders, has had a share in the vast amount of building and development work which has taken place in the Southwest. The headquarters of the Jos. Stewart and Company is in New York City, and although Mr. Frederickson has been the district manager for the past few years, the com-

pany has been represented in Texas for more than seventeen years. Among the buildings constructed by the Jos. Stewart Company in Texas are the following: Residential Hall and Physical Laboratory of the Rice Institute, Houston; two university buildings at Austin; Galvez Hotel at Galveston; First National Bank Building, Humble Building, Queen Theater, Magnolia Paper Company Building and the Franklin Memorial Bridge at Houston. Also the following buildings in other portions of the State: San Jacinto Life Insurance Building at Beaumont, Concrete Wharf for the Gulf Refining Company at Port Arthur; Can Factory and Grease Plant for same company at Port Arthur; Masonic Cathedral at Guthrie, Oklahoma, costing more than \$2,000,000.00; Army Cantonment at Leon Springs, Texas; International and Great Northern Depot at San Antonio. Mr. Frederickson has the unique distinction of being the only man who ever succeeded in securing contracts of this kind for three State Capitals, which he personally secured for the States of Idaho, Utah and Oklahoma and handled the construction of same.

Mr. Frederickson was born at Champagne, Illinois. His parents, E. Frederickson and Johanna Frederickson were large land owners and farmers of Illinois. His early education was obtained at the public and high schools in Illinois and later he attended for a period of four years the University of Illinois and graduated from that institution with the B. S. degree. After leaving college, Mr. Frederickson entered the employ of the Illinois Central Railroad in the bridge and building department and remained with this railroad for a period of seven years, and then entered the employ of the present company, and has been associated with them in various capacities for twenty-one years. Mr. Frederickson was in Europe for eighteen months for his company supervising work in the building of cantonments, hospitals, and all kinds of buildings, ships, barges and transports. He took with him from the United States, one thousand skilled mechanics in the various lines which were employed in the vast amount of building done in Europe under the personal supervision of Mr. Frederickson.

Mr. Frederickson was married in New Orleans in 1909. He has two children: Myra Shelby and John Henry Frederickson, Jr.



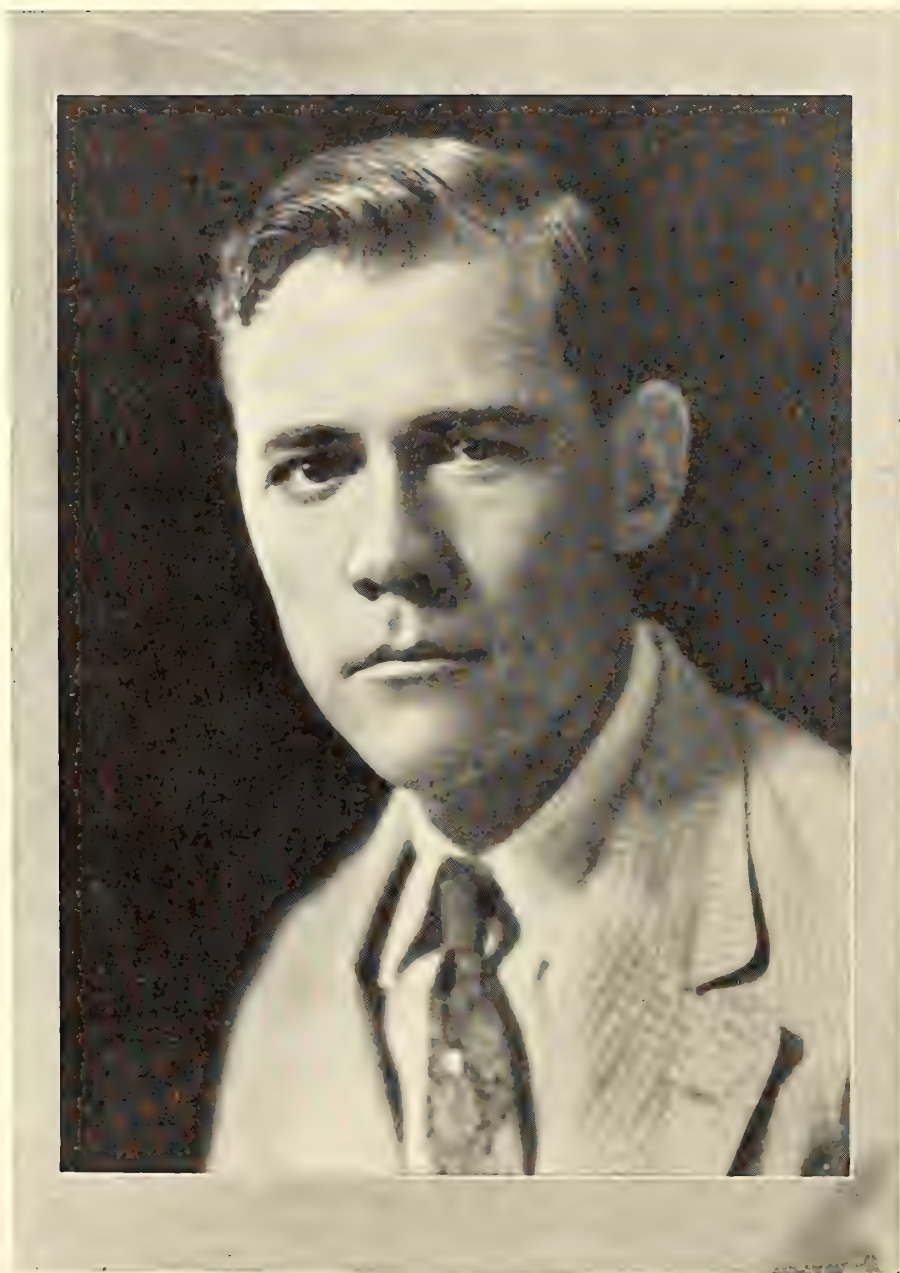
**F. MONROSE**, college trained and equipped with a forceful personality, has risen steadily in the business world. Mr. Monrose is manager of sales of the Country Club Estates. Prior to going with this company he was the Texas representative for the Carnegie Steel Company.

Mr. Monrose was born at Waveland, Mississippi, in 1888. His father, L. Monrose, was well known in the business circles of New Orleans, where he was for many years engaged in the fire insurance business. His mother was, prior to her marriage, Miss Louise Charles. Mr. Monrose's early education was obtained in the public and high schools of New Orleans, after which he attended Tulane University for four years, graduating from that institution in the class of 1908 with the B.E. degree.

Mr. Monrose was associated with the Carnegie Steel Company in New Orleans, coming to Houston as representative of this territory in 1921. In September, 1918, Mr. Monrose entered the Zachary Taylor Officers Training Camp, and was at this camp







*H. H. Snelling*

for three months. Prior to entering the Officers Training Camp, he was taking special instruction in the radio department at New Orleans for a period of several months. Mr. Monroe is a member of the college fraternity Delta Tau Delta, and the following social organizations: Houston Club, Houston Country Club and the River Oaks Country Club. Mr. Monroe resides at the Houston Club. He is interested in all agencies working for the greater development, and civic improvement of Houston, and gives of his time and means to this end.



**F. SNELLING**, although one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, Texas, has for more than ten years been a factor in the automobile industry of this city. Mr. Snelling is president of the Snelling Motor Company, Inc., agents for Hudson and Essex motor cars in Magnolia Park. Other officers of the company are: Rufus Cage, vice president, and F. E. Hood, secretary and treasurer. This business was established here in October, 1925, and each month since that time has shown a large increase in the volume of sales of these two popular cars, in fact it was the rapid growth of the business which made a new building necessary for additional salesrooms and the Snelling Motor Company's new home is the latest addition for the Hudson and Essex cars and is also one of the most attractive salesrooms of this city. The new, modern building, which was constructed especially for this company, using the plans which Mr. Snelling had drawn, is one of the most substantial and attractive of its kind in this part of Houston. The location of the Snelling Motor Company is at 6601 Harrisburg Boulevard.

A native Texan, Mr. Snelling was born at Yoakum on August 24th, 1897. His father, L. I. Snelling, also a native of the Lone Star State, was for many years active in the business life of Yoakum and Lavaca County. His mother, Mrs. Katie (Townsend) Snelling was a native Texan and a member of a pioneer family. His education was obtained in the schools of Texas, largely at Houston. He started his business career here as a salesman for the Morris Packing Company, later engaging in the automobile industry, confining his activities to the sales of used cars, but later selling both used and new autos. He continued in this branch of the industry for four years, before engaging in the used car business for himself, after it had been made plain to him that he could make money for others in this field of activity. He then engaged in his present successful business. Mr. Snelling enlisted in the Army of the United States during the World War, but did not see active service during the short period he spent in the army prior to the signing of the Armistice.

Mr. Snelling was married at Hempstead, Texas, on August 29th, 1924, to Miss Gladys Allein Smith, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of N. W. Smith, also a native Texan and a highly esteemed citizen of Waller County. Her mother, Mrs. Emma (Berry) Smith, was a native of Ohio, and a member of a well known family of that State. Mr. and Mrs. Snelling reside at 1136 West Gray Avenue. Mr. Snelling is active in many of the commercial and social organizations of Houston and his church affiliation is with the Methodist faith. He is ambitious for his business and his city, and at all times puts forth his best efforts in the upbuilding of both.



**EMMETT MORSE**, one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, is looked upon by his associates as an expert in real estate matters. He served as Secretary of the Houston Real Estate Board from 1920 until 1923. His practical experience in the real estate field served him in good stead in handling the work of the real estate board. He began his business career in 1916 with his father, who is a prominent real estate man of Houston, and with whom he is still associated.

A native Texan, Mr. Morse was born April 8, 1896, in Houston. His father, H. D. Morse, is also a native born Houstonian. His mother was Miss Willie Eleanor Hensen, a native of the Lone Star State, and born in Austin, but had lived in Houston several years, where her father was a well known real estate dealer. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston, and started his business career in the real estate line in 1916, and on April 8, 1917, two days after war was declared, he entered the Officers' Training Camp at Leon Springs and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant and was later promoted to First Lieutenant. Mr. Morse served throughout the World War in various training camps, training men, and was discharged February 25, 1919.

Mr. Morse was married in Houston May 22, 1919, to Miss Eugenia Emerson Maddox, a member of an old and prominent family of Atlanta, Georgia. They have two children, Eugenia Maud and Robert Emmett Morse, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Morse reside at 1523 Nebraska Street. Mr. Morse is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in the Blue Lodge at Rockford, Illinois, having become affiliated with this order during the period of the war. He is a member of Washington Chapter of the A. F. and A. M. at Houston. He also holds membership in the Y. M. C. A., the Turnverein, the Real Estate Board and the Methodist Church. Mr. Morse is deservedly popular with the citizenship of Houston, and his success in this city is assured.



**K. SHACKLEFORD**, whose name for upwards of a decade, was of significance in manufacturing circles at Houston, during which time he was identified with the Structural Steel industry. The Houston Structural Steel Company, of which Mr. Shackelford was general manager was established in 1907, and had been in operation some four years at the time Mr. Shackelford assumed his connection with the company.

Mr. Shackelford was born at Bowling Green, Kentucky, in 1882, son of E. G. and Katy Shackelford, his father a landowner in that State. Mr. Shackelford attended public school, graduating from the high school at Bowling Green. He began his business career in the iron and steel business. He came to Texas in 1911, and spent the first two years in Dallas, coming to Houston, two years later, at which time the plant of the Houston Structural Steel Company was small, but so successful was his management that it rapidly grew to large proportions. Resigning his position with this company several years ago, he removed to California where he is now active in the business life there.

Mr. Shackelford was married at Dallas, in 1908, to Miss Rosy Dentinter, whose father is a well known ranch and cattle owner.



**F**S. VAN DYKE, prominent for many years in the various branches of the electrical industry, is sales manager of the Prest-o-Lite Company, Inc., of Indianapolis, Indiana, with Houston as headquarters, his territory covering Southeast Texas. The company handles the famous Prest-o-Lite batteries along with many other electrical products, and is probably the largest company, next to General Motors, engaged in the automobile business or allied lines. Mr. Van Dyke is regarded as one of the leaders in his line in South Texas, and with his experience is well fitted to handle the business of the company in this territory. Mr. Van Dyke came to Houston in 1909 and in 1914, established an auto electrical business in a very small way. From this small beginning Mr. Van Dyke steadily advanced, until today he stands in the front rank of the auto electrical business of South Texas.

Mr. Van Dyke was born in Carabelle, Florida, in 1883. His father, J. E. Van Dyke, was a native of Illinois, but lived the greater part of his life in California and Florida. His education was obtained in the public schools of California and Florida. Mr. Van Dyke, at an early age developed a liking for electrical work and studied this in Los Angeles, and while a very young man, entered the electrical department of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and remained in their employ for a period of seven years. During this time he worked on many large jobs along the line of this railroad, after which he traveled in many States and continued in this line of endeavor, and finally decided to locate in some good, live city and enter business for himself. He came to Houston and was employed for one year by the Southern Pacific Railroad here, and then established his first business, with a capital stock of \$10.00, but lots of pep and hopes, and with this as a capital made a success.

Mr. Van Dyke was married in Houston in June, 1919, to Mrs. Mary Gross Clayton, well known in Houston where she had resided for many years. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Van Dyke has made a host of friends, and believes that Houston is the best city, not only in the South, but in the entire United States, and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for the city of his adoption.

**W**ILLIAM L. ROTHERMEL, general manager of the Gulf Envelope Company, Inc., of Houston, has been identified with the business world at Houston for upward of five years. The Gulf Envelope Company was established and incorporated on the fifteenth of March, 1925, and is the only firm on the Gulf Coast manufacturing envelopes. The company makes all kinds of envelopes, and has a completely equipped plant at 520 Preston Avenue. The trade territory covered includes Texas, Louisiana, Mexico and Mississippi, at the present, with an expansion program that will make it possible to extend this territory in the future. Officers of the company are, Eugene Harms of St. Louis, president; Frank Love, vice president and W. F. Winn, secretary-treasurer.

William L. Rothermel was born at Connorsville, Indiana, the twenty-fifth of June, 1889, son of H. H. Rothermel and Emma (King) Rothermel, both natives of Indiana. He was educated in the schools of Indiana and engaged in business in that State for

some years after leaving school. During the World War he was in military service, and afterward came to Houston where he resumed his former position of general sales manager for the Southern Division of the American Writing Paper Company at Holyoke, Massachusetts, the largest manufacturers of printing papers in the world.

Mr. Rothermel was married at Birmingham, Alabama, the thirtieth of March, 1920, to Miss Ellen Barnett, daughter of Thomas Barnett, and Annie (Pinkston) Barnett, both natives of Alabama, in which state they reside. Mr. and Mrs. Rothermel reside at 803 Holmes Street, and have one child, William L., Jr. Mr. Rothermel belongs to the Rotary Club, the Advertising Club of Houston, the Episcopal Church and is an honorary member of the Houston and Galveston Typothetae.

**J**AMES A. PAINTER, who enjoys the distinction of being the veteran insurance man at Houston, in point of years spent in this business, is one of the widely known insurance men of Texas, and is not only a star producer, but is an authority on all insurance matters. Mr. Painter is a member of the firm of Painter, Reichman and Company, a partnership, composed of himself and Marion M. Reichman. Before the establishment of this firm in 1912, Mr. Painter had been associated with various insurance firms at Houston since 1887. The firm of Painter, Reichman and Company has a large local business, representing nine well known companies in Houston. These companies are: The Palatine Insurance Company, of London, England, the United States Fire Insurance Company, of New York, the Netherlands Insurance Company of Hague, Holland, the National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, Pa., the Dixie Fire Insurance Company, of Greensboro, North Carolina, the Niagara Fire Insurance Company, of New York, the Automobile Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn., the Federal Insurance Company, of New Jersey, and the Columbia Casualty Company, of New York. Offices are maintained in the Public Nat'l Bank Building, and a force of six employees assist Mr. Painter and Mr. Reichman in handling the very large business of the firm.

James A. Painter was born at Houston, Texas, the 14th of May, 1870, the son of W. A. Painter, a native of Mississippi, who came to Houston in 1868, and was a printer here until his death in 1874, and Martha Turner Painter, a native of Louisiana, and also deceased. Mr. Painter attended the public schools of Houston, later taking a business course at night school. He began in the insurance business in 1887, with the firm of R. L. Pollard, with whom he was associated until 1894, when he went with the late O. L. Cochran, remaining with him 16 years, and leaving to establish his present business in 1912.

Mr. Painter was married to Miss Lydia Buck, a native of Houston. They had one child, Elaine, wife of W. H. Chudleigh, and who has three children, Lydia Helen, James and W. H. Chudleigh, Jr. Mr. Painter has been a Knight of Pythias for thirty-one years, and is a past officer of all the important offices in the Texas Lodge, No. 1, of Lone Star Lodge No. 1, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and Treasurer of the Building Fund and on building committee, and has been a member of the Turnverein Club for a quarter of a century. Mr. Painter is one of the few living members of the Houston Volunteer Fire



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Department, being a member of Company Stonewall, No. 3. Mr. Painter is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, of Houston, where he has had his membership for three decades. Few men are better, or more favorably known at Houston than "Old Jim Painter," and he counts his friends in this city by the hundreds, as well as enjoys a wide acquaintance among insurance men of the State.

**T**HOMAS B. HAMILTON, veteran painting and decorating contractor at Houston, has for upwards of three decades been allied with building activities in this city, building up one of the largest businesses of this class. Mr. Hamilton is a member of the firm of Hamilton and Patrick, painting and decorating contractors, maintaining offices in the Larendon Building. The business is one of the largest in Houston, handling every kind of painting and decorating, including papering and interior decorating in all its branches. Mr. Hamilton has a well organized force, with some really expert workmen, and is equipped to handle a large volume of business. He gives special attention to fine residence work, and the decorating of beautiful homes. The firm also handles a large amount of commercial work, and has had charge of the decoration of a number of important buildings at Houston. A force of from twenty-five to thirty workmen is maintained at all times, all working under the direct supervision of either Mr. Hamilton, or his partner, George S. Patrick. Mr. Hamilton gives careful attention to all details, and the work done by this firm has won a universal reputation for reliability and quality.

Thomas B. Hamilton was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, the first of May, 1867, son of Benjamin Hamilton, a manufacturer of stoves and iron products, and Editha Hamilton. Mr. Hamilton was educated in the public schools of his native city, graduating from the Indianapolis High School. He spent the ensuing three years in railroad work in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, in the painting department. He came to Texas and Houston in 1889, and for a short time worked for various painters here. He then went in business for himself, and is the oldest painting contractor now in business in the city. Mr. Hamilton has made numerous real estate investments in Houston and owns a number of rent houses, residence lots and business properties here.

Mr. Hamilton was married at Houston, in 1905, to Miss Maggie Clay, daughter of Thomas Clay, for over three decades a boiler maker with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, and Mary Clay. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton make their home at 309 Taber Street, and have four children, Ruth, Albert, Melwood and Robert. Mr. Hamilton is a member of various fraternal orders, the Woodmen of the World and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. He also belongs to the Builders Exchange and takes an interested part in all activities incident to the development of Houston. Mr. Hamilton has many friends in Houston, is pleasant and agreeable, and has the respect not only of the builders, but of the entire city.

**J**AMES H. BLAKE, one of the younger progressive business men of Houston, has for the past several years been allied with the various commercial activities and is probably best known in the automobile fraternity, having for some time operated the Blake Auto and Supply Company. Winning a reputation for fair dealing in

all his affairs he has made many friends and is popular in business and social circles.

Mr. Blake is a native of Houston, his birth occurring in this city on the fifteenth day of August, 1897. His father, Dr. James H. Blake, for many years one of the prominent physicians of this city, was a factor in medical advancement until his death in 1905. His mother, before her marriage, Miss Jennie Harris Sudamore, is a native of the Lone Star State, and lived near Brenham as a girl. After finishing his education in the public schools of Houston. Mr. Blake spent several years in office work with various firms of the city, prior to going into business for himself.

He was united in marriage with Miss Morea Larendon, daughter of Dr. Geo. W. Larendon, a well known Houston physician. Mr. and Mrs. Blake reside at 2817 Main Street. Fraternally he is an Elk, and since his entrance into the business world has taken an active interest in civic development of his home city.

**A**LBERT J. HIMSTEDT, a native of Houston, Texas, as a very young man became a factor in the business life of his city, where he has succeeded in building up one of the largest establishments of its kind of South Texas. Mr. Himstedt owns and operates the Soda Fountain engineering and manufacturing plant bearing his name at 202 Preston Avenue. As a boy he worked for his father in the sheet metal business and entered actively into the business world when nineteen years of age, his father dying at that time. Gradually he changed his sheet metal business into the soda fountain industry. When he started in this business there were only a few soda fountains in Houston and his business, as he foresaw, has grown with the added demand of soda fountains, which have come into general use. In addition to the many fountains installed in this city, Mr. Himstedt has installed fountains in all portions of South Texas, having since 1916 devoted all his time and energy to the soda fountain industry.

Mr. Himstedt was born on June 7th, 1889. His father, William F. Himstedt (deceased), was also a native of Houston, Texas, where after reaching manhood became one of its leading business men. His mother, Mrs. Katie (Floek) Himstedt, was also a native of Houston, Texas, and was a member of one of South Texas' pioneer families. His education was obtained in the public schools of this city, which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world where he has achieved a signal success.

The Himstedt home is located at 2120 Hamilton Street. He is a member of the Modern Order of Praetorians, the American Insurance Union, the National Association of Practical Refrigerating Engineers and other fraternal, technical and social organizations, in all of which he takes a keen interest. He is a member of the Lutheran Church—this being the faith of his forebears. Mr. Himstedt has throughout his life been active in all civic movements for the good and advancement of his city, giving of his time and means to all projects having as their object the upbuilding of Houston. He has great faith in the future of South Texas and believes that this section is entering into an era of great prosperity along all lines, and that the future of Houston is assured as the greatest business city of the entire Southwest.





**EDWIN M. ALLISON**, of the younger generation of Houston business men, has become well entrenched in his field in this city. Mr. Allison is manager of the Houston office of W. W. Overton and Company, brokers for the Imperial Sugar Company, and maintains offices in the First National Bank Building. The other members of the firm are W. W. Overton, and W. W. Overton, Jr. Mr. Allison and his organization are assisting materially in the popularizing of the well known brand of sugar refined by the Imperial Sugar Company of Sugar Land, Texas. One of Mr. Allison's tasks is to correct the more or less prevalent idea that sugar is sugar. As a matter of fact there probably is as much difference in sugars as there is in any other food products. The sugars marketed by the Imperial Sugar Company are all the very best, and the trade realizing this, has caused an increased demand for these particular products.

Edwin M. Allison was born in Houston the twentieth of October, 1892, son of W. H. Allison, a native of Ohio, who came to Houston in 1890 and has since resided here. Mr. Allison was educated in the public schools of Beaumont, and after a brief business career entered military service, in May, 1917, in the First Officers' Training Camp, at Leon Springs. He was commissioned Lieutenant and sent to Arizona, and was stationed at San Antonio and in Arizona throughout the war, receiving his discharge at San Antonio in June, 1919. After leaving the army Mr. Allison spent some time with Otis and Company, Stock Brokers in Cleveland, Ohio, prior to returning to Houston and entering the automobile industry. For several years he was vice-president and general manager of the Seven One Seven Service Company, Inc., and maintained one of the best service stations in this city. After the disastrous fire that destroyed his place of business at the corner of Fannin Street and Dallas Avenue he decided to change his field of activities and became associated with W. W. Overton and Company as manager of the Houston office.

Mr. Allison was married the twenty-seventh of January, 1922, to Miss Gertrude Mae Atkins, of Cleveland, the wedding occurring in that city. They have since made their home in Houston. Mr. Allison takes a deep interest in the development of Houston, and is one of those progressive young business men who achieve distinction through real ability and determination.



**E. CARROLL** has a broad knowledge of the principles that govern organization and as secretary of the Houston Labor and Trades Council has demonstrated a genius along other lines than his secretarial duties. The Houston Labor and Trades Council was organized in 1881, and the members of organized labor in the city now numbers upward from twelve thousand, with about seventy organized labor unions. Their office is located at 513 San Jacinto Street, in the Labor Temple. A new building for the Houston Labor and Trades Council is contemplated for the near future. Other officers of this Council are: L. M. Andler, president; Henry Puls, vice president, and E. A. Baumgartner, treasurer.

Mr. Carroll was born in Schenectady, New York, in 1881. His father, Patrick Carroll, was a well known breeder and raiser of fancy driving and

ing horses, all of which were high class, blooded animals. His mother was Miss Rebecca Lavery. Mr. Carroll's education was obtained in the public and high schools of Schenectady, New York. Mr. Carroll began his business career while yet a boy as a pattern maker in wood, and continued in this work for several years when he was made manager of the pattern department of the Calhoun Pattern Works of Houston, and continued in this position for five years, when he went with the Calhoun Pattern, Foundry and Machine Company as manager of the pattern department of this large company. He remained in this position for a period of four years when he resigned in order to accept his present position. Mr. Carroll has been secretary of the Houston Labor and Trades Council for the past eight years, and the Council has grown and prospered under his secretaryship.

Mr. Carroll was married at Parsons, Kansas, in 1908, to Miss Bessie Callen, a daughter of Joe Callen and Arvilla Callen, pioneer farmers and land owners of Kansas. They have two children—Kathrine, eleven years of age, and William Edward, aged nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll reside at 1109 Rutland Street. Mr. Carroll has achieved a great deal along the line of assisting the working people of Houston. He has the deepest interest in the man who aspires to better his condition, and is at all times ready and willing to render helpful service to his fellow man.

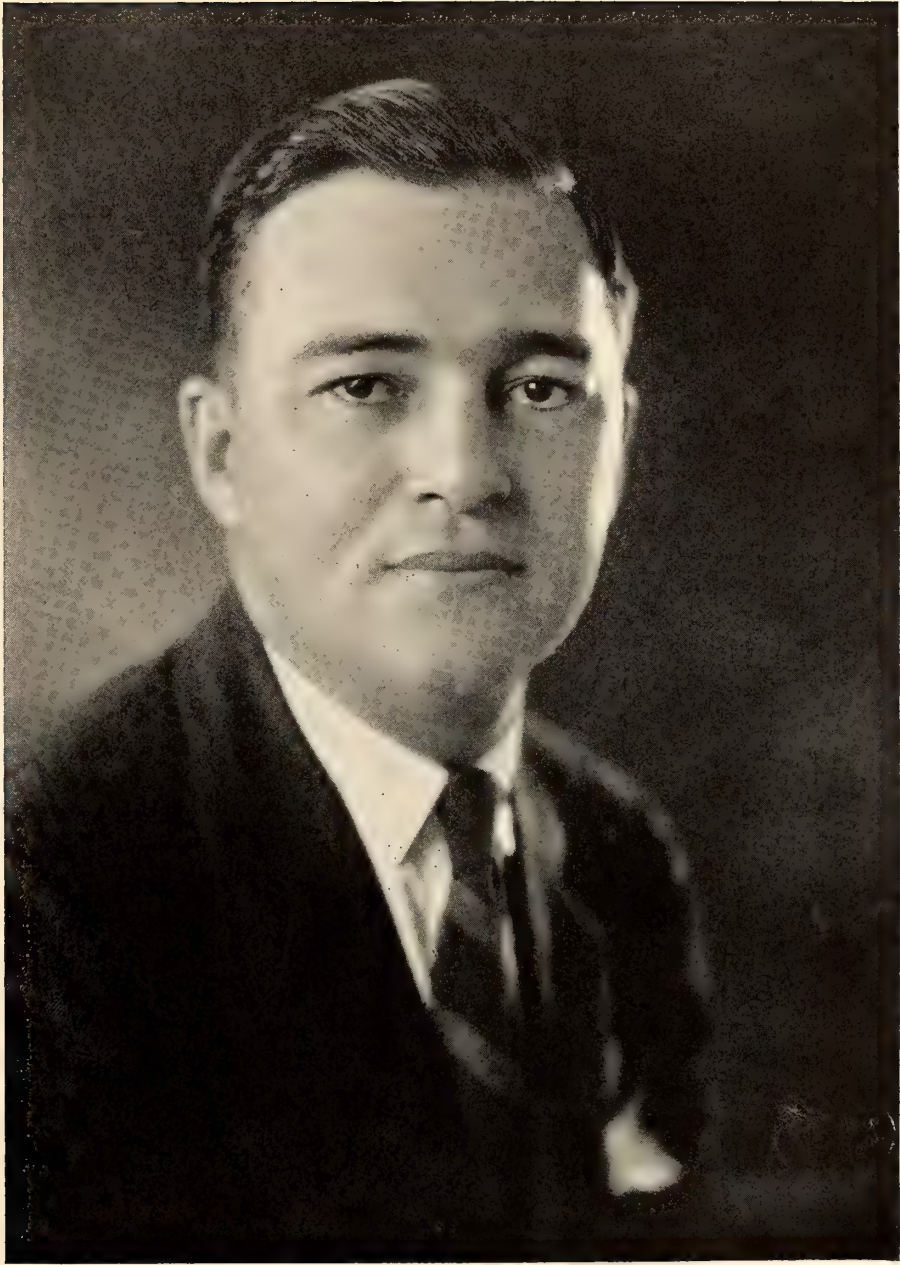


**E WOOD** has had a wide, varied and successful business career, and as secretary, treasurer and manager of the Logan Candy Company of Houston, has had an important part in shaping the destinies of that company. This business was founded in 1918, but was only doing a local business and in 1922, the present owners took charge and they now have a large manufacturing and jobbing business. The Logan Candy Company manufacture a complete line of staple candies and employ from thirty to thirty-five people, and their salesmen cover all the territory within a radius of two hundred miles of Houston. Their plant, which is located at 2102-4-6-8 North Main Street, has a floor space of eighty thousand square feet. This company started business on a small scale and have found it necessary to increase their floor space three different times, and their capacity has doubled during the year 1923. Other officers of the Logan Candy Company are E. S. Wood, president, who is active in the business, and H. L. Robertson, vice president, who is also president of the Houston Base Ball Association, and both are well known in the business circles of Houston and South Texas.

A native Texan, Mr. Wood was born in McClellan County. His father, Edmond S. Wood, has for many years been active in the business circles of Houston and is now president of the Logan Candy Company and was the organizer of this company. His mother was Miss Laura Slavens, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His early education was obtained in the public schools in various portions of the state and later he became a student of the University of Texas.

After finishing college, Mr. Wood started his business career with the Grace Steamship Company of New York, and remained with this company in New York for a period of ten years, starting as trav-





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eling salesman, later department manager. He then went to the West Indies, where he remained for several years and returned to Houston in 1921 and entered the real estate business, specializing in subdivisions, and with his father opened up Ridgewood, and in 1922 took over the management of his present business. Mr. Wood is still largely interested in Houston real estate, and is the owner of some very choice residence property here, also other classes of real estate in the city. The Wood home is located at 103 Morris Street. Mr. Wood is a member of the Rotary Club and takes an active interest in this organization, and in the business, social and general community life of Houston, where he is regarded as one of the city's progressive citizens.



**CLAUDE E. BELK**, city manager of Houston, was appointed to this important office June 1st, 1921, and as Houston's first city manager, his administration has been noteworthy, particularly along economical lines. Mr. Belk has charge of all city property and the buying of all equipment for the various departments, which naturally makes the position of city manager one of the most important of the city, and in reality, he attends to the business end of Houston. Prior to becoming city manager of Houston, Mr. Belk had a wonderful field in which to obtain an experience which would be of great value to him in his present position with the municipality of Houston. For five years Mr. Belk was purchasing agent for the Sinclair Oil Company, one of the largest oil companies operating in Texas, and this experience has been a valuable asset to him as well as to the city of Houston, where his administration has been one of great accomplishment. Mr. Belk's office is located at the city hall where he has a complete and efficient organization.

A native Texan, Mr. Belk was born at Corrigan, May 17th, 1891. His father, W. M. Belk, a native of Alabama, came to Grimes County, Texas, in the early days and in 1903 removed to Houston and later Sour Lake, Texas, and after a few years returned to Houston, where he is now residing, having retired from active business pursuits which he had followed along various lines. His mother was Miss Safronia Wise, a native of Grimes County, Texas where she was a member of a well known pioneer family. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston, where he graduated from the latter and then attended a business college, where he finished the prescribed course.

After leaving college, Mr. Belk began his business career with the Gulf Coast Lines, where he was secretary to the assistant president for five years when he became purchasing agent for the Sinclair Oil Company and remained with this company for a period of five years, when he was appointed city manager of Houston, where his regime has given complete satisfaction to the citizenship of the South Texas metropolis. Mr. Belk was married in Houston, April 28th, 1915, to Miss Ella Louise Schallies, a native of Seguin, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Belk reside at 4315 Roseland Avenue. Mr. Belk is a member of the A. F. & A. M. with membership in Temple Lodge of Houston and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite Body of this order, having received to the 18th degree in Hous-

ton and to the 32nd degree in Galveston. He is also a member of the Purchasing Agents' Association, the Kiwanis Club and the Turnverein Club. Mr. Belk, during his residence of more than twenty years in Houston, has made many friends in the business and social circles of the city, where he is regarded as a man of sound judgment, fully competent in every way to manage the responsible position he holds with the leading city of the Southwest.



**CLARENCE E. WADEMAN**, one of the younger member of the business fraternity of Houston, Texas, has for many years been an active figure in the floral business of this city. He began his career in the floral business some time before finishing his college courses, and has been continuously engaged in this line of activity since that time. Mr. Wademan is president and general manager of Wademan's, Retail Florists, which was established in October, 1923, and carry a large and complete stock of the best flowers and plants that may be obtained in Houston. Wademan's, which is located at 3106 Main Street, is a very beautiful store, where judgment and taste in the decorator's art are perceptible on every hand. Six experienced people are employed at this floral establishment, and where courteous treatment and good service are the watch words. Other officers of Wademan's are E. A. Hester and W. M. White, vice presidents; A. E. Schumacher, treasurer, and John T. Scott, Jr., secretary. Since this store was opened to the public, it has built up a splendid trade, and is known as a very high class flower shop. Mr. Wademan came to Houston for the purpose of attending the Rice Institute, and while he was a student at this institution, he began work for the Carroll Floral Company, and continued in the service of this company during the entire period in which he was attending school, working a part of each day. After receiving his degree from the Rice Institute and the liking for the floral business had grown on him, he became associated with the Carroll Floral Company, devoting his entire time to this business for two years, when he saw the possibilities of the floral business in Houston and organized the present company, known as Wademan's.

Mr. Wademan was born at Wayland, Michigan, on December 4th, 1899. His father, F. A. Wademan, also a native of Michigan, is well known in the railroad circles of both Michigan and Texas. He has been a resident of Houston for several years, and is loud in his praise of Texas and this city. Mr. Clarence E. Wademan's early education was obtained in the schools of his native state, and of Temple, Texas, where he graduated from the high school in the latter place. He then became a student of the Rice Institute and remained in this institution for a period of four years, when he graduated in the class of 1921 with the A. B. degree.

Since coming to Houston, Mr. Wademan has been active in the business and social life of this city and is vice president of the Salesmanship Club, vice president of the Exchange Club, and secretary of the Florist's Association. He is a member of many of the social organizations of the city, where he is well known and popular. Mr. Wademan resides at 401 Omar Street. He is enthusiastic as to the future of Houston and believes that this city will soon become the metropolis of the Southwest.



**D**AMON WELLS, although one of the younger members of the real estate fraternity of Houston, has entered into the spirit of the South Texas metropolis, and has made rapid strides toward the forefront of leading real estate men here. Starting in the real estate business in 1919, Mr. Wells met with unusual success in the financing and building of homes and business properties. In 1924 his company was incorporated under the name of the Damon Wells Company, with a capital stock of \$250,000.00. The officers of the company are: Damon Wells, president; T. B. Blanchard, vice president, and B. N. Russell, secretary. Some of the best known and most influential men of Houston comprise the board of directors. The company specializes in the rediscounting of first lien mortgage notes, financing of homes and downtown business property, and the building, financing and leasing of warehouses and business locations.

A native Texan, Mr. Wells was born at Liberty, April 26th, 1896. His father, the late Dr. J. M. Wells, was for eighteen years city physician at Liberty, and at the time of his death was engaged in active practice in Houston. His mother, prior to her marriage, was Miss Minnie Damon, a native of the Lone Star State, and a descendant of Daniel Boone. His education was obtained in the public schools of Richmond, Texas, and the high school at San Antonio. Later he entered the University of Texas and was for three years a student of this institution, and left the university in order to enter the World War, which he did in 1918, and was assigned to the Motor Transport Corps at Fort Sam Houston. Later he was transferred to Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He entered the army as a private and was discharged a private in May, 1919. Mr. Wells resides with his mother at 2906 Fannin Street. He is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, the University Club, and the Houston Real Estate Board. He is a member of the Baptist Church.

Mr. Wells takes an active interest in all matters having to do with the civic improvement, advancement and progress of Houston and expects to see this city make great strides during the next few years. Mr. Wells has achieved success in his chosen work, and has made a name among his associates and clients for his straightforward methods.

**R**W MACKIE, who has made Houston his home and business headquarters for the past several years, enjoys the distinction of being the only commercial aviator in the city who has made a success of commercial flying, and his activities in this field have won him more than local prominence. Mr. Mackie was first attracted to the possibilities of commercial aviation in 1919, at which time he began doing commercial work at Houston. Since that time, he has built up a large and successful business in this field and makes flights daily. Mr. Mackie does all kinds of commercial flying, specializing in aerial advertising, aerial advertising by "bombing" and other advertising work. He also handles a great deal of aerial photographic work, taking photographs of cities, plants, oil fields and makes aerial maps, showing cities, development work and other work of this nature. Mr. Mackie uses Curtis Oriole planes for his work and is regarded as one of the most competent aviators in this section.

R. W. Mackie was born at West Branch, Michigan, the third of March, 1898, the son of James T. Mackie, a millwright and saw mill mechanic. He lived at West Branch until he was six years old, when the family moved to Bellingham, Washington, where his father built a number of mills and where he made his home for ten years. Mr. Mackie received his early education in the public schools of Bellingham, and later attended Columbia College, at New Westminster, British Columbia. For a while after leaving school, Mr. Mackie was variously engaged, but his ambition was to become an aviator, and he enlisted in the army in order to receive his training. He enlisted as a private in the Aviation Corps, in 1916, at San Diego, California, later becoming a cadet, and in 1918 being commissioned second lieutenant, at Americus, Georgia. He received his training at the best schools in the army and during the war was an instructor at Kelly Field. He was discharged in August, 1919, and came to Houston to enter commercial aviation.

Mr. Mackie was married at San Diego, California, the fifth of September, 1917, to Miss Mildred Logan, of Los Angeles. They now make their home in Houston, at 1205 Willard Avenue, and have one child, Bettina, born at San Antonio, the seventeenth of April, 1919. Mr. Mackie is well known for his many activities in the field of aviation, and besides his commercial flying, holds other positions in this line. He is captain in the new Aerial Squadron of the Texas National Guards, formed at Houston, and is regarded as the most competent flyer in this squadron. He is aeronautical editor for the Houston Chronicle, and has done much to advance aviation in this section, especially from a commercial standpoint.

**M**. GLOVER has for the past several years taken a leading part in the development and upbuilding of Houston, and his name carries a prestige that has made it known in the architectural profession throughout the state. Mr. Glover came to Houston in 1920, and since that time has planned and supervised the construction of many fine apartment houses, residences, schools, business houses, and other buildings. Mr. Glover gives especial attention to the planning and supervision of schools, colleges, banks, churches and office buildings, and has done much school work outside of Houston, in a territory covering South Central Texas. He now has on hand over half a million dollars worth of construction, and is supervising the building of a number of fine structures in the city and in surrounding towns. Mr. Glover supervised the construction of the Great Southern Building, one of the fine office buildings of Houston.

Mr. Glover was born at Ashlay, Illinois, in 1880, son of John E. Glover, a mill wright, engaged in the construction of mills and factories, and Volley Cochran Glover. Mr. Glover was educated in the schools near his home, and after finishing there attended Georgia Technical Institute, at Atlanta, for two years. He began his career as an architect at Brownwood, where he spent four years, then coming to Fort Worth and engaging in this profession for eight years. Following this, he spent two years in New Mexico, at which time the war intervened and he enlisted the twentieth of July, 1917, and was sent to Fort Logan and later to Camp Humphreys,





Damon Wells





*Charles W Webb.*

Virginia, then back to Fort Logan, in the Engineering Corps. He was discharged the twelfth of January, 1919, with the commission of lieutenant. Shortly after being mustered out, he came to Houston and has since engaged in his profession in this city.

Mr. Glover was married at Austin, Texas, the second of August, 1916, to Miss Bertha Phillips, daughter of J. M. Phillips, a well known land owner. Mr. and Mrs. Glover make their home in Houston, at 1618 Westheimer Avenue. Mr. Glover is a Mason.

**C**HARLES W. WEBB came to Houston several years ago, since which time he has been a factor in the manufacturing business, specializing in galvanized iron products. Mr. Webb is president and manager of the Western Metal Manufacturing Company, a large industrial plant specializing in galvanized corrugated culverts, flumes, siphons, tanks, stock troughs and irrigation gates. The plant is located on the North Side, on Maubry Road and was built by the company and completed in June, 1925. It is modern in every way with over eleven thousand square feet in size. In addition to the Houston plant, the Western Metal Manufacturing Company also has a plant in El Paso, established in 1910, but has maintained the main office in Houston since acquiring the plant of the Lone Star Culvert Company in 1919. The Houston plant has a force of twenty employees, and handles all business in Southeast Texas, the El Paso plant employing around fifteen employees and taking care of the business in West Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Mexico. Officers of the Western Metal Manufacturing Company are Charles W. Webb, the subject of this sketch, president and manager of the Houston plant; C. L. Gregory, vice president and manager of the El Paso plant, and A. L. Wright, of Houston, secretary and treasurer. In manufacturing the various products, the Western Metal Manufacturing Company uses Armco Ingot Iron, a nationally advertised product of the American Rolling Mills Company, of Middletown, Ohio, a corporation specializing in the manufacture of a rust resisting product. The plants at Houston and El Paso are modernly equipped, manufacturing from this material a finished product that is giving excellent satisfaction to hundreds of users in Texas and adjoining states.

Charles W. Webb was born at Fallon, Nevada, the fourteenth of December, 1892, the son of the late George W. Webb, for many years a prominent ranchman of Nevada. Mr. Webb received his education largely in the schools of Reno, Nevada, later entering a business college in California where he equipped himself for his practical business career. Finishing there he began with the California Corrugated Culvert Company of Californai, remaining with that company for twelve and one-half years, during which time he became thoroughly familiar with the manufacture of galvanized products. In April, 1922, he came to Houston as vice president of the Western Metal Manufacturing Company, and in January, 1924, was made president of the same company, which position he now holds.

Mr. Webb was married the tenth of June, 1924, at Houston, to Miss Hazel Keeler, a native of Texas. They reside in Houston. Mr. Webb belongs to the City County Club, the Houston Club, and is a Mason, Blue Lodge No. 378, of California, thirty-second

degree Scottish Rite, and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston. As a manufacturer he is a factor in determining the growth of Houston as a commercial center, and is taking an active part in development work along this line.



**G**EORGE W. CLEVELAND, JR., has since coming to Houston in 1913 been an active figure in lumber circles of this city. He is a manufacturer and wholesale lumber dealer. Mr. Cleveland sells to the wholesale trade only and deals in railroad ties, piling and bridge timbers, yellow pine and hardwood lumber, red cedar shingles, and Texas Mountain Cedar. He is the exclusive agent and distributor for the E. L. Bruce Company, Memphis, Tennessee, the largest manufacturers of oak flooring in the world, and also represents the Southern Pine Lumber Company, Texarkana, Texas, in this territory. Mr. Cleveland operates three mills for hardwood and exports lumber to Europe and Mexico. He maintains his office at 202-3 Larendon Building.

Mr. Cleveland was born at Neosho, Missouri, on March 7th, 1886. His father, George W. Cleveland, Sr., has been engaged in the lumber business all his life and is now in this business at Lufkin, Texas, where he is well known in the lumber circles. His mother was before marriage Miss Elizabeth Rhea, a member of a prominent Missouri family. His education was obtained in schools of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and the University of Arkansas. After leaving the University, Mr. Cleveland was employed by the Fort Smith Wagon Company at Fort Smith, Arkansas. After a few years, he went to South Arkansas where for four years he was engaged in the manufacture of hardwood and pine lumber. In 1909 he went with the National Lumber and Creosoting Company of Texarkana and after two years came to Houston where he was superintendent of the tie department of the National Lumber and Creosoting Company. He became associated with the J. M. West lumber interests here in 1915 and remained with these interests for six years, became interested in a financial way and later became vice president of the South Texas Hardwood Company. In 1921 he began his present business, and in September, 1923, incorporated same as the Cleveland Lumber Company, having associated with him in this company, Messrs. D. O. Bayless of Cisco, H. F. Schall of Houston, and H. H. Rogers of San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Cleveland was married in Texarkana, Texas, in 1911 to Miss Lucie Mabry, a daughter of General Haywood Mabry, who was Adjutant General of the State of Texas under Governors Culberson and Hogg, and was Colonel of the First Texas Volunteers during the Spanish-American war and died in Cuba during that war. They have three children—George W. Cleveland, 3rd, ten years of age; Barbara Mabry, seven years old, and Allen Rhea, aged five years. Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland reside at 1407 Marshall Avenue. Mr. Cleveland is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and the Lumbermen's Club. There are few men who have had the wide and varied experience in the various departments of the lumber industry that Mr. Cleveland has had, and he knows lumber as few men know it. Since coming to Houston, he has made a host of friends in the city and in the whole of Texas, and has built up a splendid business by his fair dealing, and personal attention to the details of same.



**W**ALLACE C. O'LEARY, forceful and progressive young business man of Houston, has been a factor in the commercial life here, and has been identified with hotel operations throughout his past career in this city. He is president of the Warwick, Incorporated, operating company of the Warwick, Houston's largest and most beautiful apartment hotel, costing about two million dollars. The Warwick was completed in February, 1926, and has one hundred and fifty-three apartments, beautifully furnished and equipped. Not only is the Warwick a splendid addition to the beautiful buildings of this city, but is the largest and finest apartment hotel in Texas. Mr. O'Leary has made every effort to give this hotel every modern convenience known in this field. The apartments have from one to six rooms. Sixty thoroughly trained attaches are at the service of the guests, including maid and valet service. The building has a commissary, drug store and beauty parlor for the convenience of the guests. The refrigeration and cooling system is of the latest device, and running ice water is found in each apartment. At any time, and within a few minutes, ice may be made in the refrigerators of the apartments. The ballroom is found on the eleventh floor, and is enclosed with glass and is used summer and winter. The dining room is also located on this floor. In an adjoining building is found a modern garage, well equipped to take care of one hundred and twenty-five automobiles. Mr. O'Leary is also president of the Sam Houston Hotel Company, operators of the Sam Houston Hotel, built in 1924, at a cost of about one million dollars. Mr. O'Leary was largely responsible for the erection of this modern downtown hostelry at the corner of San Jacinto and Prairie Avenue. The building is of reinforced concrete with exterior of face brick trimmed in stone, and has two hundred and twenty-five rooms with bath. Every modern improvement known to experts on hotel construction is found in this hotel. Mr. O'Leary personally opened and managed the Sam Houston Hotel until taking over the personal operation of the Warwick. His associates, Messrs. J. S. Mickelson and G. G. Hall are now the managers of the Sam Houston Hotel. Mr. O'Leary took over the management of the Bristol Hotel in February, 1919, which in association with Mr. J. S. Mickelson and G. G. Hall he operated until August, 1925, at which time he sold same to Mr. Ben S. Scott.

Mr. O'Leary was born at New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1892. His father, Wallace O'Leary, was a native of Houston, and spent his life in this city, with the exception of a period of several years at New Orleans. During the latter part of his life he was a hotel man, and Mr. O'Leary, the subject of this sketch, gained his early business experience with his father, assisting in the operation of a chain of small hotels. His mother, prior to her marriage, Miss Zanetta Wilson, is also a native of Houston.

Mr. O'Leary was married at Houston, Texas, in 1920, to Miss Francis Dennis, a native of this city. Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary reside at the Warwick, and have one child, Suzanne. Mr. O'Leary is a member of the Houston, and American Hotel Associations, and is a director of the Yellow Cab Company. Fraternally he is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Gray No. 329, 32nd degree Scottish Rite, a member of Arabia Temple Shrine, and the Elks of Houston.

**R**H. MOFFATT, well known to the traveling public in Texas, is Manager of the Cotton Hotel of Houston, one of the largest and finest exclusive European plan hotels in South Texas. Mr. Moffatt, with James E. Daley, President and Manager of the Bender Hotel, are the lessees of the Cotton Hotel. This hotel was constructed in 1912 and 1913, when it was furnished by Daley and Moffatt, who gave their personal attention and supervision to all the details. They carried out many ideas for the comfort of guests, that have come to them in the many years of observation and effort in the fields, and was opened to the public March 1, 1913. The Cotton Hotel, located at 1018 Rusk Avenue, is a magnificent structure of eleven floors, and absolutely fire-proof. It contains one hundred and seventy elegantly furnished rooms; one hundred and sixty of which are equipped with private bath. The Cotton Hotel is conducted entirely on the European plan, and employ thirty-five people to look after the comfort of their guests.

A native Texan, Mr. Moffatt was born in Austin in 1882. His father, John S. Moffatt, came to Texas from New York in the early seventies. Mr. Moffatt's education was obtained in the public schools of Austin.

Mr. Moffatt came to Houston in 1900 and was associated with the Logan Hotel, now the Brazos Hotel, where he remained for two years. He then went with the old Rice Hotel as night clerk, and later was made Assistant Manager, and still later was made Manager in entire control, and remained with the old Rice Hotel until the building was razed in order to erect the splendid edifice now on that site. He then went with the Brazos Hotel as Manager, where he remained for six months, and when the Cotton Hotel was completed and ready for occupancy, Mr. Moffatt, with James E. Daley, leased it. He has successfully managed it since that time. Mr. Moffatt is also part owner in the Crosby Hotel at Beaumont, the O'Neill at Palestine and the Broadway at Hot Springs, Arkansas. These hotels are operated by the Daley-Moffatt Hotel Company. He was married in Houston in 1917 to Miss Mae F. Groth, a member of a well known Houston family. They have three children, Robbie Mae, Mary Jane and Robert Holman, Junior. Mr. Moffatt and his family reside at the Cotton Hotel. He is a member of both the State and City Hotel Associations. Mr. Moffatt has great faith in the future of Houston and considers that it has unlimited possibilities for continued growth and advancement.

**A**RTHUR D. BOICE of Houston, Texas, is well known in the financial and commercial circles of this city where he has since 1917 been actively engaged in the building and development industries. Mr. Boice is the president of the Hearthstone Company, Inc., designers and builders of homes, which was organized here in 1921. This organization has built many of the beautiful and palatial homes of Houston, which will ever remain as monuments to their skill as builders. All architectural work, together with plans, also the contracting end of the business, is worked out and carried to completion in the offices here. The Hearthstone Company, Inc., owns and operates its own lumber yard, supplying all classes of building materials. It also owns the property where the plant and offices are located at Clay Avenue and





Wallace E. O'Leary





*E. J. Bond.*



Paige Street. This company employs an average of fifteen people in the operation of their business. The company owns the Cotswold Court. This addition is unique in that it is the only one of the entire state to be restricted to English style of architecture in its homes. The Hearthstone Company is also the agent for several Nationally-advertised home conveniences, numbered among which is the Donley Bros. Company, whose products are fine fire-place equipment and the Richard Wilcox Company, manufacturers of airway windows and hardware. Other officers of this company are: J. T. Wamble, vice president, and C. R. Wamble, secretary and treasurer.

A native Texan, Mr. Boice was born at Jefferson on September 4th, 1887. His father, D. E. Boice (deceased), was a native of Illinois as was also his mother, Mrs. Minnie (Armstrong) Boice. His early education was obtained in the schools of the Lone Star State after which he attended school at Lawrenceville, New Jersey, later becoming a student of Princeton University. After leaving college, Mr. Boice immediately entered the lumber industry of Texas, soon thereafter organizing the Houston Ship Building Company, building ships for the United States government. He continued in the ship building business until the organization of his present building business.

Mr. Boice was married at Denison, Texas, on April 11th, 1912, to Miss Mary Van Every Platter, a daughter of Frank Platter, a native of Missouri. They have three children: David, Edward Henry, and Arthur D. Boice, Jr., all of whom are at home with parents. Mr. and Mrs. Boice reside at 5401 Crawford Street. Mr. Boice is a member of the A. F. and A. M., the University Club, the Houston Country Club and Christ Church.

**EDWARD J. BOND**, one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, has during the building activities in this city, been a potent factor in supplying the demand for builder's hardware, etc., which has been required. Mr. Bond was secretary and manager of the C. L. and Theo. Bering, Jr., Inc., which was the largest retail hardware store in Houston, established in 1895 and incorporated in 1905. The firm was located at 1016 Preston Street, and carried a large and complete line of shelf hardware, builder's hardware, house furnishings, sporting goods, marine supplies, in fact everything found in a modern hardware store. Since the disastrous fire that wiped out his business Mr. Bond has not engaged in the hardware line again, but devotes his time to his personal affairs.

A native Texan, Mr. Bond was born in Houston in 1897. His father, Robert A. Bond, was engaged in the hardware business all his life in Galveston and Houston. He came in the C. L. and Theo. Bering, Jr., Inc., in 1897, and retired from active business pursuits in 1921, and died in February, 1923. His mother was Miss Mary Ellen Flanagan, a member of a pioneer Texas family. The public and high schools of Houston supplied the foundation for Mr. Bond's education and a special business course which he completed in 1916 provided him with his early business training.

Mr. Bond came into the firm of C. L. and Theo. Bering, Jr., Inc., in 1917, and in 1921 was made manager of the establishment. Mr. Bond was mar-

ried in Houston in 1918 to Miss Marie Lena Reed, a daughter of T. G. Reed, well known in the lumber circles of South Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Bond reside at 705 West Main Street. Mr. Bond is a member of the Houston Yacht Club, the Kodak Canoe Club and the Kiwanis. He is active in the social and civic associations of Houston, and is a worker in all agencies projected for the greater development and progress of his city.




**P. HAYES**, although one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, Texas, he has succeeded in building up a large and prosperous business for the company which he represents in this territory. Mr. Hayes has been the general agent of the Felt and Tarrant Manufacturing Company, manufacturers of comptometer machines for the Southern half of Texas with Houston headquarters for three years. The company also maintains an office in San Antonio, Texas, which is also under the supervision of Mr. Hayes. This company was established in Chicago in 1885, where offices and factory are still maintained, besides having branch offices in all the principal cities of the United States and also in many foreign countries. In addition to manufacturing and selling comptometer calculating machines, the Felt and Tarrant Manufacturing Company operate schools for the training of comptometer operators in their many sales offices. The purpose of these schools is to furnish trained operators for their many customers, the comptometer machine being practically without value unless a trained operator to use same. The Houston branch of this company was opened here about fifteen years ago. Their offices are located in the Standard Printing Building.

A native of Louisiana, Mr. Hayes was born at Ellis on April 21st, 1895. His father, I. F. Hayes, also a native of Louisiana, is well known in the business circles of that state. His mother, Mrs. Salina (Tobey) Hayes, was a member of a pioneer Texas family. His education was obtained in the public schools of the Lone Star State. His first employment in his business career was with the Brown Cracker and Candy Company at Dallas, Texas, where he served as assistant cashier of that organization for two years. He then became associated with the Felt and Tarrant Manufacturing Company, as a salesman at Fort Worth, Texas. He was promoted to various positions with this company until he reached his present position, which is one of the most important in the Southwestern territory. Mr. Hayes has been associated with this company for more than seven years.

Mr. Hayes was married at Killeen, Texas, on August 13th, 1916, to Miss Vesta Jane Morrow, a daughter of R. O. Morrow, well known in the commercial circles of Bell County. Her mother, Mary (Morrow), was a member of a pioneer Texas family. Mr. and Mrs. Hayes reside at 1240 West Gray Street. Mr. Hayes is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Arabia Temple Shrine and the Consistory of Dallas, Texas. He also holds membership in many other organizations of the city and state, in all of which he takes a keen interest. His church affiliation is with the Baptist faith. Mr. Hayes has made a host of friends in the Houston territory, which is shown in the vast increase of sales of the product of his company.



## MEN OF TEXAS

 **A. PHILLIPS**, head of the firm of J. A. Phillips Company, certified public accountants, has been a resident of this city for the past five years. He came to Houston in charge of the office of Ernst and Ernst, public accountants, with whom he was associated until organizing his own firm. Mr. Phillips has had a wide experience in every branch of accountancy, first entering the business as a banking auditor and then entering the state comptroller's office, and from there into strictly public accounting. He was associated with Ernst and Ernst for nine years, coming to Houston from Waco, where he had been in charge of the company's offices. The J. A. Phillips Company is conveniently located in the Second National Bank Building.

A native Texan, Mr. Phillips was born at Holland, March 31st, 1892. His father, J. M. Phillips, a native of Georgia, resided for many years in Texas, where he was engaged in farming. His mother was, prior to her marriage, Miss Carrie Williams, a native of Georgia also. His education was obtained in the public schools of Waco, Texas. After leaving school, Mr. Phillips worked for two years in a bank at Pendleton, Texas, where he was assistant cashier.

Mr. Phillips was married at Waco, Texas, in 1911, to Miss Edna Gilmore, a member of a well known Texas family. They have three children, Ruth, Jay and Bill. Mr. and Mrs. Phillips reside at 2611 Hopkins Street. Mr. Phillips holds membership in the Kiwanis Club, Houston Club, Houston Country Club, Lumbermen's Club, Salesmanship Club, B. P. O. E., and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Phillips has made many friends since coming to Houston, where he is a recognized authority on all matters relating to the accounting profession. He believes that within a few years that Houston, with her wonderful advantages, will take her place as the leading city of the entire Southwest.



**H. MASSEY, JR.** is well known to the men's clothing trade of Houston, where, prior to becoming vice president and general manager of the Landers Company, Inc., he was connected with other large clothing establishments in the city. The Landers Company, Inc., located at 405 Main Street with side entrance at 1006 Preston Avenue, is one of the largest establishments of its kind in Houston and is regarded as the most up-to-date men's store in the city. This firm was established as Landers and Green and incorporated in 1920 under the name of Landers Company, Inc., by the present owners. The firm of Landers Company, Inc. carry a large and complete line of men's and boys' clothing, hats and furnishings; all of which is very high class merchandise. They also maintain a kiddie barber shop, which is the most popular place in Houston with the children desiring to have their hair trimmed. Other officers of the Landers Company, Inc. are Sewell Myer, president. Mr. Myer is city attorney and one of the best known lawyers in South Texas. Lamar W. Davis is secretary and treasurer. Thirty-two experienced and courteous people are employed here to care for the growing patronage.

Mr. Massey was born in Tampa, Florida, in 1894. His father, W. H. Massey, was a native of Florida

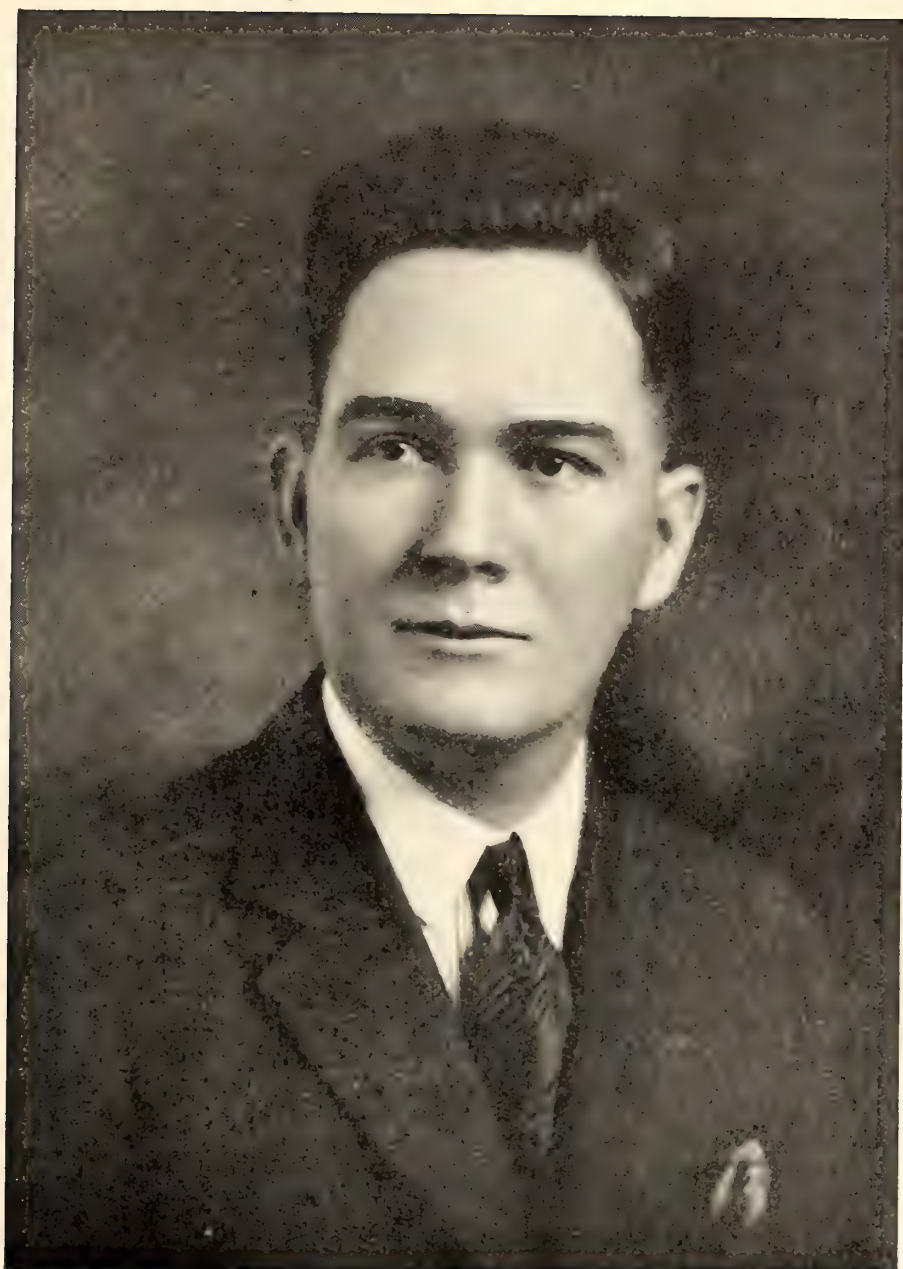
and was engaged in the manufacture of cigars practically all his life. Mr. Massey's education was obtained in the public schools of Florida.

Mr. Massey has spent all of his business life in the clothing business, which he began in Florida when twenty years of age. Later he went to Grand Rapids, Michigan, and was engaged in the same line of business there for three years. After a period with the Hub Clothing Store, in Chicago, he was again employed in his chosen field in Michigan. He then came to Houston with the W. C. Munn Company in the clothing department of that firm, where he remained for two years. In 1920, he became associated with the Landers Company, Inc. as salesman, and in 1922 was made vice president and general manager of this firm. Mr. Massey was married at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1916, to Miss Florence Thomas, a member of a well known family of Grand Rapids. They have one child, Broman Haddon. Mr. and Mrs. Massey reside at 4710 Clay Avenue. In fraternal and social organizations, Mr. Massey is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Temple Lodge No. 4, Knights of Pythias, Conopus Club and the Houston Advertising Club. Mr. Massey is identified with all movements tending to promote the growth and importance of Houston, and has an abiding faith in the future of his city.



**K. FLACK**, superintendent of District No. 1 of Houston for the American National Insurance Company took charge of the Houston office of this company in 1917 and has established the remarkable record of increasing the business four times in the six years that he has been in charge. The American National Insurance Company write industrial and ordinary life policies. The office of this company is located in the Kress Building and there are eighty-five people connected with the Houston organization. At one time, Mr. Flack had entire charge of all of the Houston business, but on account of the great increase in the business, the city's business was divided into two Districts and one of the districts is now in charge of Mr. E. P. McCall. The insurance in force in Houston of the American National Insurance Company is more than \$20,000,000.00 and the weekly collections of this company are upward of \$8,600.00, which speaks well for the company and the Houston representatives.

Mr. Flack was born at Union City, Tennessee, on October 20th, 1885. His father, T. J. Flack, has been a resident of Dallas, Texas, since 1908 and was for many years well known and active in the real estate circles of the North Texas Metropolis, but is now retired from active business pursuits at the age of seventy-six years. His mother was Miss Alice Crittendon, a member of a well known Tennessee family. His early education was obtained in the public schools in various portions of the country and later attended the Hall Moody Institute, and left this institution before graduating in order to engage in the insurance business, which was with the same company with which he is now associated. His first work was in the capacity of a solicitor in Dallas in 1908. He then acted as road man for the company for four years, after which he had entire charge of the State of Mississippi for two years. He was then transferred to Macon, Georgia, where he remained for two years, and was then sent to Beaumont, Texas, where he remained for two years, and



*J. G. Phillips*






James H. Parsones

then took charge of the Houston office where he has since remained and has met with unusual success. Mr. Flack has three brothers connected with the American National Insurance Company.

Mr. Flack was married in Houston, November 25th, 1917, to Miss Nora Scarborough, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of Dr. Robert Scarborough, who was a prominent physician of his day. Mr. Flack is a member of Gray Lodge No. 329 of the A. F. and A. M. of Houston, and has attained to the 18th degree of the Scottish Rite body of that Order at Houston and to the 32nd degree in the Galveston Lodge and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He is a consistent attendant of the Baptist Church. Mr. Flack has made many friends since coming to Houston, and by close attention to the details of his business, and splendid personality has made a success seldom attained in such a short time.

AMES N. PARSONS, of Houston and Dallas, began his career in the business world at the age of fifteen years, and since that time has had a wide and varied business career, withal a successful one. Mr. Parsons is the senior member of the firm of Parsons and Martin, General Insurance, with offices at 302 Bankers Mortgage Building, Houston. Associated with Mr. Parsons and active in the business is Mr. Leon M. Martin, well known in the business circles of Houston and South Texas. Mr. Parsons came to Houston in 1920 as branch manager for Bailey and Collins, and continued with this firm in a managerial capacity until he engaged in business for himself. This insurance firm represents ten old and reliable insurance companies, and carry all branches of insurance, life, fire, tornado, etc. Eight experienced people are employed in the office here, and their business extends about one hundred miles in all directions out of Houston. On January 1, 1925, Mr. Parsons established the James N. Parsons and Company, General Agents, with headquarters at 1602 Kirby Building, Dallas. James N. Parsons and Company represent three well known companies in Texas covering fire, automobile and general casualty lines, and employ eight people in the Dallas office, which is now the main office of Mr. Parsons's interests. He divides his time between the two cities.

After leaving school, Mr. Parsons taught school for one year, after which he went on the road as a traveling salesman, traveling Tennessee, Georgia, Oklahoma and other states, and as Texas was included in his itinerary, he came to the Lone Star State and to Dallas, where he later became Superintendent of the S. G. Davis Hat Company, Superintendant. After some time spent with this firm, he accepted the position as traveling salesman for the Kellogg Company, of Battle Creek, Michigan, and traveled for some time for this firm with Dallas as his headquarters. He then became associated with the Bailey-Collins Insurance Company as Special Agent, working out of Nacogdoches, Texas. In 1920 this firm sent him to Houston as Branch Manager.

Mr. Parsons was born in Dalton County, Georgia, on May 1, 1893. His father, Rev. Newton A. Parsons, a native of Tennessee, removed to Georgia shortly after the close of the Civil War, and has been a resident of Marietta, Georgia, for many years, and is still active. His mother was Miss Abigail Padgett, a member of a prominent Georgia

family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Tunnell Hill, Georgia.

Mr. Parsons was married at Douglasville, Georgia, on November 5, 1914, to Miss Hattie Mae Bridwell, a native of Georgia, and a member of a well known family of that State. They have three children, Elizabeth, James N., Jr., and Frank. Mr. Parsons is a member of the Reagan Lodge, A. F. and A. M., of Houston, and of the City and County Club of that city. He is enthusiastic in his praise of Houston, and believes that with the deep water facilities, low freight rates, and many other advantages, that it will soon lead the entire Southwest in business.



JOHN W. JEANES, for the past several years progressively identified with the lumber business at Houston, has taken an active interest in the development of this industry, and in home building activities, and is one of the substantial citizens of the community. Mr. Jeanes is manager of the Jeanes Lumber Company, which was established in 1921, as a partnership, and known as the Jeanes-Burgess Lumber Company, until 1923, when it was taken over by the Jeanes Brothers, and has since been owned and operated by them. The firm started as a small yard, and has advanced progressively to a place among the leading lumber concerns of the city. It has a large trade, including both local and shipping. In this latter line the business is largely in the ready-cut houses, of which the firm ships large numbers to towns and cities all over the state. Mr. Jeanes also does a large amount of building in Houston, financing home buyers, and taking an active part in the home ownership movement. The Jeanes Lumber Company does business in conjunction with the Spring Creek Lumber Mill, owned by the Jeanes Brothers. Mr. John W. Jeanes is manager of the Jeanes Lumber Company, and the other directors are E. M., Guy L. and A. G. Jeanes. The yard is located at 1301 Bethje Avenue.

John W. Jeanes was born at Nacogdoches, Texas, the twenty-eighth of September, 1879. His father, T. W. Jeanes, one of the pioneer lumber and mill men of the Lone Star State, has been a lumber mill operator for many years, and is one of the best known lumbermen of East Texas. He moved to Houston in 1919, and has partly retired, looking after some of his larger interests in this part of the state, but leaving much of the management of his affairs to his sons, whom he advises, and aids, as only a veteran lumberman can. His mother was before her marriage Miss E. Z. Brown, also of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Jeanes had a family of ten sons and one daughter. All the sons are lumber men, and were reared in this business. All were born on the farm, where they spent their youth.

Mr. Jeanes was married at Woodville, Texas, in 1905, to Miss Katie Harrison, of Tyler County, Texas, the daughter of Elbert Harrison. Mr. and Mrs. Jeanes make their home in Houston, having an attractive residence at 4916 Bute Avenue. They are the parents of five children, Thomas E., John H., Ernest A., Misses James O'Neill and Marguerite E. Jeanes. Although a resident but a short time, Mr. Jeanes has taken a place of leadership in commercial activities, and is one of the most progressive lumbermen in the city, conducting his business in accordance with the highest standards of operation, and aiding in all home building activities.



**I**SADORE LEON of Houston, Texas, has since 1911 been a factor in the oil development of Texas and contiguous States, and has for several years been an executive of the Southern Petroleum Company of Houston, he being vice president and treasurer of that organization. The Southern Petroleum Company, which is a subsidiary of the Peer Oil Corporation, was organized here in 1916, and has holdings and leases in various parts of the Gulf Coast territory. In addition to his connection with this company, Mr. Leon is also vice president of the Peer Oil Corporation, and treasurer of the W. H. Steigerwald Company of Houston. He is also an independent oil operator, having extensive holdings in Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana. His offices are located on the ninth floor of the State National Bank Building.

Mr. Leon was born in Europe on November 20th, 1894. His father, J. Leon, also a native of Europe, had a successful career in various enterprises, both in Europe and after coming to America. Mr. Leon was brought to America by his parents as an infant and his education was obtained in the schools of Texas. All of his business experience has been in the oil industry and he has been engaged in practically every branch of this business, having been active in all of the oil fields of Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas.

Mr. Leon was married at Houston, Texas, in March 1917, to Miss Bessie Segal, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of M. S. Segal, for many years active in the business life of Texas, but now deceased. Her mother, Mrs. Annie (Crane) Segal, was a native of Europe, where she was a member of a well known and prominent family. Mr. and Mrs. Leon have one child, Harold. They reside at 7940 Brays Boulevard. They are members of Beth Israel Church, this being the religion of their forbears. Although Mr. Leon is one of the younger members of the oil fraternity of Houston and South Texas, he has made his influence felt here for many years and has aided greatly in the development work of the Texas Coastal fields. He is active in all civic movements projected for the betterment and advancement of Houston and gives liberally at all times to charity and charitable institutions. Perhaps there is no man of the younger generation of business men of Houston, who has taken the active interest in charity institutions that Mr. Leon has taken. As an oil operator and organizer he is regarded as a leader among the oil men of the coastal fields.

**W. STANFORD**, vice president of the Freeport and Mexican Fuel Oil Corporation, has been actively identified with the oil industry of Southern Texas and Mexico since coming to the City of Houston in 1918. The Freeport and Mexican Fuel Oil Corporation is a subsidiary of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation. The main office of the company is located at Tampico, Mexico.

Mr. Stanford was born in Monticello, Indiana, on August 27th, 1882. His parents were T. H. and Elizabeth (Duffy) Stanford. His father, who was a prominent lawyer, moved to Independence, Kansas, where he built up an extensive legal practice. J. W. Stanford received his elementary education in the public and high school of Independence, Kansas, after which he attended the University of Notre

Dame, graduating with an A. B. degree in the class of 1904. He then returned to Independence and secured a position with the First National Bank, for which institution he had worked at odd times while attending the local schools. He worked his way up through the different departments in the bank to the position as cashier, and later vice president. While living in Independence he became interested in the oil business, when oil was discovered in that district, and it was while here he became identified with the Sinclair interests. He severed his connection with the bank to come to Houston as vice president of the Freeport and Mexican Fuel Oil Corporation, and has had charge of the company's interests at Houston since that time.

Mr. Stanford was married at Bradford, Pennsylvania, in 1908, to Miss Helen Mack, a daughter of P. H. Mack, the well known oil operator of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Stanford have three children, J. W. Stanford, Jr., Mary Jane, and Thomas. The family reside at 210 Avondale. Mr. Stanford is a member of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, the Houston and Houston Country clubs, and the Rotary Club, and takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to the civic and commercial progress of Houston.

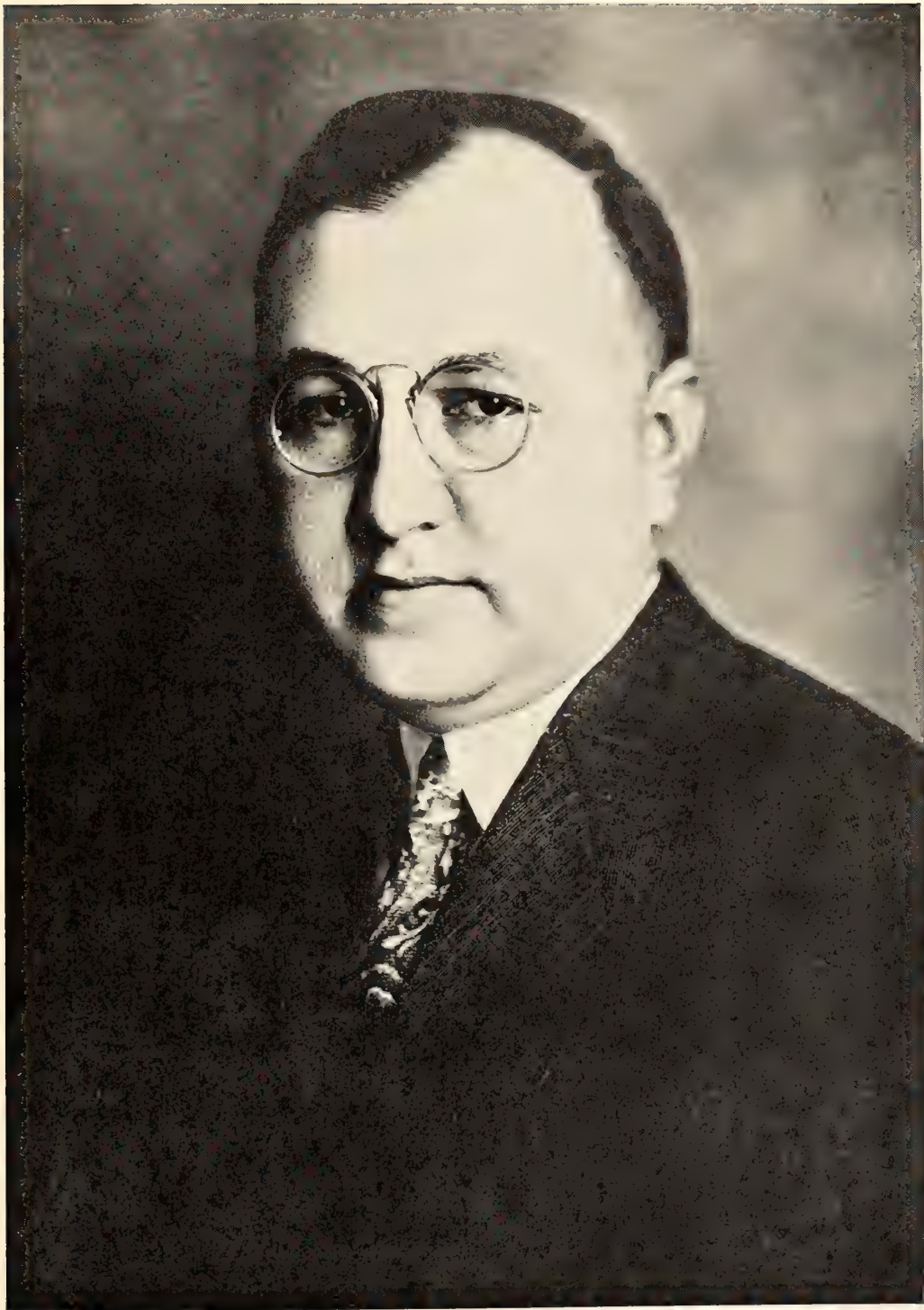


**JOHN HANICKER** of Houston, Texas, is one of the pioneers of the oil industry of the Lone Star State, having been engaged in this field of activity since 1902. As general superintendent of the Southern Petroleum Company, Inc., he is directly in charge of several departments. This oil company which was established in 1916 is a subsidiary to the Peer Oil Corporation, one of the largest and best known organizations of its kind of the Southwest. While the Southern Petroleum Company have leases in various parts of Texas and Louisiana, a large part of its holdings are in Columbia, Damon Mound and Humble, Texas. Other officers of the Southern Petroleum Company are: I. Leon, treasurer; George A. Delhome, secretary, and J. J. Settegast, president, all of whom are well known in the financial and business circles of this part of the State, where for many years they have been active in oil development. The offices of this company are located at 905 State National Bank Building.

A native of New York State, Mr. Hanicker was born at Rome on December 29th, 1874. His father, Valentine Hanicker (deceased), was a native of France, as was also his mother, Mrs. (Nodecker) Hanicker, where both were members of prominent families. His education was obtained in various schools of the State of New York. As a young man, Mr. Hanicker came to Galveston, Texas, where he had a successful career in varied enterprises until 1900, when the disastrous storm of that date wrecked his business along with the thousands of others and he came to Houston. At this time the oil industry was getting a good start in South Texas and Mr. Hanicker immediately joined forces with the oil fraternity here and has been active in this line since that time.

Mr. Hanicker is a member of the B. P. O. E. and many other fraternal, commercial and social organizations here, in all of which he takes a keen interest. He makes his home at the Cotton Hotel, one of Houston's newest and most modern hostelryes.





*Arthur Lee*





*Cecil R. Haden*

Mr. Hanicker is a great believer in the future of Houston and is glad at all times to further anything for the city's advancement and progress. He has since making for the city his home, participated in a substantial and active manner in all moves and enterprises that had for their object the upbuilding of Houston and its citizenship. Mr. Hanicker is well known to the oil fraternity of South Texas and is one of the most popular men among all classes—the major portion of whom he calls by their first names. He is an energetic and conscientious worker and has the confidence and esteem of thousands of workers and officials of the many oil organizations which have their headquarters at Houston, who regard him as one of the staunch supporters of the best there is in the oil game.



**CECIL RHEA HADEN**, although one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, Texas, is an executive of one of the largest establishments of its kind of South Texas. As treasurer of the W. D. Haden Company, Inc., Mr. Haden has had a share in the growth and success of this organization, which deals in building materials of all kinds. This company are also wholesale producers of mud-shell and sand and are the largest producers of mud-shell in the United States. To one company alone, the Texas Portland Cement Company, it furnishes one-half million tons of this commodity each year, besides dealing in road building materials of practically all kinds, furnishing much of this commodity to the various road-building companies of Texas. The headquarters of the W. D. Haden Company, Inc., are located at Galveston, Texas, with offices in Houston, Beaumont, Port Arthur and Harrisburg, Mr. Haden being in full charge of the business of the Houston office, which is located at 2315 Polk Avenue, with yards at Reinerman and Bissonnet streets. Other officers of this company are: W. D. Haden, president; E. D. Haden, secretary, and W. A. Wansley, vice president and general manager, all of whom are well known in the financial and commercial life of Texas. The W. D. Haden Company, Inc., employ about one hundred men in the retail yards, offices and boats. Mr. Sid Clark is the sales manager in Houston for the Houston office.

A native Texan, Mr. Haden was born at Cedar Bayou on December 13th, 1899. His father, W. D. Haden, who is the executive head of the W. D. Haden Company, Inc., is among the leading business men of the State, where besides his interests in this company, he is president of the Bay Towing Company of Galveston and Houston, and is also president of the Houston Towing Company and other organizations of similar kinds. W. D. Haden was born in Arkansas and was a member of a well known family of that State. The mother of the subject of this sketch, Mrs. Lucy (Lawrence) Haden, was a member of a pioneer Texas family. His early education was obtained in the schools of Galveston, Texas, after which he became a student of the University of Texas, graduating from this institution in the class of 1923. After leaving college, Mr. Haden immediately started with the W. D. Haden Company, Inc., in the headquarters office at Galveston.

Mr. Haden was married at Houston on October 15th, 1924, to Miss Laura Files Breed, a native Texan and a daughter of F. L. Breed (deceased) for

many years active in the business life of Houston and South Texas. He was a native of Massachusetts and a member of well known family of that State. Her mother, Mrs. Adele (Lubbock) Breed, was a native of Houston and a member of a pioneer family of the Lone Star State, and a granddaughter of Governor Lubbock. Mr. and Mrs. Haden reside at 1901 Dunston Road. Mr. Haden is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order. He is a member of the college fraternity Phi Delta Theta, and of the commercial and social organizations of this city, in all of which he takes an active interest. His church affiliation is with the Episcopal Church, this being the religious choice of his forbears. Mr. Haden is regarded as one of the leaders among the younger set of business men of Houston and he is taking a live interest in the upbuilding of Houston and South Texas.



**OTIS W. JACKSON** has for almost fifteen years been associated with the First National Bank of Houston, where he is cashier and director and is regarded as one of the most progressive men of the banking profession of his district. The First National Bank of Houston has a capital stock, paid in and from earnings of \$2,500,000.00 with a surplus fund from earnings and net undivided profits of \$890,682.41, and on September 28, 1925, had \$34,940,663.42 in deposits. Other officers of the First National Bank of Houston are: J. T. Scott, president; F. M. Law, W. S. Cochran and Sam R. Lawder, vice presidents.

A native Texan, Mr. Jackson was born in Blanco County, April 30th, 1884. His father, H. M. Jackson, also a native of the Lone Star State, has spent practically all his life in Central Texas, where, with his mother, who was Miss Susie Kercheville, is still residing. His education was obtained in the public schools of San Marcos and Austin, Texas, and in the high school of the latter city, where he graduated.

After leaving school, Mr. Jackson came to Houston and began his business career in this city in the cotton business where he remained for a period of four years. He then entered the employ of the International and Great Northern Railroad and remained with this railroad for two years and then entered the banking business with the old American National Bank, and remained for one year with this institution, and came with the First National Bank in 1909 as bookkeeper. Since becoming associated with this bank, Mr. Jackson has worked in the various departments, and in January, 1919, was made assistant cashier, and in January, 1923, became cashier and director. Mr. Jackson was married at New Braunfels, Texas, August 8th, 1908, to Miss Emelie Albrecht, a native Texan and a member of a well known family of New Braunfels. They have three children: Sterling, June and Lois. Mr. and Mrs. Jackson reside at 1111 West Main Street. Mr. Jackson is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1 of Houston. He is also a member of the Salesmanship Club and the Glenbrook Country Club. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Jackson has been prominently identified with all movements tending to promote the growth and importance of Houston and has an abiding faith in the future of his city, and is confident that its wonderful opportunities will cause it to become the leading city of the Southwest.





**W. C. MOORE**, Houston business man, and pioneer in the Texas oil industry, has been active in developing the petroleum resources of the state since the early days at Spindle Top, and is well and favorably known to the oil fraternity, as well as the business men of Houston. Mr. Moore is president of the Hardy Oil Company, which was organized in 1908, and has taken a big part in the development of various oil fields in Texas, including the Markham oil field, of which he was one of the discoverers. In addition to work in proven fields the Hardy Oil Company has drilled a good many wild cat wells. The personnel of the Hardy Oil Company are oil men of recognized ability, and offices are maintained in the Second National Bank Building. Mr. Moore is also president of the Latex Oil Company, with holdings in Texas and Louisiana, and president of the La-Jarza Oil Company, which also has holdings in proven fields.

W. C. Moore was born in Harris County, Texas, the son of Pleasant Moore and Mrs. K. A. (O'Hara) Moore. Pleasant Moore, a native of Virginia, and a member of one of the oldest families of the United States, was a contractor and builder, coming to Texas in 1849, going at that time to Sabine, and then to Port Bolivar. Still later he came to Fort Bend County, five years later removing to Houston, where he engaged in the contracting and building business for many years. W. C. Moore's mother's grandfather, Francis O'Hara was a soldier with George Washington at Valley Forge and was a cousin of Chas. Carroll of Carrollton, signer of the declaration of Independence. Mr. Moore's grandmother, Lydia Hanks, was a first cousin to Nancy Hanks, mother of Abraham Lincoln. W. C. Moore received his early education in private schools in Houston, later leaving school to become a telegraph operator for the Western Union Telegraph Company. Still later he went with the G. H. & S. A. Railroad, and then with the Santa Fe Railroad, until 1892. In that year he became interested in rice growing and was one of the first men in this section to foresee its possibilities, and developed large tracts of rice land in Chambers, Liberty and Matagorda counties. Mr. Moore at this time advertised the rice industry throughout the country, sending out the first literature covering this subject, and did much pioneering work in this field. Up until 1808 he continued to be one of the largest rice developers in the coastal district, having handled 800,000 acres for rice and other agricultural purposes during this time. In carrying on these developments he had railroads built or extended, built towns and contributed much to the growth and prosperity of this large territory. After the Spindle Top oil fields came in he began his oil operations. In 1908 his oil business had become so extensive that he disposed of his rice interests, subsequently devoting his entire time to the development of various oil fields in which he was interested. He drilled some fifteen or twenty wild cat wells in the coast country of Texas and Louisiana, proving himself a developer whose far-sightedness resulted profitably to himself and his associates.

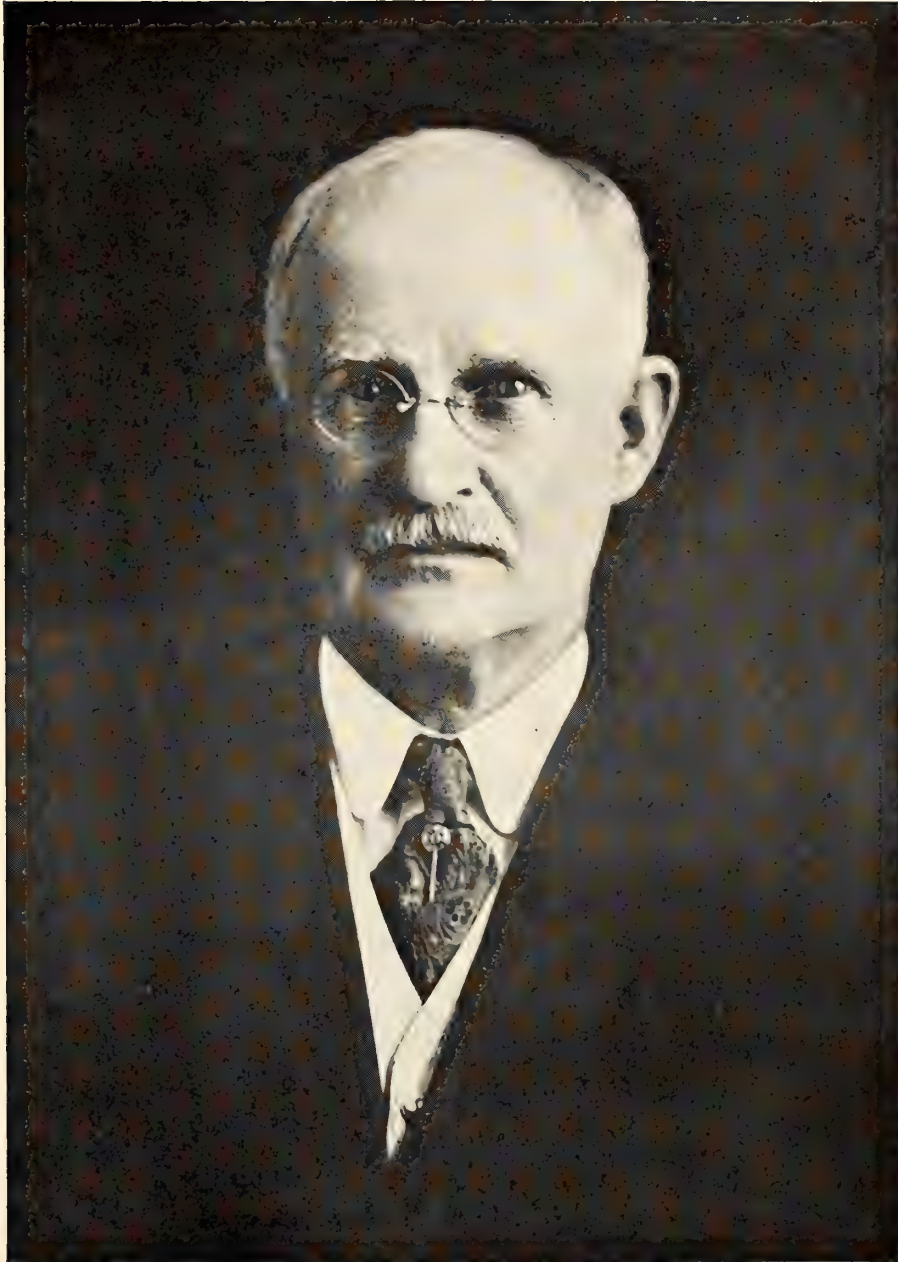
Mr. Moore was married in Liberty, Texas, in May, 1886, to Miss Emma D. Perryman, a native of South Carolina, and a member of a prominent family of that state. She is a daughter of Col. W. W. Perryman who served as a confederate officer during the

Civil War and as a general in the state militia of South Carolina before the war, and a relative of Chief Justice John Marshall, and of Col. Travis of Alamo fame. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have a family of four children, Perryman S. Moore, president of the Clem Oil Company of Houston, and who married Miss Norrie Webb, and who during the World War served in the United States Army; Miss Annie Bess Moore, who served with the Y. M. C. A. in France during the war, Lydia, now Mrs. H. H. Bryant, of San Antonio. Mr. Bryant is president of the San Antonio Buick Company, bank director, a deacon in the Presbyterian Church, and one of the most popular young business men in the City of San Antonio. Christie E., now Mrs. Calvin B. Garwood, Mr. Garwood being a prominent young attorney of Houston and the son of Judge H. M. Garwood. Mr. Moore also has four grandchildren, Emily Ann and Lydia Moore Bryant, Clavin B. Garwood, Jr., and Norrie Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Moore reside at 3216 San Jacinto Street. Mr. Moore is a Scottish and York Rite Mason, a member of Arabia Temple Shrine, the Glenbrook Country Club and Houston Club, and is a steward in the First Methodist Church.



**W. STONE**, one of the younger element of the forceful and progressive business men who are factors in commercial activities at Houston, has exerted a wide influence in roofing and oil circles, and won the esteem of his fellow citizens. Mr. Stone is vice president and sales manager of the Freeport Asphalt Company, manufacturers of asphalt, fuel oil and gasoline. The company was established in 1919, as the Freeport Gas Company, operating under that name until 1922, when it underwent a reorganization and the name was changed to the Freeport Asphalt Company. The plant is located at Freeport, as is the refinery, and employs the most modern equipment, and operates under highest standards. The Freeport Asphalt Company uses heavy Mexican crude oil in the manufacture of all their products, and employs from thirty to fifty people in the plant. The main office is at Freeport, and in addition to the sales office at Houston, an office is maintained in New York City. The Houston office is in the Second National Bank Building and is under the management of Mr. Stone, the vice president and sales manager, a position he has held since coming with the company in 1921. Mr. Stone has built up a splendidly organized department, exhibiting real executive ability, and the books of the Freeport Asphalt Company show a marked increase in business since he has become sales manager. Mr. Stone was born at Quanah, Texas.

Immediately after leaving school he went with Armour & Company, in the chemical department, remaining with that corporation until 1913. At that time he went with the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, also at Fort Worth, and was with them until 1915. In that year he went with the Freeport Mexican Fuel Oil Corporation, in the refining department, at New Orleans, remaining there until 1917, when he went to Oklahoma, in the refining department of the Southern Oil Corporation, at Yale, Oklahoma. A year later he gave up this position to go to San Antonio, where the ensuing year was spent with the Humble Oil and Refining Company, remaining there until 1919. In that year he came to Houston,



*W.A. Moore*





*L.B. Cherry*



as manager of the La Porte Oil & Refining Company, and in 1921 came with the present company, the Freeport Asphalt Company, as vice president and sales manager, the position he has since held.

Mr. Stone was married to Miss Letty Cora Walshall, a native of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Stone make their home in Houston, where they are popular members of their representative social set, and are active in civic affairs. Mr. Stone is regarded as a young business man who has before him a wonderful future, and has made many friends, who are always glad to hear of his progress in the business world.



**ILLIN B. CHERRY** is one of the pioneers of the oil industry in Texas, having been engaged in this field of activity since a short time after oil was discovered in this state. He began his career in the oil business at Sour Lake in 1903 and later was active and pioneered in the fields of Humble, Markham and Goose Creek. Mr. Cherry has been engaged in all branches of the oil industry, drilling, leasing and the producing, and a large volume could be filled with his experiences which extend over a period of more than two decades. He still runs production in the Humble field and has valuable leases and production in other fields. His holdings in the Humble area, known as the Cherry Tract, are familiar to all operators in or near this field. Like all the early operators, he had many difficult obstacles to overcome and many hardships to endure that are now unknown in the Texas oil fields. For the past several years he has been doing exploration work in Oklahoma, and in July, 1925, brought in a new field in Comanche County. He maintains his office at 916 Union National Bank Building, where his friends and business associates can always find him, busy, but ever ready to welcome his friends and associates of long ago, as well as those of later years. Mr. Cherry, as a young man entered the business world as an employee of the Burlington Railroad in the operating department, and later went with the B. and M. of Nebraska, at Denver, Colorado, where he remained for several years. In 1889, when Oklahoma was opened, he decided to engage in the land business in that state, but after reaching that new state, he did not like it, and consequently did not take up land there, but came to Texas instead. In 1892, he came to Houston and engaged in the cotton, and later the real estate business, and continued in this field of activity until the oil boom came in this state, when he gave his entire time to oil development, which he has continued since that time. He retained his real estate holdings, and a few years ago subdivided Cherryhurst.

Mr. Cherry was born at Finley, Ohio, and his education was obtained in the schools of his native state. His parents, also born in Ohio, were well known land owners.

Mr. Cherry was married at Kansas City, Missouri, in 1888, to Miss Emma Richardson, a member of a prominent Illinois family. They have one daughter, Dorothy, who is the widow of the late E. T. Ennis. Mr. and Mrs. Cherry reside at 608 Fargo Avenue. Mrs. Cherry is an artist of distinction who has contributed much to Houston as an art center, and was one of the founders of the Houston Art League. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Cherry has identified himself with the business life of this city, and has

many interests centered here. He is one of the best known oil men of Texas and where he has aided in the development of oil resources and is regarded as a well posted man in his profession. He is not a member of any fraternal organization, but belongs to the Great American Free Thinkers. Although he does not play golf today, yet he is one of the founders of the Gulf Club that is today known as the Houston Country Club. Mr. Cherry is one of Houston's most enthusiastic boosters, and believes that this city is just now entering on an era of great business prosperity along all lines. He is interested in all matters having to do with the advancement of his city and state, and is regarded as one of Houston's most progressive and public-spirited citizens.



**E. EVANS** since coming to Houston several years ago has been actively identified with the bottling industry, and has taken a constructive interest in the development of this enterprise. Mr. Evans is Treasurer and Manager of the Houston Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Incorporated, one of the finest and best equipped bottling plants in Houston. The business was established at Houston in 1903 and taken over by the present owners in 1918. The plant is located at 1210 and 1212 Washington Avenue, where a modern two-story building, forty by one hundred and fifty feet is occupied. This plant is equipped completely, with the highest type of bottling equipment, and has a daily capacity of twenty-one hundred cases. Ten motor trucks are used to facilitate distribution of this popular beverage, and in addition to supplying the retail dealers at Houston, eight sub-plants in this district handle the distribution for this territory. A force of thirty-five employees are in the Houston plant. The officers of the Houston Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Incorporated, are J. T. Lupton, President, Carter Lupton, Vice-President, J. E. Evans, the subject of this sketch, Secretary, Treasurer and Manager.

J. E. Evans was born at Darlington, Wisconsin, in 1864. His father, the late George T. Evans, was a native of that State and spent practically his entire life there. Mr. Evans was educated in the public schools of Plattersville, Wisconsin, and after leaving school began in the retail drug business at Darlington, remaining there for two years. He then went with the Chattanooga Car and Foundry Company, as Manager, and had active charge of that large plant for twenty-nine years. He came to Temple, Texas, in 1917, to establish a Coca-Cola Bottling plant there, and after one year as manager of that plant he came to Houston, to take over the Houston Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Inc., here, and has since been Manager of this plant.

Mr. Evans was married at Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1890, to Miss Helen Gaddish, a native of Alabama. They now make their home in Houston, at 4004½ Caroline Street. Mr. and Mrs. Evans have one child, J. E. Evans, Jr., of Chattanooga, Tennessee, where he is Superintendent of the Dixie Mercantile Company, and who is married and has two children, Dorothy Elizabeth and Thomas Carter Evans. Since coming to Houston Mr. Evans has taken an active interest in civic development, and is a member of various social and civic clubs, such as the Kiwanis Club and the Conopus Club, and is regarded as one of the substantial citizens of this day.





**R. P. S. GRIFFITH**, independent oil operator and capitalist, 701 Polk Avenue, is one of the best known men in Southern Texas and has been a resident of Houston for practically twenty years, having moved here in 1904 from Beaumont, where he had been engaged in the oil business since the opening of the famous Spindletop field in 1902. As a young man, Dr. Griffith studied medicine and practised for a short time, but gave it up and has since that time devoted his time and talents to commercial pursuits, engaging principally in the oil business, in which he has achieved a success far beyond that of the average operator.

After removing to Houston, he operated in the Sour Lake and Batson fields and while the territory at Batson was being developed, went into Matagorda County and brought in this field. He, with his associates, drilled the discovery well in Matagorda County about eighteen years ago and in deepening one of his wells discovered the rich sulphur strata underlying this section. He sold the land now owned by the Gulf Sulphur Company, one of the largest companies operating in this field.

In 1912, Dr. Griffith, in conjunction with R. E. Burt, formerly of Houston and now a resident of Dallas, bought the fee title to fourteen hundred acres in what is known as the Humble-Stephenson tract. Of this acreage, nine hundred acres was under lease when then bought it and the remaining five hundred acres were divided and half of it sold to the Texas Company and the remaining two hundred and fifty acres leased to the Cullinan interests. Dr. Griffith and Mr. Burt organized the Atlantic and Gulf Petroleum Company, a holding organization which controls the royalties on the Humble-Stephenson tract leased to the Cullinan interests and also on other valuable acreage.

The Farmers Petroleum Company drilled 39 wells on the Stephenson tract and secured 39 gushers, which have produced a large quantity of oil in which he had a royalty interest.

For some time Dr. Griffith was interested jointly with R. E. Burt under the firm name of Burt and Griffith and they have still some interests together.

Dr. Griffith is a native of Tennessee and was born near Chattanooga November 15th, 1862, a son of James and Jane (McLain) Griffith, both natives of Tennessee. His grandfather was one of the first white settlers in Eastern Tennessee and his father engaged in the mercantile business there for many years. Dr. Griffith's uncle was the first white child born in that section of the state and the family had an important part in the early history of Eastern Tennessee.

After completing his preliminary education, Dr. Griffith studied medicine at the Vanderbilt University. After practicing for about a year, he became interested in the manufacturing business and was president of the American Manufacturing Company, hardware manufacturers, and also owned another hardware factory in Tennessee before his removal to Texas to engage in the oil business, first at Beaumont and then at Houston.

Since coming to Houston, Dr. Griffith has had various other interests besides his activity in the oil industry, and is a director in the Houston Land Corporation, the company which developed and sold the Montrose Addition, the most beautiful residence section of the city.

On August 15th, 1909, he was married in Houston to Mrs. Lena E. Marshall, nee Morse, a native of Houston and member of a pioneer South Texas family. They have one son, James Peyton Standifer. Mrs. Griffith is a talented artist and does portrait work for her immediate family and close friends. The family home is at 3417 Montrose Boulevard.

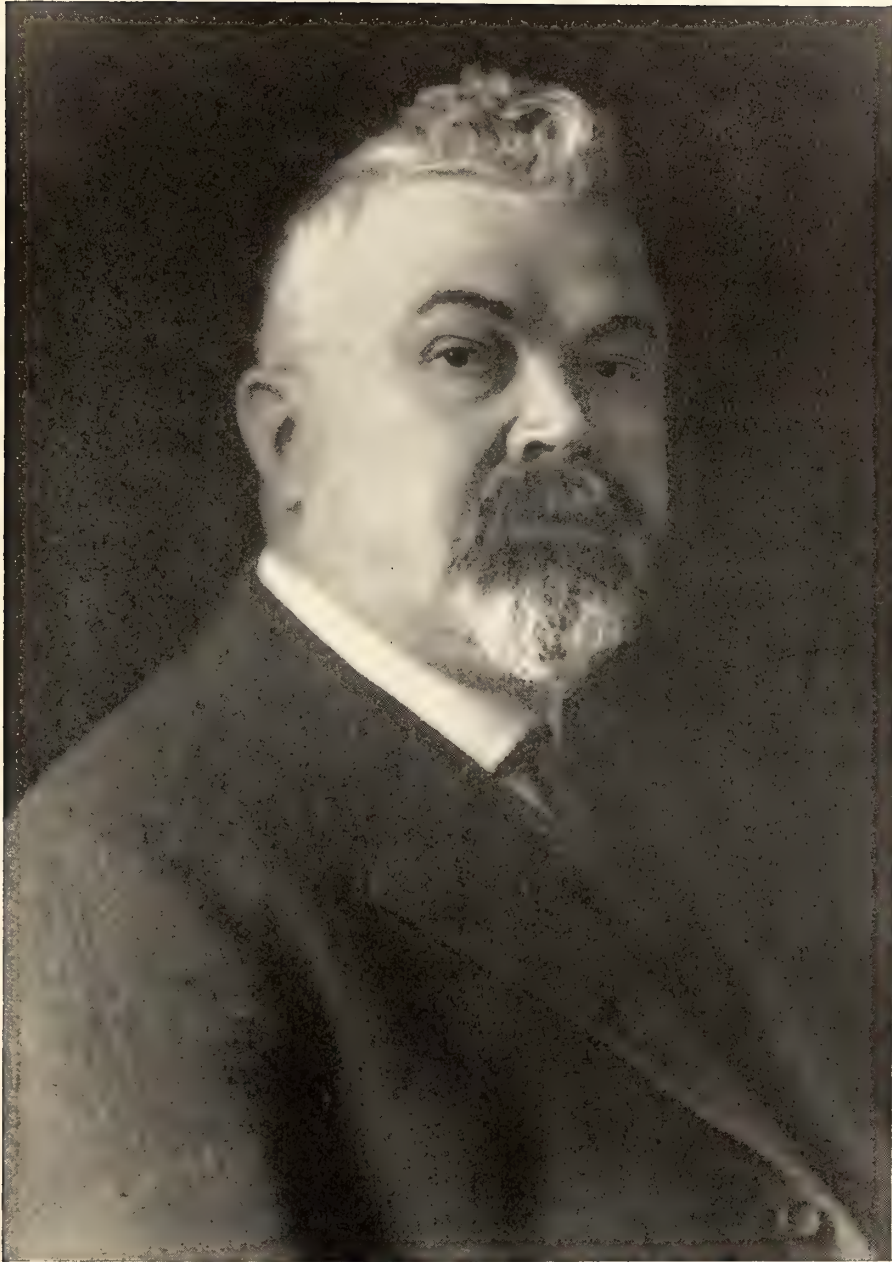
A close student of various scientific subjects, Dr. Griffith has made a particular study of geology and kindred sciences and has perfected a system for locating minerals which he used with remarkable success in his work. This system is made up of a series of batteries, the working process being known only to Dr. Griffith himself, and while most oil operators deny the efficacy of a process of this kind for locating oil and other minerals, they are forced to admit that he has been successful in his operations far beyond that which falls to the lot of the average oil man.

Dr. Griffith is very popular in business and social circles of Houston and is a member of the Houston Country Club, National Chamber of Commerce, Houston Chamber of Commerce and the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association.



**A. PARKER** has for the past several years been identified with manufacturing and mercantile interests at Houston, where he is recognized as one of the progressive younger business men who are contributing largely to the growth and commercial importance of the city. The Texas Hotel Supply Company, of which Mr. Parker is president and general manager, was started in a small way in 1915, and operated by the organizers until 1919, when Mr. Parker and a group of business associates took over the business. Since then the growth has been remarkable, as may be seen from a statement of the annual business of the Texas Hotel Supply Company. The first year of operation, the firm did a business of twenty-one thousand dollars, the figures for 1919 running to fifty thousand dollars. In this year the present management took charge, and a complete reorganization, with a carefully planned sales campaign, followed. Three years of operation under Mr. Parker's direction have followed and the business done by the firm in 1922 falls just under three hundred thousand dollars and three hundred and eighteen thousand in 1923. The firm now owns its own building, with fifteen thousand square feet of floor space, and located at 1107-1111 Franklin Avenue. They are jobbers for and manufacturers of hotel and residence supplies, manufacturing kitchen equipment and selling both wholesale and retail. They have a force of thirty-five employees, with five salesmen on the road, and cover a trade territory including all of Texas and Louisiana. Mr. R. A. Parker is president of the company, J. W. Ingold, vice president and S. B. Parker secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Parker was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota, the twelfth of June, 1887, son of S. M. Parker, a native of that state, and for many years a farmer there, but now retired and living at San Diego, California. His mother, prior to her marriage was Miss Luella M. Getchell. Mr. Parker was educated in the Minnesota public schools and spent several years thereafter in business in his native state. In 1916 he came to Texas and for the next two years operated a string of restaurants at Dallas. In 1918 he



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disposed of this interest and came to Houston with E. A. Peden, war food administrator, in charge of hotels and restaurants. He was engaged in this work until after the close of the war, and then seeing what the future offered in the Texas Hotel Supply Company under efficient management he bought out the interests of the old management and has since been president of the newly formed organization.

Mr. Parker makes his home at 2108 Milam Street. He is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Temple No. 4.



**Y. FUQUA**, of the real estate firm conducted under the name of W. Y. Fuqua and Company, with offices at 636-7 Bankers Mortgage Building, since returning to the real estate business in 1919 has had a share in the activities in his line and has built up a profitable business. Mr. Fuqua deals in business and acreage property and ranch lands and at all times has listings in his office for both buyers and sellers, who know his fair business methods and his close attention to all details.

When about 19 years of age he entered the employ of the firm of Wm. D. Cleveland and Company, where he remained for a period of 20 years, leaving there to accept the position of general auditor of the Kirby Lumber Company. After severing his connection with this company he engaged in the real estate business. In 1908 he went into the oil business and was associated with the Hardy Oil Company when they brought in the Markham field during that year. He remained with this company as an officer and director for about 12 years, during which time he and his associates were pioneers in endeavoring to develop two coastal fields, i. e., West Columbia and Orange, which at that time were wild-cat territory but have since developed into two of the largest coastal fields.

Mr. Fuqua was born in Port Hudson, Louisiana, December 5th, 1860, his parents being Joseph Watkins Fuqua and Charlotte Valentine Fuqua, both of whom are deceased. His father, Joseph Watkins Fuqua, prior to the Civil War, was a successful merchant in Port Hudson, Louisiana. When the war broke out he was made captain of a volunteer company and served during the war, after which he was engaged in cotton planting in Louisiana. He moved with his family to Houston in 1872, and for some time was engaged in the cotton business in this city.

Mr. W. Y. Fuqua's ancestors were French Huguenots, three brothers of the family having originally migrated from France to America and settled in Virginia. His education was obtained in the public schools of Houston. Mr. Fuqua was married June 10th, 1890, to Miss Bessie Elsbury, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Elsbury, an old and prominent family of Houston. They have eight children—William Y., Jr., Ruth E., Rowland H., Alma C., Kirby, Joseph W., Bessie and Sidney L.

The Fuqua residence is located at West University Place, which is at present a suburb of Houston.



**MORRIS STUART DRAKE**, one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, has as secretary and manager of the Friendswood Orchards Company, been a factor in stimulating much interest in the development of the fig industry of the Friendswood re-

gion. The Friendswood Orchards Company are located within a forty-five minute ride by auto from Houston and is one of the largest growing, developing and selling fig orchards companies in Texas. They have many hundreds of acres planted and being prepared to plant in figs. This acreage is sold in five, ten and twenty acre tracts on small monthly payments and purchasers may, at their option, live on the tract purchased or the Friendswood Orchards Company will care for their orchard and harvest their crops, both under the supervision of experts. Large profits have been made by those who have invested in the Friendswood area, and with the large returns from these scientifically developed orchards, based upon the most conservative estimates of exports in this line, the fruit from the orchards will more than pay the price of the orchard in yearly payments.

Mr. Drake was born at Cowgill, Missouri, August 30th, 1897. His father, Charles Murray Drake, is a large landowner, stock raiser and farmer of Missouri. His mother was Miss Betty Stewart, a member of a prominent Virginia family. Mr. Drake's early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Avalon, Missouri, and a business college furnished him with his early business training.

Mr. Drake began his business career in the mercantile business and remained in this work for three years. He then became private secretary to the superintendent of the western division of the Wabash Railroad where he remained for one year, resigning in order to enter the army. He entered in September, 1918, and was sent to Camp Bowie at Fort Worth, where he was consigned to the infantry. After four months spent at Camp Bowie, during which time the armistice was signed, he was sent to Camp Logan, where he remained for four months and was discharged in April, 1919, as a non-commissioned officer. After being discharged, he became associated with the Humble Oil Company for two years, after which he went with the Friendswood Orchards Company as secretary and sales manager. Mr. Drake was married in Houston in 1920 to Miss Ruth Barns, a registered trained nurse and a daughter of Henry J. Barns and Sue Barns, well known farmer and banker of Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. Drake reside at 3708 Watson Street. In fraternal and social orders, Mr. Drake is a member of the A. F. and A. M., the Woodmen of the World and the Red Roosters.

Mr. Drake is optimistic as to the future of the fig industry of Texas and believes that the Friendswood area will not only prove a rival to the fig growing sections of California but will surpass that state. Preservers say that the Magnolia fig, grown and preserved in Texas, is in greater demand all over the United States than either the California varieties or those grown in Louisiana and other states bordering on the gulf. Based on the most conservative estimates, a properly cared for fig orchard will yield the third season from \$100 to \$150 an acre continually increasing up to a full production of from \$400 to \$600 an acre, these amounts depending upon the number of trees planted to the acre. As an evidence of the satisfaction experienced by the people who have bought fig lands and fig orchards in the Friendswood area, none of these orchards or lands have ever been offered for sale.



**D**R. KURT VON MUECKE, although a comparatively recent addition to the professional life of Houston, Texas, his reputation as a geologist and engineer has preceded him to this city, where he is a recognized leader in his chosen field. Dr. Von Muecke is the vice president of the North American Exploration Company, Inc., which was organized in 1924 with headquarters in Houston and offices in New York City, Wilmington, Delaware, and Tampico, Mexico. The offices in New York and Wilmington are maintained for the purpose of taking care of the commercial and legal end of the business of this company, while the Houston office looks after the engineering and geological work. The North American Exploration Company, Inc., have a staff of expert engineers and geologists, and use many kinds of modern instruments and other scientific equipment. This company is the only one of its kind of the country that makes use of all geophysical methods, thereby combining geological and physical methods of determining local conditions. The Houston office of this company is located at 432 First National Bank Building. Other officers of the North American Exploration Company, Inc., are: Charles F. Rand, president; C. F. Smith, secretary, both of whom reside in New York City, and Mr. F. Kaselitz, graduate engineer, assistant manager in Houston.

A native of Dresden, Germany, Dr. Von Muecke was born on March 4th, 1880. His father, K. A. Von Muecke (deceased), was also a native of Germany, where he was well known in official circles of his native land. His mother, Mrs. Louise (Alberti) Von Muecke, was a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and a member of a prominent family of that city. His education was obtained in the schools of Germany, after which he attended many of the leading universities and technical institutions of Germany and Switzerland. From the Royal Technical Institute of Berlin, he received the degree of Doctor of Engineering. Since leaving college, Dr. Von Muecke has devoted his entire life to the fields of geology and engineering in various parts of the world.

Dr. Von Muecke is a member of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, and the Lutheran Church. Since locating in Houston, Dr. Von Muecke has made many friends, both personal and for the organization which he represents, and has succeeded in working out many of the problems for Texas development.

**D**R. F. E. VAUGHAN, well known in the petroleum world as one of the leading geologists in Texas, has been located in Houston for several years, where he is associated with the Roxana Petroleum Corporation, having been appointed chief geologist for the Gulf Coast District in November, 1923. Dr. Vaughan has exceptional qualifications for this office and responsibilities it entails, and his work as geologist for this company has been one of the governing factors in the recent extensive development activities. The Roxana Petroleum Corporation has its Gulf Coast offices in the First National Bank Building, Dr. Vaughan maintaining his offices here.

Dr. F. E. Vaughan was born at Ludden, North Dakota, September 12, 1889, the son of Edward Vaughan and Mrs. Mary Lucinda Armstrong

Vaughan. Edward Vaughan, the father, a native of Ireland, is a Methodist minister, now residing in Pasadena, California. Mrs. Vaughan is a native of Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. Vaughan received his early education in the public schools of Minnesota. Later, after the family moved to California, he attended high school at Bakersfield. Graduating there he entered the University of California, taking his B. S. degree in 1912, his M. S. degree in 1916 and his Ph. D. degree in 1918. While still a high school student at Bakersfield, California, he gained his first oil field experience. Later, in 1912, he went to Bisbee, Arizona, where he remained two years as mining engineer. He also spent one year at Taft, California, as oil geologist. After taking his doctor's degree, he entered the service of the Dutch Shell, his work taking him to Alaska, Washington, Utah, Colorado and Venezuela, as well as California. In 1922 he came to Texas with the Roxana Petroleum Corporation, a branch of the Dutch Shell group, and a year later, in 1923, received the appointment of chief geologist of the Gulf Coast District.

Dr. Vaughan was married at Berkeley, California, June 1st, 1920, to Miss Christine Urner, a native of Patricksburg, Indiana. They have two children, Edward Urner and Philip Alfred Vaughan. During his college days he was a member of the Theta Tau mining fraternity. He is a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the American Association of Advancement of Science, the American Petroleum Institute, and the American Institute of Mining Engineers. He has devoted considerable time for scientific publications. Among his contributions to science is the "Geology of San Bernardino Mountains, North of San Geronio Pass," published by the University of California Press, and "The Five Islands," Louisiana, published in the Bulletin of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.



**L. FONDREN**, pioneer oil well driller, who has probably brought in more wells than any man engaged in this business, is the superintendent of drilling for the Humble Oil and Refining Company at Goose Creek, Texas. All work for this company at Goose Creek and Barbers Hill is under the supervision of Mr. Fondren, and they have more than one hundred producing wells at Goose Creek, with an average daily production of 7,500 barrels. The Humble Oil and Refining Company have many millions of dollars invested in the Goose Creek field and are the largest lease owners here. From one hundred and forty to one hundred and fifty men are employed in Mr. Fondren's department, and his organization is made up of efficient men. Mr. Fondren now has the first engine used by him and his brother, W. W. Fondren, in drilling the first well they ever drilled, and he prizes this piece of well drilling equipment very highly.

Mr. Fondren was born in Tennessee on October 12th, 1881. His father was a well known and successful farmer of Tennessee. When Mr. Fondren was one year of age, his parents moved to Searcy, Arkansas, and his education was obtained in the public schools of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. When seventeen years of age, he moved to Corsicana, Texas and remained there for about four years and it was during this period that he entered the oil busi-



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ness, as a field worker. Later, he came to Algoa, near Alvin, Texas, and with his brother drilled a water well for the Algoa Fruit and Nursery Company. He later went to Big Hill, Jefferson County, for the Guffey and Gailey Company, after which he went to the Beaumont field. He remained in Beaumont for about two and one-half years, and then went to Sour Lake with his brother, and remained in that field for about two years. Mr. Fondren then came to the Humble field where he remained for a period of eleven years, after which he returned to Sour Lake and drilled the Hardin County lease for the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and brought in some of the biggest and best wells of that field. He then went to Davis Hills in Liberty County, where he remained for about eighteen months and drilled four wells in that area, after which he came to Goose Creek in 1917. Mr. Fondren was the first man to drill a well in Colorado with a rotary rig.

Mr. Fondren was married at Humble, Texas, in 1913, to Mrs. Amelia Munn, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of William L. Holmes, well known in railroad circles where for many years he was employed as an engineer. Mr. and Mrs. Fondren are residing in Goose Creek. He is a member of the Baptist Church, Knights of Pythias, and the Y. M. C. A., of which he is a director. Mr. Fondren is popular in the oil circles of South Texas where he has many staunch friends, and where he is recognized as one of the most capable drillers to be found in the country, with an experience that extends over almost a quarter of a century.



**PAUL FREEMAN** came to Navasota, Texas, in 1919 as division superintendent of the Western Public Service Company, which owns and operates water plants, ice plants, electric plants and steam heating systems throughout Texas and many other States. Mr. Freeman has charge of the Navasota Ice, Electric and Water plant, and all the properties of this company in Texas. He buys and operates these plants and is gradually adding new properties to the long list of this company. The Navasota plant, which has a valuation of upward from \$750,000.00, was improved in 1924, with extensive additions. The Western Public Service Company own the electric, ice and water plants at the following places in Texas, besides the modern plant in this city: Sour Lake, Somerville, Hempstead, Calvert, Bremond, Franklin, Hearne, Bryan, Caldwell, Madisonville, Lyons, Liberty, Saratoga, Batson, Dayton, Cleveland, Conroe, Huntsville, Trinity, Groveton, Alvin and Kosse. The towns of Bremond, Franklin and Kosse are supplied by high tension lines from Calvert. This company was incorporated in 1912 under the laws of the State of Colorado, and since its incorporation has purchased and acquired outright many properties in the several States in which it operates. Many new extensions of service are planned now, some of which are in course of construction. There are twenty-three important groups of properties operated by this company in Texas, which includes Navasota, Sour Lake, Hempstead, Somerville, Bryan, Hearne, Bremond, Kosse, Franklin, Madisonville, Lyons, Caldwell, Liberty, Saratoga, Batson, Dayton, Cleveland, Conroe, Huntsville, Trinity, Groveton, Alvin and Calvert, each serving other neighboring towns electrically. The object of the group operation by the Western Public Service Company is that it

tends to greater all-round efficiency, which is practically reflected in the service rendered every customer. The company owns and operates ice plants in this group and also provides water service in most of the towns. In addition to his responsible and important position with the Western Public Service Company, Mr. Freeman has since locating in this city found time in which to become identified with the business and social life of Navasota and is the vice president of the Navasota Dairy Products Company, president of the Navasota Oil Company, and is a director of the Navasota Country Club. He organized the Kiwanis Club of this city and is the secretary of this organization and one of its most active workers. He is president of the Navasota Chamber of Commerce and takes a keen interest in this organization also. Mr. Freeman began his career in the business world in the railroad service as a telegraph operator, and with this as a beginning in this field of activity, he worked himself to the top, occupying the positions of chief train dispatcher and for a period of five years was division superintendent. He left the railroad service in order to engage in the electrical contracting business for himself, and for a period of ten years followed this line of activity in the States of Mississippi, Tennessee and Arkansas. In 1914 he became associated with the Western Public Service Company, and for seven years handled the properties of this company in Texas.

Mr. Freeman was born in New York City on April 15th, 1864. His father, Commodore Perry Freeman, was for many years chief engineer on the large steamships of the high seas. His education was obtained at the Stevens Institute of Hoboken, New York, where he pursued the courses in electrical and mechanical engineering.

Mr. Freeman was married at Newbern, Tennessee, in 1912, to Miss Francis M. Atkins, a daughter of Ed Atkins, a prominent planter and land owner of the State of Tennessee. They have one child, Mary Eleanor Freeman. In the city of Navasota there is no man more active in an effort to improve the city in general than is Mr. Freeman, with a view of making a real city of Navasota. He has made a host of friends here and is very popular in the business and social circles. His influence is felt along every line of development in this city, and he is an enthusiastic booster for Navasota and this portion of Texas, where his company is rendering a most valuable service in the development of the city and country. It is the policy of the Western Public Service Company to have their properties managed by capable men of experience and technical ability, and in the selection of Mr. Freeman for the management of their Texas properties they made no mistake. He is thoroughly imbued with that spirit of public service which is the essential motive power in operating a public utility company successfully. Mr. Freeman is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church, and is active in church work. He has had much to do with the building up of the Western Public Service Company to its present size and strength, and has greatly aided in successfully accomplishing a tremendous task. The future promises well for this company and is all the more happy by the fact that in guarding and guiding the destinies of the company are men who know how, and Paul Freeman is not far from the head of the list of these men.





**L. KERR** is prominently identified with the oil and refining industries of Texas and New Mexico, where for the past score of years he has been District Sales Manager for the Gulf Refining Company and Secretary-Treasurer of the United Oil and Natural Gas Products Corporation and the Consolidated Carbon Corporation, all of which maintains offices in Houston. Mr. Kerr came to Houston in 1906 to become the District Sales Manager of the Gulf Refining Company, the territory of which includes all of Texas and New Mexico. All business for this district is handled through the Houston offices, in which department approximately 300 people are employed, and their sales forces under the Houston district office, include about one thousand people. The products of the Gulf Refining Company are fuel oil, gasoline, gas, lubricating oil, and all petroleum products. Mr. Kerr is Secretary-Treasurer of the United Oil and Gas Products Corporation, and is one of the organizers of this company. The plant of this industry is located at Monroe, Louisiana, but their offices are in Houston. The United Oil and Gas Products Corporation are capitalized for \$2,000,000.00, and are manufacturers of Carbon Black, used in making printer's ink and in the manufacture of rubber tires. This is the largest individual carbon black plant in the world, and manufactures 6,000,000 pounds of carbon black per year. The two well known and popular brands of carbon black made by this company are "Dixie Brand" and "Ace of Spades." C. A. Barbour is President of the United Oil and Natural Gas Products Corporation.

Mr. Kerr was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1867. His father, J. C. Kerr, (now deceased) was well known in the business circles of Cincinnati, where he was engaged in the wholesale grocery business, under the name of the J. C. Kerr Company, which is still being operated by the Kerr family. His mother before her marriage was Miss Margaret McChesney, a member of a well known Ohio family. Mr. Kerr's education was obtained in the public schools of Covington, Ky. In 1883, when sixteen years of age, Mr. Kerr entered the wholesale grocery establishment of his father in Cincinnati, and remained in that business until 1906, where he was in charge of sales. He left this position, and this line of work in order to come to Houston as District Sales Manager of the Gulf Refining Co., and where a short time later he became Secretary-Treasurer of the United Oil and Natural Gas Products Corporation, and shortly thereafter, in company with Captain Barbour, organized the Consolidated Carbon Corporation.

Mr. Kerr was married in 1897 to Miss Carrie Davis, a member of a prominent Kentucky family. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr reside at 3416 Audubon Place, Houston. He has been connected closely with the commercial interests of the city for many years, and is interested in many enterprises. Mr. Kerr is a Director in the National Bank of Commerce and is President of the Thalian Realty Holding Company, and Vice-President of the People's Finance and Thrift Company of Houston. In social organizations he is a member of the Houston Club, the Houston Country Club and the River Oaks Country Club. Mr. Kerr, in the midst of his private work, finds opportunity to give his time and assistance to many movements of a public nature to assist in the progress and advancement of Houston.



**ARTHUR H. KENNERLY**, well known in oil circles of Texas, as an executive, is Secretary and Auditor of the Southwestern Settlement and Development Company and of the Houston Oil Company of Texas. Mr. Kennerly came to Houston from Central Texas in 1910, and has been associated with these companies in these positions since that time. The Southwestern Settlement and Development Company are the owners of 750,000 acres in fee of cut-over lands which are located in the vast yellow pine district of East Texas and Western Louisiana, which they sell direct to purchasers for farming purposes and dairying. The sale of this land by the Southwestern Settlement and Development Company has as its object, primarily, and encouraging of home ownership and to assist in the settlement of this great State.

When Mr. Kennerly became associated with the Houston Oil Company of Texas in 1910, it had at that time only a small production at Corsicana, and today it is one of the leading oil companies of Texas and was active in the development of the following fields: Hull, Electra, Mexia, Smackover, Arkansas, Eldorado, Arkansas, Hainesville, Louisiana, and Corsicana, (shallow) and are operating in Live Oak and Jefferson Counties. The Houston Oil Company of Texas have a production of approximately 10,000 barrels per day, and have about two hundred and fifty people in their organization. The Houston Oil Company of Texas was organized in 1901 by John H. Kirby and Patrick Calhoun and is strictly a Texas organization, and has been doing a splendid work in developing the resources of the State. The Houston Oil Company of Texas and its policies are directed from Houston. The two companies of which Mr. Kennerly is Secretary and Auditor have offices in the Scanlan Building and fifty people are in the office organization.

A native Texan, Mr. Kennerly was born at Giddings, Lee County, January 10, 1882. His father, Joshua H. Kennerly, also a native of the Lone Star State, was born in Washington County in 1831, when Texas was a vast expanse of cattle ranges dotted with an occasional white settlement, and Indian attacks on these early settlers, who blazed the path for today's citizenship, were frequent and oftentimes left the dead as a cruel memento of their visit. His grandfather, Everton Kennerly, was truly one of the very early pioneers of the State, having migrated to Texas from Tennessee in 1829. His mother, prior to her marriage, was Miss Hannah Huntun, a member of a well known Arkansas family. The public schools of Giddings supplied the foundation for Mr. Kennerly's education, and two years study in business law and accounting provided him with his early business training. Immediately following his training, Mr. Kennerly, in 1907, was appointed Deputy Clerk in the United States Federal Court at Houston, which was the beginning of his business career. In the latter part of 1907 Mr. Kennerly became Division Accountant for the Southern Pacific Lines and remained with this corporation until 1910. Prior to 1907, Mr. Kennerly had been with the Post Office Department in his home town of Giddings, since he was sixteen years of age. In 1902, while serving as Assistant Postmaster at Guffy, Texas, was when Mr. Kennerly became interested in oil. Mr. Kennerly is a Director of the Higgins Oil and Fuel Company,



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which has about fifteen hundred barrels per day production. This company has a capital stock of \$500,000.00.

Mr. Kennerly was married in Beaumont in 1903 to Miss Margaret Gibson, a native of Austin County, Texas, and a daughter of A. L. Gibson (deceased), a well known merchant and prominent citizen of Wallace, Texas. They have five children, Burnett, Alice, Margaret, Thomas and Elsie Jewel. In fraternal organizations, Mr. Kennerly holds membership in the A. F. and A. M. and the I. O. O. F. He is a loyal member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Kennerly has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Houston and is deeply interested in all matters having to do with the progress and advancement of this city.



**NORMAN H. PERRY** entered the oil business when seventeen years of age, and the thorough training which he has received in the different branches of this industry has proved a valuable asset to him as an executive. Mr. Perry came to Houston in July, 1919, from Tampico, Mexico, and is General Superintendent of Pipe Lines for the Gulf Pipe Line Company. He supervises the pipe lines in Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana, which contains over two thousand lineal miles of pipe line. From 1904 to 1907, Mr. Perry was in the oil fields at Batson with various companies and was engaged in engineering and field work. From 1907 to 1913 he was Chief Engineer at Lufkin, Texas, for the Gulf Pipe Line Company, and from 1913 to 1919 was in Mexico with the Mexican Gulf Company as their Mexican Pipe Line Superintendent. While located in Mexico, Mr. Perry helped build the Gulf Pipe Line there, which consists of about sixty-five miles through the roughest and wildest section of country that can be found in the Republic, and had many difficult problems to overcome, in engineering and political as well, as that country has much "red tape" which a foreigner finds very difficult to overcome, particularly if the population is not friendly towards the builders. Mr. Perry's office is located at 512 Gulf Building and Mr. E. C. Kincaid, Assistant to the Vice-President of the Gulf Pipe Line Company, is head of this department.

Mr. Perry was born in North Carolina, August 1, 1885. His father, J. R. Perry, was a well known lumber man of North Carolina. His mother was Miss Fannie E. Bailey, a member of a prominent Virginia family. His literary education was obtained in the public and high schools of North Carolina, Georgia and Florida; his engineering education was obtained by practical application in the field, where he received a thorough training.

Mr. Perry was married in North Carolina on May 5, 1909, to Miss Pearl Cottrell, a native of North Carolina, and a daughter of Dr. W. L. Cottrell, a well known Methodist Minister of that State. They have one child, Cecil. Mr. Perry is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in the lodge at Lufkin, Texas. He is a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Perry is well known in all parts of the Mid-Continent and Mexican territory, where oil is transported and is popular in oil circles, and is a hard worker in the interest of the company which he represents, which is noted for its organization and co-operation of its forces. While yet a young man, Mr. Perry is a pioneer of the Texas oil industry, having spent a score of years in this business in Texas and Mexico.



**DANIEL J. MORAN**, Vice-President of the Texas Company, in charge of production, has spent a life time in the oil business, having started his career as an office boy for a pipe line company when he was ten years of age. At first Mr. Moran worked only during the summer vacations between schools sessions, but since the completion of his studies has devoted his entire time to the business in its various branches and has had a practical experience, which, combined with his technical knowledge, has enabled him to forge to the very front rank.

The connection of Mr. Moran with the Texas Company dates from May, 1907, when he entered the company's service at Tulsa, Oklahoma. He has served in various departments and in 1909 was transferred to the home office at Houston. He spent six years in foreign countries for the Texas Company, including Mexico, South and Central America where he was engaged in prospecting, and in Mexico in the shipping, refining and producing departments.

On July 1, 1922, he was promoted to the position of Manager of the producing department, which includes drilling and the work of saving and storing the crude oil and also the operation of the various refineries and gasoline plants. The personnel under the jurisdiction of Mr. Moran includes about three thousand men. In March, 1924, he became Vice-President of the Texas Company. He is also a Director of the Texas Company of Mexico.

Mr. Moran is a native of Ohio and was born in Wood County. He is a son of M. and Helen (Cusack) Moran, both natives of New York State. His father is now located at Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he is President of the Texas Pipe Line Company of Oklahoma. The elder Moran is the oldest pipe line man in the business today and has charge of some of the most important gathering and distributing lines operated by the Texas Pipe Line Company.

After receiving his preliminary education in a preparatory school at Dayton, Ohio, Mr. Moran entered the University of Dayton and graduated there with the class of 1905, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. He then did post graduate work at the Case School of Applied Science for two years and received his degree of Bachelor of Science from this institution as well.

Every summer for ten years during vacation periods he worked in various departments for the Buckeye Pipe Line Company at Lima, Ohio, a portion of this time serving as telegraph operator. He began the study of telegraphy when eight years of age and at fourteen was a proficient operator.

On May 28, 1921, Mr. Moran was married at Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Marie Farasey, a native of Cleveland. They have one child, Frances.

Mr. Moran has been an exceptionally close student of the oil industry and by reason of his technical training and life long experience has come to be regarded as one of the most expert men in the business today. He has accomplished many very unusual things for his company and has the unbounded respect, confidence and co-operation of his associates and the men who work under him as well. He is a member of the American Petroleum Institute and of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. His college fraternity at the Case School was the Beta Theta Pi. Mr. Moran is a member of the Houston Club and the Houston Country Club.



**J**OHAN H. TUCKER, of Houston, has spent practically his entire life time in the oil business. His boyhood was spent among the oil fields of Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, and Mr. Tucker has come up from the ranks to his present position as Superintendent of the Gulf Production Company in the Gulf Coast District. The territory under his supervision includes not only the various Coastal fields of West Columbia, Goose Creek and Damon Mound, but the Mexia and Corsicana fields as well. Some of the best wells in these fields are owned by the Gulf Production Company and it is estimated that this company owns more substantial, settled production in this territory than any other company operating in Texas. More than nine hundred people work in the various departments controlled by Mr. Tucker.

Coming to Texas in 1904 and going first to the famous Batson field, Hardin County, and Beaumont, Mr. Tucker has been connected with the Gulf Production Company in various capacities for more than a score of years. His first work for the company was as a roughneck and from time to time he was promoted until 1914, when he was made General Superintendent of the Production Department, a position he was peculiarly fitted by his intensive training and experience to fill. His first experience in the oil business was a boy in Pennsylvania, when he worked around the oil fields during vacation periods. He was born near Butler, Pennsylvania, on February 3, 1884. His parents were T. J. and Rachel (Supplee) Tucker. His father was for many years a well known oil man operating in Pennsylvania, Ohio, and other sections of the East. He is now deceased.

Mr. Tucker received his education in the schools at Butler, Pa., and at various places in Pennsylvania and Ohio, where his father was engaged in the oil business, but states that most of his schooling was of a practical kind and received in the oil fields where the derrick floor was the school room. He is conceded to be a master of production detail and his associates in the oil fraternity look upon him as an expert in his particular line.

On May 24, 1905, Mr. Tucker was married at Parkersburg, West Virginia, to Miss Rose Murphy, a native of West Virginia. They have five children, Frank, J. H., Jr., Ruth, Mary Jane and Bill.

Mr. Tucker is a member of the American Petroleum Institute and for several years has served on the pipe committee and other standardization committees of the Institute. These committees have done a great deal of constructive work in bringing about a standardization of pipe sizes, rig irons, and creating uniformity in nearly all supplies used in the industry.

While devoting practically his entire time to the interests of his company, Mr. Tucker finds some time for recreation and is a member of the Houston Club, Houston Country Club, River Oaks Country Club, and of the Lumberman's Club. He also is a member of the Knights of Pythias.



**ADRIAN T. MOORE**, although a comparatively recent addition to the oil fraternity of Houston, is well known in the oil and financial circles of North Texas and Louisiana. Mr. Moore is Division Manager of the Southern Division for the Amerada Petroleum Corporation and the Rycade Oil Corporation, with the division office

located at 226 Humble Building. The home office of this corporation is in New York City. The Amerada Petroleum Corporation operates in Arkansas and Louisiana, and are engaged in producing only, their wells being located at Haynesville, Louisiana, and at El Dorado and Smackover, Arkansas. This corporation has been operating in the South for about three years, and Houston is the headquarters for the Arkansas and Louisiana fields. The Rycade Oil Corporation was organized in 1923 and bought the Amerada interests in Texas. This is also a producing company, and is active in developing the several fields of Texas. Most of their drilling activity is in South Texas. Approximately two hundred people are in Mr. Moore's organization.

A native Texan, Mr. Moore was born at Waco January 24, 1885, and came of an old Texas family. His father, Bart Moore, also a native of the Lone Star State, was for many years prominent in the real estate and insurance circles of Waco; his grandfather, Dr. Thomas Moore, and his grandmother came to Texas in 1855. Mr. Moore's mother was Miss Nettie Rose, a native Texan, whose family came to Texas in the pioneer days. Mr. Moore's education was obtained in the public and high schools of Waco, graduating from the latter in the class of 1901. He later was a student of the University of Texas. After leaving school, Mr. Moore entered business with his father, and was for many years indirectly interested in the oil business at Waco. In 1916, he entered actively into the oil business in North Texas, where his activities in contracting and operating were confined mostly to Burkburnett. In 1920 he went with the Amerada Petroleum Corporation at Shreveport, Louisiana, as Division Manager there, and when the Houston and Shreveport offices were consolidated, he removed to Houston and is in charge of Louisiana, Texas and Arkansas from the Houston office. Mr. Moore was married at Elkton, Kentucky, in 1909, to Miss Rob Williams, a member of a well known family of Kentucky, where her father, Dr. Robert Williams, was a prominent physician. They have one daughter, Mary Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Moore reside at 612 Branard Avenue. Mr. Moore is a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon College fraternity; the Houston Club; the University Club, River Oaks Country Club, Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, and the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers. He is active in the business, social and general community life of Houston, and is interested in all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of this city.



**F. HENNIGER**, for ten years and more connected with the Gulf Production Company, and an oil geologist who is recognized as an authority in his definite field, has occupied a high place in the esteem of the oil fraternity at Houston since coming here several years ago. Mr. Henniger is chief of surface and geophysical investigations for the Gulf Production Company in the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana, having been stationed at Houston in this capacity since 1922.

Mr. Henniger was born in Fayette County, Texas, the twenty-third of February, 1883, the son of Frank Henniger, a native of Texas. He received his early education at Blinn College, Brenham, Texas; later attending the University of Texas from



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*Dilworth S. Hager.*

1913 to 1916. During the summers of 1914 and 1915 he did geological work for the Gulf Production Company in Wichita, Throckmorton, Shackelford, Brown and Stephens Counties, Texas. In June, 1916, he left the University and came to Houston, entering the regular service of the Gulf Production Company. In November, 1916, he was transferred to Mexico, and worked out of Tampico for the Mexican Gulf Company until January, 1918, when he was returned to Northwest Texas with headquarters at Fort Worth.

In October, 1916, Mr. Henniger enlisted in the Students' Army Training Corps of the Howard Payne College at Brownwood, Texas. When the armistice was signed, he had an appointment to the Officers' Training Camp, Signal Corps Division, but was discharged on December 7th, 1918.

After his discharge, Mr. Henniger returned to the Gulf Production Company, doing geological work in the fields of North and West Texas until August, 1919, when he was put in charge of the San Antonio district, with headquarters in San Antonio. In 1920 he returned to Houston for a short time and was then sent to the fields of Northern Louisiana, Southern Arkansas and the Mexia and Powell fields, working there until December, 1920. After a short time in the Laredo field, he was again returned to Houston to take charge of the Gulf Coast field for the Gulf Production Company, and has since maintained his headquarters there.

Mr. Henniger was married at Brownwood, Texas, the twenty-fourth of August, 1918, to Miss Frances Snyder, a native of Texas. They have one son, Waldemar Frederick, Junior, born November 2nd, 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Henniger reside in Houston at 1109 California Avenue.

ILWORTH SCOTT HAGER was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1888. His family moved to St. Louis, and he was educated in the public schools and in Washington University. In 1911 he went to Harvard University, and received his B. S. degree there in 1912. Next he spent fifteen months in the steel mills at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In 1913 he came to Texas and worked in the Burkburnett and Electra oil fields. In 1914 he moved to Oklahoma, and worked in the Healdton and Cushing fields. In 1915-1917 he did geological work under his brother, Dorsey Hager, in Oklahoma and Kansas. In 1917, after the war was declared, he volunteered for the Second Officers' Training School, but was not accepted. He then came to Brownwood, Texas, as geologist for the Janeellen Oil Company of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and there located the gas field which now supplies the town of Brownwood. In 1918 he was inducted into the service, and spent five months at Camp Travis, San Antonio, and the Field Artillery Officers' Training School at Louisville, Kentucky.

In 1919 Mr. Hager did geological work in North Texas, Kentucky and Ohio. In 1920 he returned to Harvard University and in 1921 took his A. M. degree in geology there, rounding out his experience, meanwhile, by doing some geological work in Wyoming and Idaho for the National Exploration Company.


In 1921 Mr. Hager came back to Texas to stay. He opened an office in Mexia, where he did consulting work until employed by the Gulf Production

Company in 1921, to take charge of all their surface work in Northeast and Southwest Texas, with headquarters at Houston.

Mr. Hager is considered an authority on the oil and gas geology of Texas, and is very much interested in the development of the natural resources of the state.

During the convention of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists in Houston, in 1924, he was chairman of the reception committee. He is a member of the above mentioned association, the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, University Club of Houston and Dallas, and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. Mr. Hager is now president of the Houston Geological Society.

Mr. Hager's father, F. D. Hager, was born in Washington County, Maryland, and his mother, Sarah D. Hager, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

OHN W. LAWSON, for several years a factor in the iron foundering industry at San Antonio, has recently established his headquarters in Houston, and since his arrival in this city has assumed a place of importance in the steel and supply business. The Alamo Steel and Supply Company, of which Mr. Lawson is general manager, was established and incorporated in 1922, with a capital of \$100,000.00, and is operated under the control of the Alamo Iron Works of San Antonio. Mr. George C. Holmgreen (deceased) was president; Melrose Holmgreen, secretary and treasurer; E. A. Holmgreen, and J. H. Holmgreen, vice presidents of the corporation. The Alamo Steel and Supply Company are fabricators of re-inforcing steel for concrete construction, steel construction hoists, concrete mixers, and all contractors supplies. While only in business but a comparatively short time in Houston, they have made rapid strides and have a number of large contracts for construction steel to be used in buildings under course of construction in Houston. The Alamo Steel and Supply Company has an acreage tract, comprising eight acres, at Spring and Taylor Streets. The buildings housing the industry have a floor space of one hundred thousand square feet, and they recently added a structural steel shop which materially increases the facilities of the company. They have at all times a large and adequate stock of steel, and employ some forty people.

Mr. Lawson came to San Antonio in 1902, and for two decades was with the Alamo Iron Works where he had a thorough training in this industry, working in every department. When the Alamo Iron Works opened the Alamo Steel and Supply Company at Houston, in 1922, Mr. Lawson was made manager of the new business, which position he has since held.

Mr. Lawson was married at San Antonio, in 1911, to Miss Mignonette Kuhn, daughter of Jacob Kuhn, retired capitalist, who came to that city some fifteen years ago from St. Louis, and who owns San Antonio business property. Her mother is Mrs. Carrie Kuhn. Mr. and Mrs. Lawson have made their home in Houston since Mr. Lawson's business activities have been centered here, living at 2724 Austin Street. Mr. Lawson is a member of the Houston Club and the Rotary Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, Scottish Rite, San Antonio Consistory No. 5, and a member of Alzafar Temple Shrine, San Antonio.





**F**RANK L. BUFORD, since coming to Houston several years ago, has been identified with engineering work, in connection with oil production, and is one of the men qualified to speak with authority in this field of engineering. Mr. Buford is chief engineer for the Gulf Pipe Line Company and the Gulf Production Company, a position involving heavy responsibilities and requiring an unerring knowledge of all phases of engineering. Mr. Buford has in his department, and under his supervision, a force of from thirty to thirty-five trained men, and has charge of the South Texas District and Louisiana, the department handling all engineering work, draughting, surveying, field work and like activities in this territory. They also have charge of the mapping and surveying of all lands, leases, pipe lines, drilling locations, and keep all records of the kind and size of pipe used in all lines, both trunk, main, lateral, and gathering lines, and also storage tanks and pump stations. Mr. Buford has a complete set of maps, made under his supervision, covering every detail of this work, and knows, almost down to the last inch of pipe, every item that has been used in the construction of pipe lines, tankage and pump stations. He gives to the work of his department an enthusiasm that is reflected in the interest taken in the work by each employee, and has proven his ability as an executive and manager, as well as an engineer. Mr. Buford has been with the Gulf Pipe Line Company and the Gulf Production Company since 1913, and has maintained his headquarters at Houston since 1916, with offices in the Gulf Building. He was made chief engineer in 1920, and since being given that position has increased to a marked degree the efficiency of the office and developed his organization to point of perfection.

Frank L. Buford was born at Beaumont, Texas, the sixteenth of February, 1873, son of Thomas R. and Amanda Kyle Buford. His father, one of the pioneers of the Lone Star State, came here as a boy of sixteen and was a farmer and settler of lands for many years. Mr. Buford was entered in the public schools of Beaumont as a boy and after graduating from the high school there went to Texas A. & M. College for four years, graduating in 1892, with the degree of civil engineer. For the next three or four years he was with the O. B. & K. C. Railroad, handling locating and construction work. The following year he was with the construction company handling harbor work on the Gulf, after which he spent one year with the U. S. government department handling coastal survey and harbor work. This was followed by one year with the Texas and New Orleans Railroad, and two years with the Santa Fe Railroad, after which he went in business for himself and handled a general civil engineering business for three years. This was followed by two years in canal and drainage work, and in 1913 he became associated with the Gulf Pipe Line Company and the Gulf Production Company, in the engineering department, and where he is now chief engineer.

Mr. Buford was married at Houston, in January, 1923, to Mrs. Annie Wise Aycock, a native of Louisiana, and the daughter of a cotton planter of that State. Mr. and Mrs. Buford make their home at the St. James Apartments. Mr. Buford is regarded

as a man of exceptional qualifications for the position he holds, and is a real authority on oil field engineering. He has had a wide and varied experience, covering the entire field of civil engineering, and is a deep student of this science, keeping apace with all recent developments.



**S.** CUNY has been engaged in the real estate business in Houston for a number of years and has developed a highly successful business in the handling of residence and business property in the city and improved and unimproved farm lands in Harris and adjoining counties. He has recently been specializing in farm lands and is looking forward to a largely increased business in this line during the next few years as the advantages of South Texas farm lands become more generally known.

With offices located at 619 Chronicle Building Mr. Cuny has a complete organization for the handling of real estate and investments and has a large and increasing clientele. He is prepared to render exceptionally efficient service to his clients and during the years he has been engaged in business here has handled hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property.

Besides his general real estate business Mr. Cuny is also interested in oil leases and royalties and has been very successful in his ventures in the oil game. The firm of Cuny and Edwards drilled thirteen wells in various coastal fields near Houston and procured some valuable production. He still owns a number of valuable leases.

Mr. Cuny was born at Austin on October 28, 1883, and is a son of the late Captain P. M. Cuny, who was a member of the Twenty-Seventh Texas Legislature from Waller County. His father was first married in 1867 to Miss Mary Waller, a daughter of Judge Edwin Waller, and following her death in 1882 he was married again to Miss Sallie Daniel of Sherman. Captain Cuny enlisted in the Confederate Army when a lad of seventeen and served throughout the war between the States. He died on April 25, 1923. Captain Cuny's father, the grandfather of E. S. Cuny, was a member of the Texas Congress in 1845 and the family has taken a prominent and active part in the political and commercial history of the State.

Mr. Cuny attended the public schools at Austin and Houston and after leaving school began work in the accounting department of the Southern Pacific Railway Company. He continued in railroad work for seven years and then decided to enter the real estate business, which has continued to engage his thought and attention since. Mr. Cuny has been a resident of Houston since 1896, coming here with his parents when a boy thirteen years of age.

On April 9, 1914, Mr. Cuny was married at Huntsville, Texas, to Miss Lillian Bush, daughter of Dr. Robert Haynes Bush, one of the pioneer settlers and a well known physician of East Texas. They have one son, Eugene S., Jr. The family home is at 812 Richmond Avenue.

Mr. Cuny is an energetic and progressive type of business man and a consistent booster for Houston. He is interested in any movement for the development of Houston, especially as a shipping and industrial center, and Mrs. Cuny is identified with a number of women's civic organizations.



Frank L. Buford





Joe H. Russell

**JOSEPH H. RUSSELL**, one of the leading electrical engineers of Houston, has been connected with the Gulf Production Company since January, 1921, and has attained a commendable reputation for his efficient management of the production engineering department of the company. Mr. Russell is assistant superintendent of production for the Gulf Production Co., and has charge of construction for this company. This is one of the most responsible positions in the entire gulf organization, and one requiring a highly specialized knowledge, as well as practical experience in this field. Mr. Russell came with the organization as electrical engineer, and has since that time taken over the general production engineering duties.

Joseph H. Russell was born at Bonham, Texas, the twenty-sixth of July, 1891, the son of J. B. Russell and Lydia (Goodman) Russell. J. B. Russell, a native Texan, is one of the most prominent ranchmen and bankers of Bonham, which has been his home for many years. Mrs. Russell is a native of Virginia. Joseph H. Russell attended the public schools of Bonham through high school, afterward entering the University of Texas, in the electrical engineering department, finishing in 1914 with the electrical engineering degree. He then came to Houston, going with Stone & Webster, at the time the construction of the Houston & Galveston Interurban was under way. He began at the bottom, working through all departments, to thoroughly familiarize himself with the practical application of electrical engineering. In 1918 he went to Beaumont, with Stone & Webster, as superintendent of the Street Railway System there, and also as superintendent of the Beaumont, Port Arthur Interurban. He remained in that position until returning to Houston in 1921 to go with the Gulf Production Company.

Mr. Russell was married at Galveston, Texas, the seventeenth of November, 1915, to Miss Jeannette Markle, a native of Palestine, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Russell have three children, Carolyn, Jeannette and Joseph Holt Russell, Jr., and reside at 4402 Connor Avenue, Houston.

Mr. Russell is a member of River Oaks Country Club, The Phi Delta Theta, college fraternity, and the Baptist Church.

**SCOTT SHAMBAUGH** came to Houston in 1911, and the following year started contracting sidewalks and foundations. In 1921 he began the paving business in Houston, and has had a large share of the vast amount of paving done. He is engaged in the contracting of city paving, using concrete and rock asphalt. Mr. Shambaugh has a large new asphalt plant, which is conveniently located at Clay and Dowling Streets, with his office at the same address. He has his own railroad track into his plant. He has five large trucks, four rollers, two mixers, two asphalt plants, being well equipped to do any size paving job. Each year his business has increased steadily since he established it in Houston in 1912.

Mr. Shambaugh was born at Booneville, Iowa, in 1884. His father, A. H. Shambaugh, was a large land-owner and farmer of Iowa. His mother was, previous to her marriage, Miss Mary Jane Scott, a member of a prominent Ohio family. His education was obtained at Coe College, Iowa, graduating from this institution in the class of 1906 with the

B. S. Degree. After leaving college, Mr. Shambaugh started his business career in the banking business in Iowa and Chicago, where he remained for one and one-half years. He then came to Texas and located at Plainview, and worked for a general contractor, where he remained for three years, and came to Houston in 1911.

Mr. Shambaugh was married in Houston in 1912 to Miss Annie Richie McMullen, a native of the Lone Star State, and a daughter of J. U. McMullen, of Lufkin, Texas. They have three children—Wilma Jean, Joan and Mary Jane. Mr. and Mrs. Shambaugh reside at 1401 West Alabama Avenue. Mr. Shambaugh holds membership in the Houston Club. He is a staunch and consistent member of the Baptist Church, and is an earnest worker in the interest of the Church. Mr. Shambaugh takes an active interest in all matters having to do with the advancement and progress of Houston, and is active in the business, social and general community life of the city.

**FRANK E. ZUMWALT**, while still a young man, is one of the best known men among the building trades in the City of Houston. Mr. Zumwalt is an architect and structural engineer in the office of Robert J. Cummins, Bankers Mortgage Building, and has been identified with the business interests of Houston for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Zumwalt is a native Texan and was born at Hallettsville, Lavaca County, on June 2nd, 1891.

He is a son of Thomas R. and Temperance (Dowling) Zumwalt and inherited a taste for the building game from his father, who is a well known building contractor at Hallettsville. Mr. Zumwalt's grandfather was also a building contractor and the family has been identified with many important building projects in Texas during the past half century.

After attending the public schools and the high school at Hallettsville, Mr. Zumwalt began studying architectural engineering under some of the best architects and engineers of the country and soon demonstrated his ability and natural adaptation for work of this kind. Coming to Houston he was connected with the firm of Jones and Tabor for three years and then was with H. C. Cooke and Company for two years. During the past decade he has been associated with Robert J. Cummins. During this time he has made a special study of industrial engineering and has been in responsible charge of the construction of a number of important industrial projects.

In 1914 Mr. Zumwalt was married in Houston to Miss Elizabeth Leo. They have two children, Frank E., Jr., and Elizabeth. The family residence is at 3412 Yupon Drive.

Mr. Zumwalt is a consistent booster for Houston and believes the city is just entering upon the greatest era of prosperity in its history. He believes this to be the logical location for many more large industrial enterprises and expects numbers of them to locate here as the peculiar advantages of the city become more widely known. Mr. Zumwalt takes an active interest in civic affairs and is ever glad to give aid and encouragement to any movement for the betterment of the city as a whole. He is a member of the Houston Engineering and Optimist Clubs and is a member of the House and Physical Committees of the Y. M. C. A.





**WILLIAM L. THOMAS**, prominently identified with petroleum industry in the Lone Star State, has for a number of years made his home at Houston, and is one of the outstanding men in the petroleum field here. Mr. Thomas is Land Commissioner for the Gulf Companies, a position he has held since 1910, at which time he began with this company at Beaumont. He had charge of all lands of the Gulf Company, looking after all taxes and everything pertaining to the land department, for Arkansas, Mexico and Texas. Later, as the company developed and expanded, his departments were divided and other departments made, with Mr. Thomas as Land Commissioner of the Southern District. He has for many years maintained his headquarters at Houston, with his offices in the Gulf Building here, and has directed the functioning of the land department with a sound knowledge and careful attention to the interests of the company that has been no small factor in company development.

William L. Thomas was born at Mansfield, Louisiana, the nineteenth of October, 1860. His father, Dr. William G. Thomas, a native of North Carolina, came to Louisiana in the pioneer fifties, later coming to Texas, and locating at Marshall, in 1867. Dr. Thomas built up a large practice in that city, and until his death was prominent in medical and civic affairs. His mother, also deceased, was before her marriage, Miss Sallie Littlejohn, of North Carolina. Mr. Thomas attended the public schools of Marshall, Texas, and after leaving school began with the private banking institution of Raquet and Fry, of that city. After two years with that institution he began with Emory R. Starr, in the land business. This business, dating back to 1837, when it was established by James Starr, the father of Emory R. Starr became the largest land company in the entire Southwest, and was known throughout the country for the development and land activities sponsored during those years. After fourteen years with the land company Mr. Thomas went to Austin, Texas, spending three years in the State Treasury Department. In 1901 he went to Beaumont and engaged in the abstract business, building up a fine and complete plant, and spent many years in that business. Later he went with the Kirby Lumber Company, doing abstract work for that large company. After several years with the Kirby interests, he went with the Producers Oil Company, in the Land Department, until coming with the Gulf Company, in May, 1910, since which time he has had complete charge of the lands owned by the Gulf Company, and has been one of the active men of the organization.

Mr. Thomas has been married twice, the first time to Miss Emma O. Warren, at Somerville, Tenn., whose death occurred in 1911. This union resulted in two children, both of whom died as infants. Mr. Thomas was married the second time to Mrs. Nora Blanchette Russell, a native of Beaumont, and the daughter of W. V. Blanchette, a pioneer of Beaumont, one of the prominent men of that city. Mr. Thomas is a man whose business interests and home have claimed his undivided attention, and he has at all times refrained from joining clubs and other organizations. As he often says, he belongs to the "Gulf Company and Mrs. Thomas Club," and devotes all his time to them. A man of distinguished

bearing, of high mental attainments, and executive ability, he is one of the prominent men in the Gulf Company, and has worked indefatigably for the success of this company. He counts his friends among the highest executives and humblest employees alike, and is admired by all who know him. Although not actively allied with any civic organization, Mr. Thomas is interested in the development of Houston along progressive lines, and foresees a great future for this city.



**JOHN C. UNDERWOOD** is one of the pioneers of the oil industry in Texas, having been engaged in this field of activity since oil was discovered in the state, and has done much in developing the fields of South Texas where he is regarded as an expert on oil matters. Mr. Underwood has his office on the third floor of the Prince Building, where he is known as an oil operator. He first became interested in the oil industry at Beaumont, where he was successful in speculations. From the discovery of oil in this field, the thought came to him that oil must be elsewhere in South Texas, and he immediately began securing leases at Columbia, beginning in this field in 1902. The oil business, at that time was new to him as well as to other Texans, and he possessed no concrete knowledge of this industry, but he studied conditions and acquired a practical knowledge of surface conditions and formations. He sought a lease on what was known as the Varner tract, after which he induced the late Governor James S. Hogg to purchase the same. Among the leases he acquired at Columbia was one known as the Arnold tract, on which gas was escaping from crevices in the ground. He formed a company to drill the Arnold tract, which was known as the Equitable Mining Company, with headquarters at Austin. At a depth of three hundred and sixty feet, a good showing of oil was encountered and again at four hundred and eighty-five feet and the latter depth was developed and marketed as a lubricating oil, but on account of the low prices prevailing at that time, cost of coo-perage and hauling to market, the development of this tract was finally stopped. Mr. Underwood drilled several dry holes in this territory, going to a depth of twelve hundred feet, and his lease was abandoned until in later years when the idea of deeper drilling was established and put into operation, and he has some production there at the present time. Both the Humble Oil Company and the Hyde Production Company drilled on his leases, obtained good production and he has royalties from these leases. Mr. Underwood operated extensively in the Humble, Sour Lake and Louisiana fields, where he did much drilling and development work. He was for a period of four years employed by the Gulf Company as an oil expert, retiring from this position in 1922 in order to enter business for himself as an oil operator. Mr. Underwood is now making preparations to develop a new tract in the coastal fields of Texas.

A native Texan, Mr. Underwood was born at Columbia April 4th, 1863. His father, Ammon Underwood, a native of Massachusetts, was one of the early Texas pioneers and established a mercantile business at Columbia in 1834, and this store is still being operated by Mr. Underwood's brother. His mother, also an early pioneer, was Miss Rachel Jane Carson, a daughter of William Carson, and came to Texas in 1824 and was a child in the first Austin



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*Chas. R. Oldham*

colony. Mr. Underwood grew up in his father's store at Columbia, after which he became a merchant with his own store and remained in this line of endeavor until he entered the oil industry.

Mr. Underwood was married at Columbia, Texas, in June, 1886, to Miss Lucy Harris, a daughter of H. Harris, who was a well known builder, and Abbie Harris, who came to Texas in 1845. They have five children, Ammon, Harris, John C. Underwood, Jr., Lucy and Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Underwood reside at 4417 Fannin Street. Mr. Underwood is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in St. John's Blue Lodge at Columbia, Texas, where he is also a member of the Chapter. Since coming to Houston in 1905, Mr. Underwood has become interested in many of the city's financial and industrial projects, and believes that Houston will soon take its place as the leading city of the Southwest, and that the development in the city and in South Texas along many lines has just begun.



**FOREST R. OLDHAM** is a pioneer in the oil business where for a score of years he has been active in the several branches of this great industry. Mr. Oldham has since 1917 been purchasing agent for the Gulf Oil Companies, which position requires a real executive to bring results. He is in charge of the purchasing department of the Gulf Companies for Texas, Louisiana and Mexico. Mr. Oldham came with the Gulf Company at Beaumont in 1907 in the inventory department, where he remained for two years and then went into the purchasing department, first as a clerk, and later was made assistant, and in 1917 was made purchasing agent for Texas, Louisiana and Mexico, which is a responsible position in such a large company, requiring so many things to be purchased. Like other Gulf Company men, Mr. Oldham gives his entire time and thought to the company's interest, and has made a complete success in his line of work. He has worked his way from the bottom to the top in his field and the few years that he spent in the oil fields has been of great assistance to him in handling the business which comes under the jurisdiction of his department. Mr. Oldham's office is at 901 Gulf Building.

A native Texan, Mr. Oldham was born near Palestine, October 7th, 1882. His father, Dr. J. R. Oldham, was one of the most prominent physicians in Anderson County during his time, and died in Bosque County over thirty years ago. His mother was Miss Almeda C. Bussey, a member of a well known Mississippi family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Waco.

In 1904, Mr. Oldham entered the oil business and from that date to 1907 he was associated with various companies in the Humble field, where he obtained his preliminary education in the materials used in an oil field, and how same are used, and, in fact, learned the rudiments of the business, which has helped him in his career with one of the best known and largest oil companies of the Southwest. In 1912 Mr. Oldham was married in Beaumont to Mrs. Myrtle Carter, a native of Milam County, Texas. They have one son, Forest R. Oldham, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Oldham reside at 1211 Miramar Avenue, which is in the beautiful Rossmoyne Addition. Mr. Oldham is a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner of Arabia Temple. He is a member of the Houston

Purchasing Agents Association and was president of this organization in 1923. He is also a member of the River Oaks Country Club. Mr. Oldham has made many friends since coming to Houston and is popular with the oil fraternity everywhere he is known, and is considered an expert in his line. He takes an active interest in all forms of clean sport, and is particularly fond of hunting and fishing and spends all his spare time in this pleasure and recreation. He is a firm believer in the future of Houston, and thinks the time is close at hand when this will not only be the oil center of the Southwest, but the leading city in every way.



**FRANK HAMMOND** is one of the best known men in Houston and Harris County, where, prior to entering the real estate business, he was for five years connected with the police department of Houston, and was for six years sheriff of Harris County. Mr. Hammond is the owner of the M. Frank Hammond Realty Company, with office located at 213 Binz Building. Mr. Hammond, in addition to the handling of real estate of all kinds, deals some in oil leases and royalties. He owns much residence property and valuable farm lands in Smith and Fort Bend Counties, besides his holdings here.

A native Texan, Mr. Hammond was born at Kosse, Limestone County, July 22nd, 1873. His father came to Texas from Mississippi in 1856, and was engaged in farming on a large scale. His mother was a native of Alabama. The schooling which Mr. Hammond received was in the Kosse public schools, and his opportunities for securing an education were limited, and the liberal education which he obtained in later years was through self help, and he has used this as a foundation upon which to build throughout the years that have brought him business success. Mr. Hammond has been engaged in many lines of endeavor and has traveled much throughout the country, and finally settled in Houston because he considered that this city had greater opportunities than any other city in the Southwest, and is still of the same opinion as regards the future of Houston. Mr. Hammond has been closely connected with the commercial interests of the city for many years and is interested in many of the local enterprises and industries, and is a director of the Gibraltar Savings and Building Association. While serving as sheriff of Harris County from 1912 to 1918, he handled many troublesome men, during the early period of the World War, who did not want to serve in the Army, and Mr. Hammond established a record in the handling of these and many other characters.

Mr. Hammond was married in Houston, November 24th, 1895, to Miss Ila Pearl Winfield, a member of a well known family of Alabama. They have six children, E. H. Hammond, Marian Pearl, Gladys, Janice, Frank Pearl and Hope. The Hammond home is located at 202 West Main Street. In fraternal and social organizations, Mr. Hammond is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Blue Lodge No. 329 of Houston, is a member of the Scottish Rite body of this order and a Shriner of Arabia Temple, the B. P. O. E., and the Turnverein. He is a consistent member of the Baptist church. Mr. Hammond is optimistic as to the future of Houston and believes this city will have a population of 500,000 within a period of ten years.



**R**AYMOND E. POWELL has for the past several years been a resident of that enterprising oil center, Baytown, and since coming here has held a place of recognized leadership in refining activities and is considered an authority on this phase of industrial management. Mr. Powell is general superintendent of the refinery of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and under his management this refinery, established in 1918, has made a record for growth and efficiency. The plant capacity, about forty thousand barrels a day, makes it a factor in the refinery world, and with a force of thirteen hundred employees offers many problems to the superintendent calling not only for expert knowledge of all phases of refinery operation, but of labor questions as well. The plant itself, one of the most modern in Texas, and one of the finest in the entire country, has been equipped to meet the demands of a diversity of refining activities. Products manufactured here include every thing in the refining line, manufactured, marketed and handled from the crude product to the finished, under the most modern conditions. As an industrial unit the plant represents one of the largest in this section, and a small city of two hundred and forty houses, with recreational and other utilities, is grouped around the refinery proper. Mr. Powell is thoroughly familiar with every detail of the operation and management of this industrial center, and is always on the job, smoothing the wheels of operation, and making improvements that will result in future expansions.

Raymond E. Powell was born at Wrightstown, New Jersey, the tenth of May, 1887, son of Alfred A. Powell, with the railroads of the East for many years, and Lillian H. Powell. As a boy he attended the public schools of Wrightstown, graduating from the high school there, after which he entered Peddie Institute for a four years' course, in the scientific department, and which he completed in three years, graduating with highest honors. He also taught classes in mathematics at the Peddie Institute the last year he spent there, and in other ways demonstrated his exceptional scholarship. The three years after leaving Peddie Institute were spent in educational work, followed by six years with the United States government, in railroad service. He then went to Montreal, Canada, in 1916, where he spent three and a half years in the refinery of the Imperial Oil Company, Ltd., leaving that corporation as second assistant to the general superintendent. The two years following were spent in the refining department of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, after which he went to Charlestown, South Carolina, and supervised the construction of the asphalt plant there, in connection with the refinery in that city. After a short period in South Carolina he came to Baytown, where he has since been in charge of the refinery of the Humble Oil and Refining Company as general superintendent.

Mr. Powell was married at Wrightstown, New Jersey, in 1913, to Miss Daisy Belle Davis, daughter of Arthur A. Davis, a painting contractor of that city, and Annie G. Davis. Mr. and Mrs. Powell reside at Baytown, and have one child, Alfred D. Powell. Mr. Powell is a Mason, Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston. Since coming to Baytown he has impressed all with

whom he has come in contact with his knowledge of refinery. His advancement in this industry, while rapid, has not been undeserved, and he is considered one of the men unusually well equipped to have under his direction industrial activities of the scope of the refinery of the Humble Company. The future would appear to hold for him further distinction in his chosen line, wherein his talent for men and affairs will find further outlet, and his name should be one to be reckoned with in refining matters.

**V**IVIAN MORTIMER GILLETE DUKE, one of the real pioneers of Goose Creek, while growing up with this community has prospered as it has prospered, and has taken an important part in cultivating the lands of this section and in developing the natural resources here. Mr. Duke has from early boyhood made his home on his beautiful farm, overlooking Goose Creek, and at the landing which has for six decades been known as Duke's Landing. Mr. Duke's chief interests have been agricultural, and while he has had some interests in the cattle industry, it is as a farmer that he is better known, and it is doubtful if there are today many men in his community who have had so wide an influence for good and for the advancement of the farmers of this section.

Vivian Mortimer Gillete Duke was born at Richmond, Fort Bend County, Texas, the twenty-eighth day of May, 1857. His father, William Henry Duke, was for a number of years a bookkeeper in a mercantile establishment there, and later was a factor in the political life of the day. His mother was, prior to her marriage, Miss Elizabeth Gillete. Mr. Duke spent his boyhood in Harris County, to which place the family removed in 1861. At this time public schools were not as common as they are now, and he had little chance to attend school, until 1870 when he was sent to Granby, Conn., where he attended a preparatory school for four years. He then returned to the farm, near Goose Creek and has spent most of his time since then in farming activities, although he spent a few years with the Southern Pacific Railway.

The Duke farm, consisting of one hundred and twenty-three acres in the tract known as the old homestead, is one of the land marks of this part of Harris County, since the days of the early settlers. Mr. Duke recalls those days when all provisions were brought in from Galveston, up the channel, and to Goose Creek to Busch Landing, and when farming was a much more laborious occupation, working with crude implements, and in new soil than it is today when a tractor and the many improvements which have come in its wake can do the work of half a dozen men.

Since the oil fields of this section have been developed the land owned by Mr. Duke has increased very much in value, and on his home place a number of wells have been drilled. A good part of his land still remains to be developed, however, and it is the belief of geologists here that the indications for big wells are favorable, and that the next few years will see operations on an extensive scale here, with the bringing in of a number of important wells.

Mr. Duke was married first to Miss Eleanor Abny of South Carolina, in October, 1885, her death occurring two years later, in 1887. There was one child born to this union, Henry Gillete Duke. Mr. Duke was married again in August, 1894, to Miss



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Hattie Riggs, daughter of Samuel Merritt Riggs, a carpenter, boat builder and cattle raiser of Goose Creek, and Sarah Jacinto Penn Riggs. Mr. and Mrs. Duke have since made their home on the farm, at Duke's Landing, near Goose Creek, and have two children: Elsie Pettitt Duke, and Marybelle Duke. The family are members of the Episcopal Church. Fraternally Mr. Duke is a Woodman of the World, and an Odd Fellow, and has a wide acquaintance in both these lodges. He is one of the older men of his community, a man of sterling quality and respected by all who know him. An ever kindly manner and a real interest in the welfare of his fellow men has made him one of the most beloved men of his community, and he counts his friends by the hundreds.

**VID K. TOWLER** has had an experience in the pipe line and production departments of the oil industry that probably exceeds that of any other man in these branches in South Texas. Mr. Towler is superintendent of production and drilling at Goose Creek for the Sun Company and is one of this oil company's oldest and best men. He became associated with the Sun Company in 1906, and came to Goose Creek and his present position with the company in the spring of 1923. The Sun Company has fourteen producing wells in this field, with an average daily production of eight hundred barrels. They have a large stock of materials always on hand, and a very complete organization in all departments. From forty to fifty men are in Mr. Towler's department, and the Sun Company has twenty-five acres of ground in this field. Mr. Towler has had a vast practical experience and acquired his knowledge by a complete, careful and painstaking study of the business, and since coming to Goose Creek increased the Sun Company's production, besides completing one of the best organizations in the Coastal fields.

Mr. Towler was born at Henderson, Kentucky, on February 10th, 1884. His father, David Towler, was a farmer and large land owner of Kentucky. His mother was Miss Sallie Keach, a member of a well known Kentucky family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of his native state. Mr. Towler came to Texas in December, 1898, and settled at Dayton, where he was engaged in rice farming until 1906, when he came with the Sun Company at Dayton in the pipe line department. In 1907, he went to Batson in the production department where he remained until 1911, when he was transferred to Dayton in the pipe line department, and in 1913 was again transferred to Batson in the production department, and then to Vivian, La., where he remained until 1915, when he was sent to Beaumont with the pipe line department. From there he was sent to Orange, Texas, with the production department, and in 1922 was sent to West Columbia, with the production department and in 1923 came to Goose Creek in charge of the production and drilling of this field. Mr. Towler has during all his experience in the oil industry been with the Sun Company, and helped to move the second drilling rig that drilled in the old Sour Lake field.

Mr. Towler was married at Beaumont to Miss Daphna Davis, a daughter of Vester R. Davis, a pioneer oil operator of the South Texas fields, and

who has for many years been with the Magnolia Refining Company at Beaumont. They have one daughter: Sadie Towler. Mr. and Mrs. Towler are residing at Goose Creek, Texas. In fraternal organizations, Mr. Towler holds membership in the St. John's Masonic Lodge, Columbia, Knights of Pythias, in Batson Lodge No. 247, and in the I. O. O. F. at Beaumont. Mr. Towler has many friends among the oil fraternity, and is regarded as one of the leaders in his line.

**ROY BLACK**, pioneer oil man has had an experience in drilling and production which has extended to the various states where oil has been produced, and knows the producing end of this great industry as few men know it. Mr. Black came to Goose Creek in 1916, and is superintendent of production of this field for the Humble Oil and Refining Company. This company has more than one hundred producing wells in this field, and are the largest operators here. Mr. Black has charge of all production and maintenance of the Humble Oil and Refining Company in this field and at Barbers Hill. From forty to fifty men are employed in the production department, of which Mr. Black is superintendent, and where he has been located and made a close study of conditions since this field was drilled and developed to be one of the greatest producing oil fields in the Lone Star State.

Mr. Black was born in Butler County, Pennsylvania, September 4th, 1879. His father, W. C. Black, was for many years a well known independent oil operator in Pennsylvania. His mother was Mrs. Sarah Black, a member of a prominent family of Pennsylvania. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of his native state. Soon after leaving school, Mr. Black started his business career in the general mercantile business which he continued for five years. He then went to Ohio and entered the oil fields of the state, and from there went to the oil region of West Virginia, and in the two states, he spent about eight years and during this period he learned the practical side of the drilling and producing business. He then returned to Pennsylvania and remained there in the various oil fields for two years, when he came to Texas and to Sour Lake in 1903. He remained in this field with the Texas Company in the producing and drilling department for two years and then went to Batson with the Gulf Production Company and remained with this company at Batson for a period of four years. He then came to Goose Creek for the first time and remained here for one year and then went to the Humble field where he remained for one year with the Texas Company, after which he returned to Goose Creek for the Humble Oil and Refining Company, where he has since remained in his present position, and is regarded as one of the most valuable employees of this company.

Mr. Black was married in West Virginia in 1901 to Miss Gertrude May Wise, a daughter of Jack Wise, a well known oil operator of that state. They have one daughter, Maude Elizabeth Black. Mr. and Mrs. Black are residing at Goose Creek. Mr. Black is a member of the Scottish Rite body of the Masonic fraternity and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple. He is popular in the oil circles of South Texas and has a host of friends in the oil country.





**WILLIAM R. BRISON** for several years associated with the oil industry in Texas, has made a record of distinction in the science of chemistry as pertaining to this industry, and is regarded as one of the foremost authorities in this line. Mr. Brison is chief chemist of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and for the three years that he has been identified with this company, has maintained his headquarters at Baytown, Texas, where the main plant of the company is located. He has a well organized department with a large force of thoroughly experienced operators under his supervision. Many improvements both in management as well as equipment have been installed by him since taking charge of the work. Mr. Brison has, in this laboratory and under his personal attention, three departments, grouped under experimental and research, analytical, and routine refinery work. His laboratory is complete in every detail, all of the equipment being of the finest type and best procurable. He has in his organization some of the best men in this field, and has done some exceptional work, especially in the research and experimental line. His position demands the utmost, both in responsibility and training, and Mr. Brison is one of the few men who have the qualifications to fill the position.

William R. Brison was born at Newark, New Jersey, in November, 1878. His father, James W. Brison, was a life long resident of that state, rearing a large family of boys and girls and died while most of the children were still under 21 years of age. Under the circumstances it was necessary for the family to each one make his own way in the world, and no educational advantages were available except those that might be acquired while gaining a livelihood. A grammar school education was gained by William and from that point through daily work and diligent application to study through the evenings he prepared himself for greater things. Starting to work at the age of eleven Mr. Brison shortly afterward became laboratory boy in a metallurgical laboratory where the assaying of gold, silver, platinum and other metals was conducted, and eventually took charge of the laboratory as well as control of the operating end of the business. After 12 years service in this field with one company, he became associated with the Vacuum Oil Company of Rochester, New York, in special work at their research laboratory. Fifteen years were spent in the service of this company—part of the time at Rochester and part of the time at their seaboard plant at Bayonne, Mr. Brison having full control of all technical work at the Bayonne plant for about seven years. Leaving the Vacuum Oil Company after fifteen years of service, the following two years spent in the Mid-Continent fields where he engaged in various phases of the petroleum industry. Considerable special work for the Van Omeren Corporation of Rotterdam, Holland, and the International Oil Corporation (Stinnes interests), Hamburg, Germany, including laboratory work, handling and shipping of export oil, and general business for the corporations was taken care of during this period. Leaving this work he came with the Humble Oil and Refining Company as chief chemist in charge of all technical problems of the company, and has since been with this company with headquarters at Baytown.

Mr. Brison was married at Geneseo, New York, to Miss Rose E. Turbefeild, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Turbefeild, the father, a farmer and land-owner of New York State. Mr. and Mrs. Brison have made their home at Baytown since Mr. Brison's business connections have been centered here, and have made many friends in this city. They have two children, William, a student at Rice Institute at Houston, and Janet. Fraternally Mr. Brison is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He is a member of the American Society for Testing Materials and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and is well known through these societies for his work along technical and scientific lines. Mr. Brison has had a vast experience in his chosen work, and this, with a natural mental endowment, and complemented by years of study, has advanced him to a place of distinction.

He is considered an authority on matters pertaining to the oil industry, particularly as to the branch concerned with lubricants and their production, and the future promises further recognition as his work becomes more generally known.



**ELLIS P. ABBOTT**, whose familiarity with the refining department of the oil business from a technical standpoint, has made him a well known figure in the engineering world. For the past several years he has been located at Baytown, as chief engineer of the refining department of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and has charge of the designing for the various plants of the company and the construction work and the mechanical department at Baytown. He has under his direct supervision from eight hundred to nine hundred men and has a skill in the handling of men that has been largely responsible for advancement of his departments since he assumed control. The refining plant of the company at Baytown is one of the most modern, up-to-date and best equipped plants in the country, and with the constant expansion that is in progress at all times, presents an industrial problem that has called for careful consideration, as well as a thorough knowledge of refinery operation on the part of Mr. Abbott. The past year has seen over four million dollars expended on the development and extension of this plant, and this work has been under the direct supervision of Mr. Abbott. His department is well organized and reflects much forethought as well as an expert knowledge of the conditions under which it operates, and has under the present management handled an unusually large volume of work in an efficient manner.

Mr. Abbott is exceptionally equipped for a position demanding the utmost in qualifications and experience, of the incumbent, and as chief engineer of the refinery department of the Humble Oil and Refining Company has added to an already excellent reputation. A graduate in civil engineering, with the B. S. degree, Mr. Abbott has further qualified himself by constant study of the problems incident to the technical side of the oil industry, and has had the advantage of more than sixteen years of varied experience. He was for a number of years in railroad engineering work, and subsequent to that has been active in various branches of engineering, including construction, estimating, and designing, and is one of the few men thoroughly competent in all branches of his calling.





*C. P. Abbott*



*W. R. Drison*





Ellis P. Abbott was born at Madison, Wisconsin, March 3rd, 1886, son of Charles F. and E. Estella Abbott. Mr. Abbott was entered in the public schools of his native city and after graduating from the high school there entered the University of Wisconsin. After four years in that institution, he was graduated in 1908, with the B. S. degree in civil engineering. Immediately after taking his degree he went to Montana, and later Washington, where he was engaged in irrigation and railroad work. He spent two years in the bridge department of the City of Spokane, Washington, on the design of steel and concrete bridges, and later went with A. Guthrie & Company, Inc., railroad and general contractors, as estimating and construction engineer. During the war he was with the United States Bureau of Yards and Docks and had charge of the design of all naval air stations in this country and abroad. In 1919 he came to Houston, and after a year with Horton and Horton, contractors, he went with the Humble Oil and Refining Company at Baytown, as construction superintendent, and at the end of one year was made chief engineer.

Mr. Abbott has made his home at Baytown, where he is prominently identified with refining activities, and takes a deep interest in the various affairs incident to life in that community. He is a master Mason, and is regarded as one of the men in his profession with a bright future.



**PERRYMAN S. MOORE** of Houston, Texas, became active in the development of the Gulf Coast oil fields in 1910, and has operated in practically all the fields of the Gulf Coast region since that time. Mr. Moore is an independent oil operator, dealer in royalties and production, and is also an active driller. He is president of the Clem Oil Company, which was organized in 1910 to operate and develop acreage in the Markham oil fields. Mr. Moore has production in that field, and is one of the discoverers of oil in the section which placed Markham on the oil map of Texas as a proven field. He has royalties and production in several of the Gulf Coast fields, and is regarded as one of the successful as well as one of the conservative operators operating in this region. Mr. Moore started his business career in the real estate business at San Antonio, Texas, but the fact that his father was engaged in the oil industry and that he had made a special study of geology in college were perhaps the main reasons for his leaving the real estate business and engaging in the oil industry. He has been associated with his father in many of his operations.

A native Texan, Mr. Moore was born at Valley Mills, Bosque County, on April 18th, 1887. His father, W. C. Moore, is a pioneer in the oil development of Texas, and has been active in all the Gulf Coast fields, and is still a factor in development work in this portion of the State. An article dealing with his life and activities is found in this volume. Mr. Moore's education was obtained in the public schools of San Antonio, the West Texas Military Academy, of which he is a graduate, and the University of Texas, where he specialized in law and geology. During the World War he served in the United States Army for about one year and was stationed at Camp Travis.

Mr. Moore was married at Houston on June 24th, 1914, to Miss Norrie Webb, a native of Eagle Lake,

Texas, and a member of a prominent family of Colorado County. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have one daughter, Norrie Jane, and reside at 3705 Fannin Street. Mr. Moore is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in the Blue Lodge at Bay City, Texas, and he has attained to the 14th degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order. He is also a member of the Houston Club, the University Club, the River Oaks Country Club and other social and civic organizations of this city. Mr. Moore's knowledge of oil indications and his experience in drilling and other branches of the oil industry, make him an authority on surface conditions and also in the production of oil. His advice along these lines is frequently sought by men planning to develop large enterprises in which a thorough knowledge of oil indications are necessary for successful operation. Mr. Moore is optimistic as to the future of the oil industry in Texas and believes that many great fields will yet be brought in, and that the drilling in the Gulf Coast region is stimulated by the betterment of conditions throughout South Texas, and that an extensive drilling campaign will be launched here in the near future.



**GEORGE H. HOWALD**, whose years of experience in the petroleum industry enable him to speak authoritatively on matters pertaining to drilling activities, has been a factor in oil development in Texas. Mr. Howald is superintendent of drilling for the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and has been in charge of operations in various fields of this State. He was sent to Corsicana in the spring of 1923, when the Powell field first came in, and had charge of all drilling operations of the Humble Company in this field. The Humble Company was one of the largest producers in the Powell field and the largest lease holders of proven territory. Active operations in this field required fifteen to twenty rigs, and employed some two hundred men. Mr. Howald has been with the Humble Company since 1916, when he went to Goose Creek in charge of drilling operations there, remaining in that field until 1923, when he came to Corsicana to supervise drilling in this field. Later he was transferred to the Humble field.

Mr. Howald was born at Atlantic, Iowa, the fourteenth of December, 1880, the son of B. F. Howald, who later came to La Porte, Texas, where he engages in the mercantile business, and Elnora (Disbrow) Howald. He was educated in the schools of Des Moines, graduating from the high school there, after which he entered Drake University. After leaving college he came to Texas and was in the mercantile business for about eight or nine years. He went into the oil business in 1910, operating from a production and drilling angle, and in 1916 went with the Humble Company, and has since been with that company as drilling superintendent.

Mr. Howald was married at Houston in 1911, to Miss Maybelle Ward, daughter of Robert Ward, deputy sheriff of Harris County, and Nettie (Bernard) Ward. Mr. and Mrs. Howald have one child, Helen Ruth. Mr. Howald is widely known in the petroleum world as an expert in his line. His many years of experience and his knowledge of drilling operations, both from a scientific and practical standpoint have qualified him as one of the most valued men in the Humble organization.





**JOSEPH P. GILLEN** is an authority on the refining of crude oil and is a recognized expert, especially in the lubricating end of the refinery business. By training and experience he has fitted himself for the operation and management of large refineries and is now the vice-president of the Deep Water Refineries and in active charge of the operation of the company's plant, located on the ship channel near Harrisburg.

Construction of the Deep Water Refinery was begun in 1919. It is located on a forty-acre tract adjoining the ship channel and has a frontage of six hundred feet for wharfage facilities on the channel. The plant is modern and complete in every detail and has a daily capacity of two thousand barrels of crude. Storage facilities for three hundred and fifty thousand barrels of oil are provided at the plant and forty-five are employed in the manufacture of lubricating oils, gas oil, fuel oil and other products of coastal crude, which is used exclusively. This is said to be one of the best plants from a standpoint of operating efficiency in this part of the country, the percentage of refined products obtained from the crude runs being exceptionally high.

Mr. Gillen is a native of Brooklyn, New York, and was born on March 16, 1876. He is a son of James and Johanna (O'Brien) Gillen. His father has been engaged in shipping and water transportation at Brooklyn for many years.

After completing his preliminary studies in the public and high schools of Brooklyn, Mr. Gillen entered Pratt Institute in New York City, where he studied chemistry for three years. He then completed his studies at Cooper Institute, and after leaving college became connected with the Standard Oil Company and was assigned to duty in the Pratt Works at Long Island, New York. He was connected with the laboratory and refining departments of the Standard Oil Company for thirteen years and in 1903 came to Texas, where he was associated with the Gulf Refining Company as superintendent of the lubricating department at Port Arthur for two years. He then returned to New York City, where for the next three years he engaged in business for himself, handling lubricating oils, and upon returning to the Lone Star State became connected with The Texas Company at Port Arthur, as superintendent of the lubricating department. After two years with The Texas Company he resigned and was associated with the Pierce Oil Corporation at Texas City, being superintendent of their plant there for three years. He then went to Yale, Oklahoma, where for a year he was connected with the Southern Oil Corporation and then came to Houston, where he associated himself with the Sinclair Refining Company and was in charge of their Houston and Louisiana refineries. He started the construction of the present plant of the Sinclair interests at Houston and after a year and a half took over the control of the Deep Water Refineries and completed and placed in operation their plant. Under his management the company has been a complete success. Many new and original ideas in refining have been worked out by Mr. Gillen during the years he has spent in the business and he has seen their adoption by many of the largest refineries in the country. Mr. Gillen actively allied with Mr. Schulze is responsible for a recent development in vacuum distillation known as the "Schulze Process", patent

number 448,709, March 18th, 1922, assigned to the Red River Refining Company, Louisiana. This process eliminates the use of chemicals such as acids, soda, fullers earth, and produces a mineral oil in as refined a state as it is possible for an oil to be. All impurities are extracted and none put in as in old methods of refining. This process is being used by the Sun Oil Company, Deep Water Oil Refining Company and Calumet Refining Company. This process will have far-reaching effect in the refining industry.

In 1904 Mr. Gillen was married in Brooklyn, to Miss Kathryn McDonald, daughter of James McDonald, prominent Canadian lumberman. They have five children—Joseph, James, Evelyn, Virginia and Ann Elizabeth.

Mr. Gillen is a real authority on refining matters and a splendid business executive. He is possessed of a wonderful personality and has the happy knack of securing the heartfelt loyal co-operation of his men. He is actively interested in many civic matters in Houston and is a member of the Glenbrook Country Club and the Old River Club.

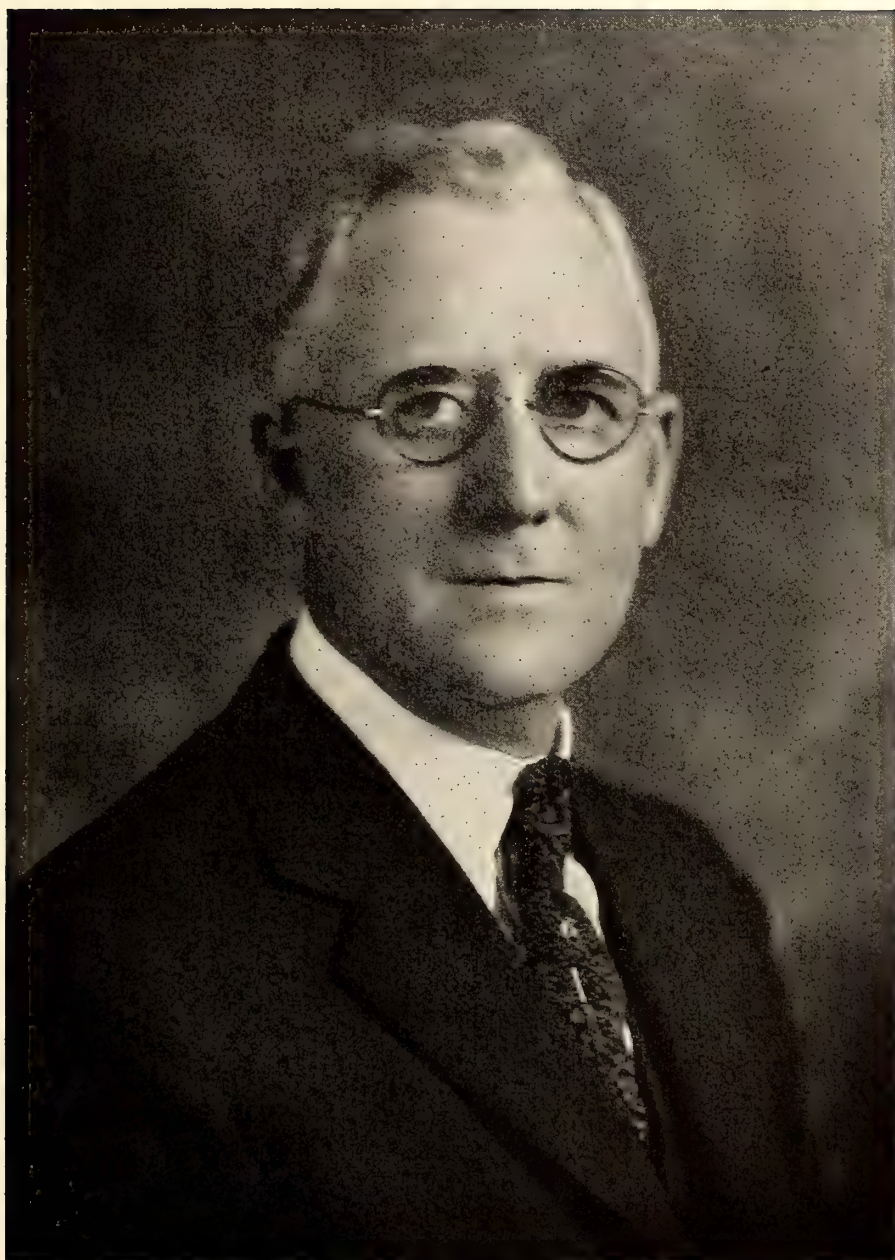


**MILTON L. DONALDSON**, since his advent in the business world at Houston, has been a factor in the electrical merchandising business and with more than a decade of experience and study in electrical merchandising and manufacturing activities is regarded as one of the best equipped men in his field. Mr. Donaldson came to Houston in 1923 and since that time has been general manager of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company, one of the largest manufacturers of electrical equipment and supplies in the country. Mr. Donaldson has his office in the Union National Bank Building and has under his direction all activities of this large manufacturing company in this territory. Since assuming charge, he has effected reorganizations materially affecting the efficiency of the company and has placed much additional business on the books. The Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company manufactures motors of all sizes and for all purposes and everything used in electrical work, the name Westinghouse on electrical equipment being synonymous with "sterling" on silver. A large stock of Westinghouse products are carried at Houston to supply the trade demands of this territory and every effort is made by Mr. Donaldson to give his friends and customers the utmost in service.

Milton L. Donaldson was born at McFall, Alabama, the eighteenth of October, 1888, son of Dr. John T. and Mrs. Emma Turner Donaldson. Dr. Donaldson was a practising physician at McFall for over forty years, his death occurring there in 1903. Mr. Donaldson attended the public schools of McFall until his graduation from high school, after which he entered the Georgia School of Technology, where after four years he took the degrees B. E. and E. E. in 1911. He then started with the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company and was at East Pittsburg for two years. In 1912 he was sent to St. Louis and was in different departments of the Westinghouse plant there until 1923 when he was made general manager of the Houston office and sent to this city.

Mr. Donaldson was married at Golconda, Illinois, in 1914, to Miss Helen Clark, daughter of Edward B.





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Clark, past president of the Pope County State Bank, at Golconda, and now registrar of the Federal Land Bank at St. Louis. Her mother before her marriage was Miss Mayne C. Young. Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson have one child, Helen Jean, and make their home in Houston at 1301 Isabella Avenue. Mr. Donaldson is a Master Mason, an Elk and belongs to the Rotary Club. Since coming to Houston he has impressed all who know him with his knowledge of the electrical business and his activities in this field promise to be unusually interesting.



**JOHN W. DUCKETT** has risen to his present commanding position in the oil business in Texas by reason of sheer ability and hard work and not by reason of any influence or pull. When but a little more than thirty years of age, he was made general superintendent of the refinery department at Houston for the Sinclair Refining Company and placed in charge of one of the largest and most complete refineries in the Southwest.

Located a short distance from Houston on the ship channel, the refinery of the Sinclair Refining Company is one of the show places of the city's industrial district. Occupying a tract of land comprising some seven hundred acres, the refinery property has a frontage of three-quarters of a mile along the ship channel with modern docks where the largest tankers in service can discharge their cargoes of coastal and Mexican crude. An immense tank farm with numbers of enormous tanks, many of them holding fifty-five thousand barrels each, holds the reserve supply of crude oil for the refinery, which has a daily capacity of sixteen thousand barrels of crude. The plant is modern in every detail with every labor saving device known and the best of machinery and equipment for refining gasoline, kerosene, naptha, gas, oil and other products of the petroleum industry. The refinery has eight hundred employes, most of whom have their homes in the district near the plant.

Mr. Duckett is a native of Maryland and was born at Annapolis on September 18, 1888. He is a son of Stephen W. and Mary A. (Hopkins) Duckett and received his preliminary education in the public schools of Annapolis. His father, who was for many years a well known farmer and land owner in Maryland, died in 1922. After completing his work in the public schools, Mr. Duckett entered the Anne Arundel Academy at Annapolis where he studied for three years preparatory to entering the University of Maryland. Completing the full four-year term at this institution, he graduated with the class of 1910, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science.

After completion of his college work, Mr. Duckett was connected with the Maryland Experimental Station for one year and then went to Porto Rico and Cuba where he was connected with large sugar refineries as chemist for four years. Returning to Baltimore, he continued his work in chemistry for two years and then went to Chicago where he became identified with the Sinclair interests in the capacity of assistant superintendent. In 1920 he was transferred to Houston and made general superintendent of the refinery department here.

Mr. Duckett was married at Baltimore in 1912 to Miss Eva Jones Clarke, daughter of William J. and Mary Clarke, prominent residents of Baltimore for many years. Mr. Clarke is engaged in the whole-

sale grocery business there.

Mr. Duckett is a Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite of Houston.



**ANDREW E. KERR**, vice president and general manager of the Dayton and Goose Creek Railroad Company, with general offices in the Humble Building at Houston, is one of the best known men in South Texas. For many years he was engaged in the lumber business in close association with R. S. Sterling, president of the Dayton and Goose Creek road, and when construction of the short line was begun, he took charge of the building operations and superintended the construction of the entire road. Since its completion, he has been in entire charge of the road's operation.

The Dayton and Goose Creek Railroad runs to Baytown, a distance of twenty-five miles, and a double daily passenger service is maintained between terminals and round trips are made daily by the freight trains with extra trains when traffic demands justify. The road employs about 75 men, most of whom have been in service with Mr. Kerr for many years, some of them for as long as twenty years. No labor troubles have ever occurred on the road and no complaint or dissatisfaction has ever been received from the employees.

Construction of the Dayton and Goose Creek Railroad was begun in 1917, the first rails being laid in September of that year. The road was completed in March, 1918, and both freight and passenger service inaugurated on April 1, 1918. The road bed is of standard construction, shell ballasted and laid with sixty pound rails. The rolling stock includes two super heated Baldwin locomotives and one older engine for extra freight service and standard passenger coaches are provided.

A native of Texas, Mr. Kerr was born in Johnson County on January 31, 1876, a son of B. B. Kerr, Johnson County farmer who came to Texas after the close of the Civil War and died when his son was five years of age. Mr. Kerr studied in the public schools of Johnson County and later taught school for a time before going into the lumber and sawmill business. He began with the Dayton Lumber Company as timekeeper and in 1910 was made secretary of the company. He remained with this firm until Mr. Sterling sold it in 1920. He is still associated closely with Mr. Sterling in various activities apart from the operation of the railroad. A significant feature of the road's operation is that not a single employee has ever been killed or hurt and the road has never had a serious accident.

Besides managing the affairs of the railroad company, Mr. Kerr is president of the Goose Creek Realty Company, a townsite company organized to develop Goose Creek when the road was built; is president of the Goose Creek Power and Light Company, president and treasurer of the Markham Irrigation Company, and the Gulf Coast Irrigation Company at Bay City.

In 1902, Mr. Kerr was married at Grandview, Texas, to Miss Leonora Pitts. They have four children, Jennie Katherine, A. E., Jr., Robert and Oma Beth. The family home is at 600 Avondale Avenue.

Mr. Kerr is a Mason, a member of the new Houston Blue Lodge, a member of the chapter at Dayton and the Commandery at Houston and of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. His church affiliation is with the Baptist denomination.



**G**EORGE H. PRUTER is one of the pioneers of the oil industry in Texas, having been engaged in the various branches of this field of activity since leaving school as a very young man. Mr. Pruter came to Houston in 1903 from San Antonio and since that time has been identified with some branch of the petroleum business. In 1919 he came with the Simms Oil Company as Comptroller and established their accounting system. In 1921 he came with E. F. Simms independent operator as auditor, and assuming other duties as well, continuing in such capacity to date. He is also an officer in the Texas Exploration Company, and has other oil interests.

Mr. Pruter was born in Arcadia, Iowa, on September 17, 1886. His father, H. W. Pruter, was a native of Kiel, Germany, and came to the United States as a young man and to Texas in 1899, where he was engaged in the mercantile business and was one of the organizers of the Raywood Rice, Canal and Milling Company. He later came to Houston and for several years was engaged in the hardware business here, and is now residing at Orange, Texas, where he is associated with the Sabine Supply Company. His mother was Miss Mattie Scott, a native of England, a member of a prominent English family. His education was obtained in various Texas schools and later he became a student of the West Texas Military Academy, after which he started in the oil business. Mr. Pruter was first with the Waters-Pierce Oil Corporation and later became associated with the Texas Company and remained with this company for a period of twelve years, after which he accepted the position of Comptroller of Simms Oil Company. Mr. Pruter maintains offices at 901 Chronicle Building, Houston.

Mr. Pruter was married in Houston in 1908 to Miss Mary McNair, a native of Austin, Texas, and a member of a well known family of the Capital City. They have one daughter, Mary Pauline Pruter, nine years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Pruter reside at 513 Branard Street. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Pruter has become interested in many of the city's financial, industrial and manufacturing concerns, and is a Director in the National Bond and Mortgage Company and in Shoreacres, Inc. This company, made up of leading citizens of Houston, is developing a six-hundred-acre tract of land one mile and a half from Sylvan Beach on the bay shore into beautiful country home sites, spending \$160,000.00 on the preliminary work. There is to be a one-hundred-acre golf course, and everything is being done to make this the most desirable and restricted country addition ever put on the market in South Texas. Mr. Pruter is a member of the York Rite bodies of the Masonic fraternity, is a Knight Templar of Ruthven Commandery and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple, serving this as Potentate in 1922. He is also a member of the Houston Club and of various civic associations, in which he takes an active interest. Mr. Pruter is popular in both the business and social circles of Houston, where for more than twenty years he has been an active figure in the city's financial and business circles, where he is regarded as one of Houston's most progressive and public spirited citizens. Mr. Pruter never loses an opportunity of speaking a good word for Houston and believes that the time is near at hand when this city will lead the entire Southwest.



**A. MEYER**, successful oil operator and investor, has been connected with oil development work in South Texas for two decades or more and is now the senior member of the well known firm of Meyer and So Relle, with offices at 308 Scanlan Building, Houston. This firm was organized in 1919 by Mr. Meyer and A. C. So Relle and is engaged principally in blocking up acreage and arranging leases and drilling contracts for the larger companies, retaining a working interest either in the acreage blocked or the royalties. They have been very successful in this line of work and the firm is one of the leading organizations of its kind in Houston.

In 1914 Mr. Meyer assisted in blocking the acreage for the Texas Exploration Company at Damon Mound, retaining a royalty interest in all the leases that were productive. He also blocked the Pierce Junction acreage for Snowden and McSweeney for a working interest. Production from this block of acreage at one time aggregated fifteen thousand barrels of oil per day and it is still producing. More than a million barrels of oil has been shipped from this field and it is still regarded by oil men as a center of considerable potential production. Meyer and So Relle blocked the Big Creek field in Fort Bend County on their own account and arranged with the Gulf Production Company and Snowden and McSweeney to test the property. They have several successful producing wells there and were successful in obtaining oil from the first test. A tract of eight thousand acres was blocked in Jackson and Victoria Counties and drilling arrangements perfected with the Fensland Oil Company, of Fort Worth, who early in 1923 began tests of this acreage.

Mr. Meyer was born in Austin County, Texas, on August 26, 1876, a son of B. and Louise (Herrings) Meyer. His father's people came to Texas in 1853 from Europe and his mother's family were among the early settlers in Austin County, locating there in 1823 and having an important part in the work of the hardy pioneers who made the early history of Texas. Mr. Meyer was educated in the public and high schools of Austin County and later attended the Lutheran College at Brenham. In 1897 he went to Fort Bend County and operated a farm there for a year and then went into the mercantile business, later establishing an insurance and real estate agency, which he continued until coming to Houston in 1919. He was interested in oil development work at Spindletop and Sour Lake in the early days of the oil industry in Texas and during his residence at Rosenberg was postmaster there and also had charge of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad lands in Fort Bend County. Mr. Meyer is president of the Pathfinder Oil Company, a holding operating company which operates in the coastal fields.

In September, 1898, Mr. Meyer was married at Burleson, Texas, to Miss Emma Windel, native Texan and a daughter of C. W. Windel, pioneer Burleson citizen who came here in the early days from Europe and served throughout the Civil War in the forces of the Confederacy. He is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine.

Besides his oil interests, Mr. Meyer owns some eighty thousand acres of land in various counties of Texas, including Fort Bend, Burleson, Wharton and



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Jackson Counties. Most of this is grazing land, but he has fourteen hundred acres of highly valuable farming land planted to cotton and corn and other crops. Mr. Meyer is a progressive and enterprising business man and of that solid, substantial type of citizen of which real cities are built.



**JAMES G. DETWILER** came to Houston in 1920 and since that time has been chief chemist of The Texas Company, with Houston headquarters, and is considered one of the leading chemists in this part of the country. Mr. Detwiler has charge of all laboratories of The Texas Company, and of chemical analysis of all departments requiring this work. He came to Texas in 1911 and was for three years stationed at Port Arthur with The Texas Company. In 1914 he went to Bayonne, New Jersey, for his company where he remained until 1916, when he took charge of the research laboratories at Port Arthur, where he continued in this capacity until he entered the army.

Mr. Detwiler was born at Norristown, Pennsylvania, January 12th, 1888. His father, the late James G. Detwiler, was well known in the business and financial circles of Pennsylvania. The first Detwilers came to Pennsylvania from Rotterdam in 1685. His mother was Miss Mary Grater Gotwals, a member of a prominent Pennsylvania family. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Collegeville, Pennsylvania, after which he entered Ursinus Academy where he remained from 1903 to 1905. He then became a student of the Pennsylvania State College, where he remained for a period of four years and graduated from this institution with a degree of B. S. C., and after this he had special courses at other well known colleges. After leaving college, Mr. Detwiler did his first work for the Lackawanna Steel Company, after which he went with the Jones and Laughlin Steel Company. He remained with the last named firm a short time, when he became associated with the Dow Chemical Company, after which he went with the National Tube Company, where he remained until he entered the employ of The Texas Company. Mr. Detwiler enlisted in the World War in August, 1917, and attended the second officers training camp at Leon Springs, Texas and was commissioned a lieutenant and assigned to the 347th Infantry, 87th Division at Camp Pike. He remained at this camp until May, 1918, when he was sent to Camp Dix and in July, 1918, he left with his division for France. The transport on which Mr. Detwiler went overseas was submarined on the trip but without loss of life. He remained in France for six months and returned to America in January, 1919, and was discharged on February 28th, 1919. After receiving his discharge, he went with Dr. K. G. Mackenzie, consulting chemist of The Texas Company in New York City, as his assistant, where he remained for one year, after which he came to Houston as chief chemist for The Texas Company here. He has contributed to the improvement of refining processes of crude petroleum and to the betterment of petroleum products. Mr. Detwiler is a member of the Houston Country Club, the University Club, of which he is a director, the Chemists Club of New York City, the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia, American Chemical Society, the Southeast Texas section of which he is president, the Society of Chemical Industry of

London, England, a fellow of the Chemical Society of London, American Society for Testing Materials, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has written various scientific articles covering his studies and has been prevailed upon to lecture at the A. & M. College and the Rice Institute. Mr. Detwiler resides at 2016 Brazos Street. He is popular in the business and social circles of Houston, where he has made a host of friends since coming to this city and is considered a leader in his chosen profession.



**WILMER H. GEMMER** has been a resident of Houston, Texas, since 1909 and is well known in the business circles of South Texas. Mr. Gemmer is a partner in the firm of Gemmer and Tanner, dealers in sand and gravel, and is the manager of the Houston office of this firm. Associated with him as a partner is Mr. J. O. Tanner, who is manager of the plant at Columbus, Texas. This large sand and gravel company was established in 1920, and while the plant is located at Columbus, the Houston office is maintained for the sale and distribution of its products and has since its organization been under the management of Mr. Gemmer. The plant has a capacity of forty-five cars per day and employs an average of one hundred men. The greater portion of the output of sand and gravel is sold in the Houston district and in this portion of the state, where they do a large business. The offices of Gemmer and Tanner are located at 802 First National Bank Building. Prior to engaging in his present business, Mr. Gemmer was for a period of eleven years engaged in engineering and contracting in this city. Before coming to Houston, he was for a period of fifteen years engaged in civil engineering in Indiana, where he did a great deal of construction work in various portions of that state.

A native of Indiana, Mr. Gemmer was born at Williamsport, Warren County, on February 7th, 1871. His father, Philip Gemmer, was a native of Germany, and brought to the United States by his parents when a child. He was engaged in the lumber business during his entire business life, in the state of Indiana. Mr. Gemmer's early education was obtained in the public schools of Williamsport, Indiana, after which he attended college at La Fayette, Indiana, and graduated from Purdue University in the class of 1894 with the B. C. E. degree.

Mr. Gemmer was married at Williamsport, Indiana, on June 26th, 1895, to Miss Lota Biggs, also a native of Indiana and a member of a well known family of that state. They have four children, Kathleen, a graduate of Rice Institute; Philip, who was educated at Rice Institute and was an aviator during the World War and is now associated with his father in business; Carolyn, now the wife of Ray T. Roberts, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Ralph, who is a student of the Rice Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Gemmer reside at 710 Francis Avenue. Mr. Gemmer is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Houston Lodge, No. 1189. He is also a member of the Houston Engineer's Club, the Rotary Club and the Salesmanship Club and various other civic organizations of the city. Mr. Gemmer is optimistic as to the future of Houston and South Texas and believes that this portion of the state is entering on an era of great business prosperity in all lines.





**S. McGARRY**, pioneer oil man of South Texas, and one of the best known men operating in the fields adjacent to Houston, is superintendent of the Southern Division of the Republic Production Company, one of the largest independent Companies operating in this part of the State. Offices of the Company are maintained on the fourteenth floor of the Carter Building.

The Republic Production Company was organized in 1917 and is one of the best known producing companies in the State. Its operations are confined almost wholly to exploration work and producing oil for the market.

The Southern Division of the Republic Production Company under the jurisdiction of Mr. McGarry, includes Wortham, Richland, the Powell and the Coastal fields of Southern Texas. The Company does its own drilling in this division and has from three to eight rigs in operation all the time with a total personnel in the entire department of close to three hundred employees.

Mr. McGarry is a native of Ohio and was born in Monroe County on January 26th, 1889, a son of J. B. and Mary (Crum) McGarry, both natives of Ohio. Mr. McGarry attended the public schools at Antioch, Ohio, and spent some time in his early life on his father's farm. He began in the oil business in 1908 and has attained to his present position by reason of hard and persevering work and an unrelenting determination to succeed.

It was in the Humble field with the Producers Oil Company that Mr. McGarry received his first oil experience from 1908 to 1913. He went to work for the Producers as a field man, doing any and everything he was called upon to do in order to learn the business from the ground up. He remained with the Producers Company until June, 1913, when he worked for various contractors in Vinton, Louisiana; Orange and Sour Lake, until 1915. He then went with the Farmers Petroleum Company, which later became the Republic Production Company, as helper on a drilling rig. His untiring efforts won for him one promotion after another until, on January 1st, 1919, he was made field superintendent, and on January 1st, 1922, promoted to division Superintendent, the position he still holds.

On August 15, 1909, Mr. McGarry was married at Antioch, Ohio, to Miss Ethel Truex, daughter of an old Ohio family. They have four children, Lorraine, Emerson, Yvonne and Marilyn.

Mr. McGarry is a thorough-going oil man, a tireless worker, and spends a great deal of his time in the field where he keeps in closest touch with the company's operations at all times. He is very popular among his employees and with the oil fraternity at large.

A tool that is attaining a great measure of popularity and which is already in use by twelve of the larger companies, was patented by Mr. McGarry and placed on the market a little more than three years ago through the Oil City Brass Works at Beaumont. It is known as the "McGarry combination casing head" and is used in pulling tubing. It has already demonstrated its worth and practicability and is being adopted by other companies.

Mr. McGarry is a man of pleasing personality and possesses the qualifications of a real business

executive. He is actively interested in everything pertaining to the oil industry and finds time also to lend his assistance to various movements of a civic character in the City of Houston. He is a member of the Church of Christ, Houston Heights, and devotes his spare time to church and charitable work.



**J. McNELLIE**, pioneer oil man of Southern Texas, has, for nearly a quarter of a century, been identified with the oil industry of the Lone Star State. He has been a well-known factor in the oil fraternity, having been engaged in that industry all of his life. Mr. McNellie is Superintendent of the Production Department of the Marland Oil Company, with offices located in the Cotton Exchange Building, and has been with this firm since July 22, 1924. Prior to becoming associated with the Marland Oil Company, Mr. McNellie was for over a score of years identified with the Higgins Oil and Fuel Company, and worked through all the departments of that company up to the position of Superintendent and Vice-President. He left the Higgins Oil and Fuel Company in 1924 to accept the position as Superintendent of the Production Department of the Marland Company.

Mr. McNellie was a native of Pennsylvania, born in the shadow of the oil derricks at Petroleum Center, February 14th, 1878, son of Owen and Anna (Wallace) McNellie, both of whom had come from Ireland and settled in Pennsylvania in the early days. His father was a farmer and oil producer, located in the vicinity of the original Pennsylvania oil fields. Mr. McNellie was reared in the atmosphere of oil production. After receiving his education in the public schools of Petroleum Center he entered the oil business, oil having been discovered on his father's farm. He later engaged in the oil industry in West Virginia. He came to Texas in 1902. He worked in every department of the oil production business, so his knowledge of the oil game is based upon a long period of actual experience.

On April 4th, 1904, Mr. McNellie was married at Shreveport, Louisiana, to Miss Lucy Caudle, a native of Texas, who was born and reared at Mount Vernon, in Franklin County. Mr. and Mrs. McNellie are the parents of four daughters, Mildred, Viola, Evelyn and Lucile. Mr. McNellie is a member of the Houston Country Club, and devotes much of his spare time to golf when the opportunity affords. He is an oil man of the old school and is thoroughly familiar with the South Texas oil development from the Spindle Top days up to the present time.



**A. HAUTIER**, coming to Houston in 1910, has made history in the development of prospective oil territory. Instead of adhering to the old-time expensive methods of locating a structure or dome by using a heavy rotary drilling outfit, Mr. Hautier took advantage of the idea of finding and defining dome formations by using portable gasoline equipment.

This method is not only much cheaper than the old one, but it takes less time. Its reliability, of course, is made possible only in connection with expert paleontological examination and reports on the results of the drilling.

Mr. Hautier has successfully demonstrated the value of this method by definitely determining an



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uplift in the Espanan Dome territory on Greens Bayou, in Harris County, about eleven miles northeast of Houston, midway between the Humble and the Goose Creek oil fields. Surface indications, such as sulphur, rock and selenite outcrops, inflammable gas, oil seeps and asphalt deposits have interested geologists in this territory for several years.

Mr. Hautier owns and controls around 5500 acres on and surrounding Espanan Dome. Several of the major companies have acquired desirable acreage in the territory. Having located the structure or uplift, Mr. Hautier will further develop the prospect until it becomes an oil producer.

Mr. Hautier is also interested in other Gulf Coast fields, holding valuable acreage both in lease and fee. He owns and controls much desirable Houston City and Harris County real estate.

Born in Ohio in 1875, he was married in 1904 to Miss Jessie Gilliam, a daughter of Judge G. T. Gilliam, a prominent citizen and politician of Illinois.

Mrs. Hautier is associated with Mr. Hautier in business, the style of the firm being J. A. and J. G. Hautier, with offices at 827 First National Bank Building. She handles the detail work of the business and the paleontological work, not only for their own firm, but for other companies as well.

Mr. and Mrs. Hautier are both actively interested in the civic and commercial development of Houston. They reside at 1111 Colquitt Avenue in Montrose.



**L. DOBBINS**, pioneer oil man and for many years engaged in this industry, is division manager of the Atlantic Oil Production company and treasurer and manager of the Gulf Coast Oil Corporation, a subsidiary of the Atlantic Oil Producing Company. The companies of which Mr. Dobbins is executive are engaged in oil producing and crude oil purchasing activities. Mr. Dobbins came to Houston in 1904 and since that time has been active in the oil and business circles of this city, where his office is located at 514 West Building.

A native Texan, Mr. Dobbins was born at Eagle Lake, Colorado County, March 18th, 1884. His father, R. B. Dobbins (deceased) was for many years engaged in the furniture business at Eagle Lake; he was a member of a pioneer Texas family, his parents having removed to Texas several years prior to the Civil War. His mother was Miss Florrie A. Kuykendall, a native Texan and a member of a well known, pioneer family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Eagle Lake, Texas, where he graduated from the latter, afterwards finishing a business training education in Galveston and Houston.

When about fourteen years of age, Mr. Dobbins began working during vacation periods in the oil business with the Waters-Pierce Oil Corporation and since that time has become familiar with the various branches of this industry—marketing, sales and more recently in the producing end of the business, and since becoming associated with the present companies, he has spent a great deal of his time in the field, looking after the interest of the companies he represents. From 1898 to 1907 Mr. Dobbins was employed by the Waters-Pierce Oil Company and gained experience in practically every department of the oil business, including office, field and sales work. This experience fitted him for the executive position he now holds. From 1907 to 1917, he was in business for himself in Houston and vicin-

ity, and during a portion of this time he was identified with the rice industry. From 1917 to date he has been associated with the present companies.

Mr. Dobbins was married in Houston June 23rd, 1910, to Miss Katherine Cummings, a native of Lavaca County and a daughter of Dave M. Cummings, who served in the Civil War and is now a resident of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Dobbins reside at 209 Stratford Avenue. In fraternal, social and technical organizations, Mr. Dobbins is a member of the Masonic fraternity, the Houston Club, the American Petroleum Institute and the Mid Continent Oil and Gas Association. Mr. Dobbins is popular with and has the co-operation of his men and is considered one of the best oil men and executives in the coastal fields. He is optimistic as to the future of Houston and believes that it will become the oil center and the leading city of the Southwest.



**J. MALONE**, although a comparatively recent addition to the business fraternity of Houston, where he is treasurer of the York Engineering and Supply Company, has made many friends for the company he represents, with a resultant increase in their business. The York Engineering and Supply Company are manufacturers of ice machines, with factory in York, Pennsylvania, in addition to the plant in Houston, where tanks are built and fabricated pipe for ice and refrigerating plants are made. The Houston factory was established in 1907 for Southern business, and it also has distributing plants at New Orleans, Dallas and San Antonio, where large stocks are kept on hand at all times. The York Engineering and Supply Company is the largest manufacturing company of its kind in the South, and makes upward of 60 per cent of all ice machines made and sold in the United States. The territory covered by the Houston factory includes Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico and the south one-half of Oklahoma and Arkansas. The Houston factory, with office at 2201 Texas Avenue, occupies two-thirds of a city block where they have a two-story, brick building, modern in every particular and with a floor space of forty thousand square feet. Seventy people are employed at this factory. Other officers of the York Engineering and Supply Company are W. E. Becker, president; A. C. Edwards, vice president, and C. L. Morgan, secretary.

A native of Nebraska, Mr. Malone was born at Hastings in 1882. His father, Frank M. Malone, was well known in the business circles of Hastings. His mother was Miss Maria West, a member of a well known Nebraska family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of St. Louis, graduating from the latter school in 1900. After leaving school, Mr. Malone immediately entered the employ of the Missouri Pacific Railroad, where he remained for a period of sixteen years. He became associated with the York Engineering and Supply Company in 1916 and came to Texas and to Houston as treasurer of the company's factory here in 1919.

Mr. Malone was married in St. Louis in 1906 to Miss Bessie May Phillips. They have one daughter, Elizabeth Jane, thirteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Malone reside at 2612 Chenevert Street. Mr. Malone is a member of the Houston Rotary Club. He is interested in all agencies working for the greater development, progress and advancement of Houston.



**R**EX G. HAMAKER, well known engineer, has been engaged in development work in the various Texas fields wherein the Humble Oil & Refining Company operates, for the past several years. Mr. Hamaker is chief engineer for the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and has charge of the engineering department, which handles construction of sales stations, oil field camps, warehouses, dams, docks, earthen oil storage and other building operations, as well as supervising all mapping and surveying of land owned or leased by the company. As supervisor of these activities, he has under his direction a resident engineer in each district where large operations are going on, and all matters pertaining to surveys, construction work, and other engineering problems are referred to him. Mr. Hamaker is well versed in the oil production business from both a practical and technical standpoint, and has for years specialized in natural gas and petroleum work and as an engineer has been associated with this work throughout his career.

Rex G. Hamaker was born in Santa Ana, California, the sixth of November, 1892, son of H. L. and Alcenia (Paul) Hamaker of Los Angeles. Mr. Hamaker began his education in the public schools near his home, and graduated from the high school in Los Angeles. He then attended Stanford University, where he graduated as a civil engineer in the class of 1916. Mr. Hamaker then went with the Standard Oil Company of California, where he spent three years in the engineering department, demonstrating an aptitude for his work and an enthusiasm that has marked his subsequent career. In 1919 Mr. Hamaker came to Ranger, Texas, as district engineer of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, where he remained one year, and in 1920 he was transferred to Houston as chief engineer, which position he still holds.

Mr. Hamaker was married in Los Angeles, in 1917, to Miss Mary R. Fall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Fall. Mr. and Mrs. Hamaker have their attractive home at 1007 California Avenue, Houston. Mr. Hamaker is a Scottish Rite Mason, member of Arabia Temple Shrine, a member of the Y. M. C. A., the Houston Engineers Club, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. Since coming to Texas, Mr. Hamaker has taken an active part in the oil development in the Southwest, and at the time this sketch goes to press is chairman of the engineering sub-committee on standardization of derricks and standard rigs, of the American Petroleum Institute. He has made an extensive acquaintance among the oil men in the Southwest fields.

**T**ERRELL D. JOINER, for half a decade a factor in the mercantile business of Houston, entered the real estate field in 1924. He handles property in all sections of the city, specializing in South End residential property. His office is located in the Keystone Building.

Terrell D. Joiner was born at Fort Worth, Texas, the sixth of August, 1887. His father, J. B. Joiner, a native of Mississippi, came to Fort Worth in the early eighties, and later went to Sherman, still later going to Cleburne, and to Goose Creek, where he died early in 1924. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Mackie Smith, was also a native of Mississippi, now lives with her son. Mr. Joiner received his rudimentary education in the public schools of

Cleburne, later attending Baylor University, at Waco, after which he took a business course. He began his business career as Deputy in the County Clerk's Office at Cleburne, where he remained for two years. He then spent two years in the accounting department of the Santa Fe Railroad, at Cleburne, and seven years with the E. L. Wilson Hardware Company of that city. He came to Houston with the R. S. Sterling interests, and held different positions with Mr. Sterling, with the R. S. Sterling Investment Company, and R. S. Sterling and Company. He was Secretary and Treasurer of the Goose Creek Realty Company and the Goose Creek Light and Power Company and other corporations, until 1918, when he left the Sterling interests and established, with his father, the Joiner Mercantile Company of Goose Creek, which he managed until establishing the Community Store in Houston.

Mr. Joiner was married at Sherman, Texas, the third of November, 1909, to Miss Aubrey Dean, a native of Wills Point, Texas, and the daughter of H. L. Dean. Mrs. Joiner's death occurred the eighth of August, 1923. There are two children, Aubrey Jane and Nedeane. Mr. Joiner and the children make their home at 1520 Colquitt Avenue. Mr. Joiner is a Mason, a member of Holland Lodge No. 1, and of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies. He is a member of the University Club, the Kiwanis Club, the Houston Country Club and the Houston Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Joiner takes an active interest in civic progress and is keenly awake to the future offered at Houston to the earnest young business man. He has many friends in this city and in Goose Creek who regard him as a progressive, wide awake man, whose future in the commercial world is assured.

**C**HARLES WIGGINS, whose home and business headquarters have been located at Houston for some years, has been active in commercial affairs and has, through his commendable efforts in the oil field supply business, won the esteem of his fellow citizens. Mr. Wiggins and Company, Inc., dealers in oil field machinery and gins is president and manager of Charles Wiggins supplies. The warehouses of the company are located at 1620 Moffitt, where is found every facility for deliveries, thus assuring oil men quick service. Mr. Wiggins supplies both new and used rotary tools of all kinds, casing pipe, tubing, pumps and everything that is used in the drilling and completing of an oil well. His stock is good and complete and operators in the gulf coast fields have found that he has many facilities which will assure them real service at all times. He thoroughly understands the peculiar needs of the oil operator, and it is his endeavor to make his firm a dependable source of supply for the operators in his territory. Mr. Wiggins entered the supply business in 1917, and since that time has built up an extensive patronage and attained the reputation of a man who not only understands the demands of the oil field supply business, but is willing to go out of his way to serve his customers.

Charles Wiggins was born at Corsicana, Texas, the thirteenth of June, 1887, son of William and Mary Wiggins. His father, now retired, was one of the builders of the Cotton Belt Railroad, and was for many years a factor in the development of Cor-



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sicana. Mr. Wiggins attended the public schools of his native city, graduating from the high school there, after which he went with an oil field supply company in that city. Eight years with various firms in this line of business followed, both in Corsicana and other fields. He then spent one year as a driller in Louisiana, after which he came to Houston. Mr. Wiggins began in a small way, giving personal attention to each phase of the operation of his business, and through his consistent efforts to give the operator a real service, he has built up a large following.

Mr. Wiggins was married at Jennings, Louisiana, in 1907, to Miss Alma Pollock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pollock, of Caldwell and Corsicana. Mr. Pollock is a well known land owner and planter. Mr. and Mrs. Wiggins reside at 1420 Missouri Avenue, and have two children, Louise and Edith. Mr. Wiggins has made many friends in Houston, and in the fields, who regard him as a competent and thorough going supply man, and predict for him a future in this business.



**E. DELCUZE** has had a wide experience in the executive department of the Gulf Companies and holds a responsible position with that organization. Mr. Delcuze is assistant to the vice president of the Gulf Companies and many of the most important details of the company's business come under his supervision. He became associated with the Gulf Company at Beaumont in 1906 in the accounting department, and in June, 1908, Mr. Delcuze was made chief clerk of the accounting department, which position he held until January 1st, 1914. On this date he was made auditor of the Gulf Companies and remained in this capacity until January 1st, 1921, when he was promoted to the position of assistant to the vice president of the Gulf Companies. The duties of Mr. Delcuze was varied and he handles many details, and he is also assistant secretary of the Gulf Companies, which he has been since January 1st, 1914. Mr. Delcuze is considered an expert in his work, and is an ardent worker in the interest of the company which he represents.

Mr. Delcuze was born in Franklin, Louisiana, October 5th, 1884. His father, W. F. Delcuze (deceased since 1908) was well known in the railroad circles of Louisiana and Mississippi. Mr. W. F. Delcuze was a descendant of an old French Huguenot family. His mother was Miss Elena Patenotte, a native of France. His education was obtained in the public schools of Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, and under the tutelage of private instructors.

Mr. Delcuze started his business career with the Louisville and Nashville railroad at Bay Saint Louis as assistant to the agent, where he remained for several years, when he came to Beaumont, Texas, in 1906 and entered the service of the Gulf Companies, with whom he has since remained, coming to Houston in 1916. Mr. Delcuze was married in Beaumont on July 22nd, 1908, to Miss Ada Sheffield, a native of Beaumont and a daughter of E. E. Sheffield, well known in the business circles of Beaumont, where for many years he has been engaged in the real estate business. Mr. and Mrs. Delcuze reside at 1432 West Alabama Street, where he owns one of the beautiful residences in Montrose. Mr. Delcuze is a member of the following

organizations: the Masonic fraternity, being a Knight Templar, and the Arabia Temple Shrine, River Oaks Country Club, Glenbrook Country Club, Houston Club, the Lumbermen's Club and the St. Paul Methodist Church. Mr. Delcuze is well known among oil men in the coastal fields and in Mexico, where he frequently goes on business for the Gulf Companies.



**ARTHUR C. STIMSON**, engineer and owner of the Stimson Engineering Company, although one of the younger members of the profession in Houston, has had a share in the engineering activities of the city. Mr. Stimson inherited his desire for engineering and his constructive gifts, as he is the fourth generation to engage in this work. His father, A. E. Stimson, was probably one of the best boundary men in Texas—certainly in the gulf coast—very few important land suits were tried prior to 1919 in Harris County that he was not the star witness of one of the contestants. The son, having such a reputation to live up to is following in his footsteps in so far as to specialize in land legality and so far has done himself credit, never having as yet been on the losing side of a court dispute. He also does map making, engineering and oil field work. Most of his work is in South Texas, and he is also a duly appointed state surveyor. Mr. Stimson was chief engineer for the Kirby Petroleum Company during its first months of organization.

Mr. Stimson was born at Chico, Arkansas, February 8th, 1892, where his father, A. E. Stimson was engaged in building portions of the Mississippi River Levee. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston, where he has resided since he was one year old. He later attended the A. and M. College for a period of two years, studying engineering. After leaving college, Mr. Stimson immediately began work in his present profession in Houston, and has so continued, his business growing with the city. Mr. Stimson, in April, 1917, joined the 90th Division of the United States Army at Camp Travis and was later assigned to the intelligence department as divisional observer in the 90th Division. Mr. Stimson went overseas with the 90th Division and remained there as divisional observer until the St. Mihiel offensive where he was put in charge of the scouts and snipers of General Allen's Staff, reporting the enemy's movements directly into the chief of intelligence. Immediately after which engagement he was confined in the American Hospital in France from which he returned to America and was discharged in 1919.

An outstanding feature of Mr. Stimson's work is the making of a large Harris County map. It measures eleven feet by eight feet and was compiled mostly from data of his father's and his own actual field work in that county. The map is very thorough in detail, giving distances on all land grants, their conflicts and excesses, as recognized by his office. The County of Harris purchased the original but Mr. Stimson retained the rights to sell prints from it. The map was three years in the making.

Mr. Stimson was married in Houston in 1920, to Miss Irene Gawley, a native of the Lone Star State. They have two children, Arthur Earl, three years of age, and Eleanor Ann, aged one year. Mr. and Mrs. Stimson reside at 2716 Beauchamp Avenue.





**CHARLES H. LANE**, of Houston, Texas, is one of the pioneers of the oil industry in this state, having been engaged in this field of activity since 1903. He is associated with Mr. John Hamman in the oil business at this time, and is a representative of the Southwestern Oil Company, one of Mr. Hamman's companies. He is also president of The Thrift Corporation, a company engaged in salvaging oil well pipe. As a boy Mr. Lane went to work in a law office, and was employed by several law firms, until 1903, when he began work for the Waters Pierce Oil Company, and after a few years became associated with the Producers Oil Company, and remained with this company for a period of eleven years. During this period he was advanced many times, and when he left the Producers Oil Company, he was in the position of assistant secretary. For two years of the eleven-year period along with his other work he was also employed by the Sharp-Hughes Tool Company, and was with it at the very beginning, serving as its first manager. He then went with the E. F. Sims Oil Company, and remained with this company for five years as secretary of that large company, and resigned his position with them in order to engage in business for himself. It has been Mr. Lane's good fortune to have been associated with many of the most important figures in the oil industry, from whom he gained a thorough schooling in this intricate business.

A native Texan, Mr. Lane was born at Galveston on March 22nd, 1886. His father, Byron W. Lane, (deceased) was a native of Connecticut, and after coming to Texas was for many years engaged in railroad work, the greater portion of this time he was an engineer for the Galveston, Harrisburg and Houston Railroad. His education was obtained in the public schools of Galveston and Houston.

Mr. Lane was married at Houston on September 26th, 1909, to Miss Anita Schneider, a native Houstonian and a member of one of the pioneer families of this city. They have two children (twins)—Charlotte and Charline. Mr. and Mrs. Lane reside at 4802 Travis Street. Mr. Lane is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1 of Houston, is a Knight Templar of Ruthven Commandery and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. Since coming to Houston Mr. Lane has identified himself with the business life of the city, and is a director of the Gulf Publishing Company, publishers of The Oil Weekly. He is a great booster for Texas, and a strong believer in the development of its wonderful natural resources.



**MARVIN V. BURDETTE** came to Houston less than a decade ago and since that time has been active in commercial circles, having charge of the distribution of the Pittsburg water heater in the Gulf Coast territory. The Pittsburg Water Heater Company of Texas was established in 1912 and Mr. Burdette has been in charge of the main office at Houston since 1916. The company handles sales and distribution for the Pittsburg water heater throughout the Gulf Coast district, and has been instrumental in the installation of over eight thousand of these popular heaters in Houston alone. The firm also distributes Roper gas stoves and ranges, Wolff gas steam heaters for

heating, in addition to the regular Pittsburg heaters, a hot water heater manufactured in every size, from the smallest cottage water heater to the largest heaters for hotels and apartment houses. They carry a large stock at all times and a complete line of parts, employing three expert hot water heater men and two salesmen. Mr. Burdette has done much to popularize this heater and has organized sales campaigns with the result that there are more Pittsburg heaters in use in this territory than any other heater. He is progressive in his management of this business and is constantly improving methods of operation, always with a view to increasing the already heavy demand for this heater, and facilitating the efficient operation of his plant. He is well located at 611 San Jacinto Street where he has attractively arranged show rooms, repair and parts department and stock rooms.

Mr. Burdette was born at Alvarado, Texas, in 1890, son of A. G. and Isabella Frances Kelly Burdette, his father a well known merchant of Alvarado. Mr. Burdette was educated in the public schools at Hillsboro and graduated from the high school there, after which he was employed in the cotton business in Hillsboro from 1909 until 1913. In 1913 he went to Dallas in the Dallas Cotton Exchange, from then until 1916 when he came to Houston as manager of the Pittsburg Water Heater Company.

Mr. Burdette was married at Hillsboro, in 1913, to Miss Julia Elizabeth Sessions, daughter of Dr. E. L. Sessions, well known Hillsboro physician, and Anna Elizabeth Sessions. Dr. and Mrs. Sessions are among the oldest residents of the town. Mr. and Mrs. Burdette have two children, Marvin V., Jr., and Edwin Sessions Burdette. They live at 1316 West Alabama Avenue, in one of the prettiest residence sections of the city. Mr. Burdette is a member of the Houston Builders Exchange, the Civitan Club and the Elks.



**WALTER BUCHTLER** has devoted his entire business life to the cotton industry and as manager of the Houston Waste and Fibre Mills has had much to do with the building up of this firm's business to that of the largest plant of its kind in South Texas. The Houston Waste and Fibre Mills was established in 1917 and Mr. Buchtler came to Houston as manager in 1918, and he visits the Houston trade territory each month. The Houston Waste and Fibre Mills have forty thousand square feet of floor space and employ an average of twenty people during the entire year. They have two large waste machines and one shredder machine and sell and ship their products to all portions of the United States, Mexico and Cuba. Mr. Mike H. Thomas, of Dallas, one of the biggest business men and Masons of Texas, is president of the Houston Waste and Fibre Mills, whose plant is located at Pine and Allen Streets.

A native of Germany, Mr. Buchtler was born on December 26th, 1889 and his education was obtained in the schools of his native land. Mr. Buchtler came to America and to Galveston, when twenty-one years of age and his parents remained in Germany. Mr. Buchtler started his business career in Texas in the cotton waste business where he was connected with the firm of Max Schubert at Galveston and remained with this firm from 1910 to 1913, when he went with the Phoenix Waste Mills of Galveston



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as manager, where he remained for a period of five years. In 1918, Mr. Buchtler came to Houston to become manager of the Houston Waste and Fibre Mills, and this firm has had a wonderful growth in their business since Mr. Buchtler assumed the management of the plant and has built up a splendid business in all portions of the country where the product of these mills can be used.

Mr. Buchtler was married in Galveston February 3rd, 1915, to Miss Nina Robinson and they have two children, Marjorie and Harold. Mr. and Mrs. Buchtler reside at 2402 Waugh Drive. Mr. Buchtler is regarded as one of the best men in his line in the South Texas and as a manager and manufacturer he stands at the head of both, and is popular in the business and social circles of Houston. Mr. Buchtler is a recognized authority on all matters pertaining to cotton waste and its manufacture, having spent his lifetime in this business and devoting to it much thought and intensive study.

**GUY CARROLL**, for many years associated with the building up of one of the major oil companies in the Lone Star State, is one of the outstanding men in the petroleum industry, and is well known for his many activities incident to the development of this industry. Mr. Carroll is Assistant Treasurer of the Texas Company, a position he has held since 1903, and as the holder of that office has charge of all collections and disbursings of funds of the Texas Company. Mr. Carroll has been with the Texas Company since its organization, with the exception of the first month, having come with the company at Beaumont in 1902 as bookkeeper, which position he held until 1903, when he became Assistant Treasurer. At the time he was appointed to this office the duties involved were light compared to what they are today, and he has watched the company grow, until it is now one of the major oil companies of the world. His association with the Texas Company forms a vital part of the history of this organization, and Mr. Carroll takes a justifiable pride in the part he has taken in the development of the company. Mr. Carroll received his training under J. S. Cullinan, one of the founders of the Texas Company.

Guy Carroll was born at Corsicana, Texas, the thirty-first of October, 1881. His father, the late J. D. Carroll, was for a quarter of a century engaged in the lumber business at Corsicana, with J. E. Whitselle, under the firm name of J. E. Whitselle and Company. He later engaged in drilling oil wells in the South Texas fields, and was very successful in this work, having drilled some of the best producers in the fields along the coast. His death occurred in May, 1922. Mr. Carroll's mother, whose maiden name was Miss Gertrude Foote, was a member of a well known family of Louisiana, but had lived in Corsicana many years prior to her death, in November, 1922. A son, Earnest, the brother of the subject of this sketch, is also with the Texas Company, coming with the organization at the time it was started in 1902, and is now Assistant to the First Vice-President, T. J. Donoghue. Guy Carroll was educated in the public schools of Corsicana, and as a very young man began work for the Gas and Electric Company of Corsicana. After one year with that company he went with the old Corsicana Refining Company, in 1900, and remained with that firm until June 1902, when he went to Beaumont, go-

ing with the Texas Company.

Mr. Carroll was married at Beaumont the twentieth of December, 1905, to Miss Verna Vaughn, a native of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Carroll reside at 1120 Colquitt Avenue, and are the parents of three children, Guy Vernon, Sybil and Ira M. Carroll. Mr. Carroll knows most of the pioneer operators in the coastal fields, and, while he has always been interested in the development company from an executive standpoint, is conversant with the entire field of oil operation, and has many friends among the oil men of the State.



**GASPER M. DE GEORGE**, genial proprietor of the De George Hotel, has for the past twenty-five years been associated with the history of Houston, where he has been identified with the hotel business, the real estate business and other activities of importance. In 1914 Mr. De George, with his father, M. De George, opened the De George Hotel, one of the finest of Houston's hotel buildings. This hotel, located at 1418 Preston Avenue, was built by Mr. De George and occupies a modern six-story fire-proof building, fifty-five by one hundred and twenty-five feet square. The De George Hotel has all outside rooms and is complete with convention hall, sample rooms and elevator system. A modern heating plant provides adequate comfort for winter guests, and electric fans keep the building pleasant during the summer. Twenty-five employees give careful attention to the maintenance of service, and there is also operated in the building a cafe, a barber shop and a tailor shop.

After leaving school Mr. De George went with his father in the real estate business, and up until 1914 engaged extensively in Houston real estate operations, buying and improving city property and handling investments. Mr. De George, with his father, has been instrumental in improving much property at Houston, and is still active in this work, at present planning a number of buildings that will make Houston a greater city.

Gasper M. De George is a native of Houston, having been born in this city the sixth of February, 1888. His father, M. De George, is a native of Italy, and came to the United States in 1870, the period immediately following his arrival having been spent at New Orleans, where he was employed on a sugar plantation. In 1882 after more than a decade in New Orleans, Mr. De George came to Houston, and went in the real estate business, investing his savings in Houston property. He has since accumulated a fortune in this business, investing and re-investing his money in city property. Gasper M. De George's mother, before her marriage, was Miss Ursola. Mr. De George was educated in the schools at Houston, attending at various times Barnett's College, Business College and St. Edwards College.

Mr. De George was married at Fort Worth, in September, 1921, to Miss Josephine Pinto, a native of that city. They made their home at the De George Hotel, and have two children, a son, Michael, and a daughter, Ursula. Mr. De George takes an active interest in civic progress, giving his services freely to forward any community plan. He is on the Board of Governors of the Hotel Greeters Association, and is a member of the Houston Hotel Association and the Texas Hotel Keepers Association. He is a Knight of Columbus and an Elk.





**ALFRED M. JOHNSON** has for more than a quarter of a century been closely associated with the oil industry in Texas and is probably better known to the oil fraternity than any man in his line in the state. Mr. Johnson is vice president and manager at Houston of the Petroleum Iron Works of Pennsylvania and his wide and varied experience which began when he was eighteen years of age, has proved a valuable asset to him as an executive. The Petroleum Iron Works handle out of the Houston office all steel storage tanks of all capacities and refinery equipment; everything in steel plate. The factories of this company are located at Sharon, Pennsylvania, and Kansas City, Kansas, and sell F. O. B. or erected, and erect more tanks than any concern engaged in this business. They have from three hundred to one thousand men from the Houston office in the field who do nothing but erect steel tanks and refinery equipment. This company is the oldest in the business of erecting steel tanks in the country, and numbered among their great volume of work in Texas oil fields, may be mentioned practically all of the Texas Company tanks in this section, and the greater part of the tanks for the Humble Oil and Refining Company, having built all the tanks for the latter company from Ranger to Texas City. For the Texas Company tanks station from Tulsa, Oklahoma, to Port Arthur, Texas, also tanks at Dallas, Port Neches and Port Arthur, also the Texas Company refineries. They erected the tank farms for the Galena Signal Oil Company of Texas, and their refinery on the ship channel. They are doing a great deal of work in Arkansas and have erected more than two-thirds of the steel storage tanks in the Smackover district, now are doing 2,000,000 barrels of storage work for the Texas Company at Port Arthur and Port Neches. They are also engaged in doing some extensive work for the Gulf Refining Company. The Petroleum Iron Works of Pennsylvania have been conceded the best work in the plate line of any company engaged in this business. They sell tank cars and also lease them from the Houston office, and sell all kinds of containers that are used by the various oil industries. The offices of the Petroleum Iron Works are located at 1110-1111-1112 Second National Bank Building, where Mr. Johnson has a splendid organization to carry out the work of this company, which is growing rapidly. The following is a good example of the service rendered by Mr. Johnson's company. On October 15th, 1923, an order was received from the Humble Pipe Line Company for ten complete 55,000 barrel tanks to be used in the Powell field. On October 17, 1923, 5 p. m., thirty-eight cars were loaded and shipped from Sharon, Pennsylvania. This solid train arrived in Corsicana October 22, at 11 a. m. Oil men say this is a record for shipment of this kind. It is more remarkable because four tanks had to be made, and because there was a wreck in which five cars were damaged. The main part of the train went on and the material in the five damaged cars was transferred to other cars, and with a special engine caught the main train at Ohio City.

A native Texan, Mr. Johnson was born at Clifton, Bosque County, January 28th, 1880. His father, O. J. Johnson (deceased since October, 1897) came to Texas when a boy fifteen years of age with his parents, who first settled in Henderson County but

after a short time removed to Bosque County, where he was for many years engaged in farming and stock raising. His mother (deceased since January, 1923) was Miss Johanna O. Wold. Both parents were born in Norway. His education was obtained in the public schools of Bosque County and at Clifton. Mr. Johnson worked on the farm as a boy, there being twelve children in the family and each had duties to perform.

Mr. Johnson began his business career on September 28th, 1898, with the Petroleum Iron Works at Corsicana, Texas, where he learned the business and was promoted from one position to another. He also learned to do the plate work, erecting in the oil fields and many other things in connection with this line of work, and during this time he spent a number of years in the rough work incident to tank erecting, which meant driving of rivets, etc. In 1901 he was promoted to the position of assistant foreman at Spindle Top, and continued in this position until 1904, when he became foreman and remained in this capacity until 1909, and during this period the greater part of his time was spent in Port Arthur. In 1909 Mr. Johnson was made foreman of the Port Arthur district, and remained in this position until 1915 when he became superintendent of the Southwestern division of the Petroleum Iron Works of Pennsylvania. He continued in the position of superintendent of this division until 1919, when he became vice president, in charge of sales and in charge of erection, etc. of the Southwestern territory of the different units of the Petroleum Iron Works. The office of this firm was moved from Port Arthur to Houston in 1916, and the office maintained in Corsicana was moved to Beaumont in 1901.

Mr. Johnson has been twice married and his two wives were sisters, residing in Baldwin, Wisconsin. His first marriage was on February 12th, 1905, to Miss Sarah C. Hanson (deceased) and the second marriage was on January 28th, 1911, to Miss Bertha Eliza Hanson. Mr. Johnson is the father of five children: Christy O., student at Southwestern University; Alfred M., Jr., student at the Allen Academy; Burt H.; Arnold B., and Genevieve. The first two children were of the first marriage, and the latter three of the last marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson reside at 615 Kipling Street. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association, the Houston Club, B. P. O. E., and is one of the first members of this organization at Port Arthur. He has been a member of the I. O. O. F. for twenty-one years and has always been active in this organization. Mr. Johnson has become interested in many of the commercial and industrial projects in the state, and is vice president and director of the Pennsylvania Ship Building Company at Beaumont, which is engaged in the repairing of ships and have also a marine railroad there. Mr. Johnson has worked his way up in his chosen field, and is considered the leader in his line, and is probably better known to the oil fraternity than any man in the state. Mr. Johnson worked in the oil fields in the old days at Corsicana and Spindle Top with many of the leaders in the oil industry of today and is popular with all classes in the oil fields and in the business and social circles of the state.



*W. M. Johnson.*





*P. M. Granberry*



**P**RENTISS M. GRANBERRY, veteran oil operator, and for many years identified with various enterprises at Houston, has been closely associated with the development of the oil resources of the Lone Star State. Mr. Granberry's first experience in the oil business was as a contractor. He drilled his first well at Harrisburg, Texas. His next experience was at Sour Lake, after which he went to Burns Bluff, above Beaumont, and drilled there without success, after which he went to Spindletop, where he got his first producing well, flowing 22,000 barrels per day. This was followed by a course of extensive drilling all around the Coastal fields. He always drilled by contract, but usually had an interest in the well he drilled and the operators of the State began to watch his drilling operations with much interest. He drilled the first oil producing well at Humble. At that time being associated with Mr. Staiti and operating under the firm name of Granberry and Staiti. He was then Superintendent of the Texas Exploration Company, at Damon Mound, and brought in the first producing well for them there. He remained with this company about two years. After spending some time in the Spindletop field he spent about ten years in various drilling operations, particularly in the Dayton field, which looked promising to him, and where he brought in some producing wells. For some time he was associated with Ed Prather and brought in a number of wells, which have since been disposed of. For the last two years he has been associated with George and John Hamman and F. M. Bullock, trading in leases, royalties and oil lands. He still gets some royalties from his Humble interests.

Mr. Granberry was born in Perry County, Mississippi, the 28th of September, 1856, son of A. R. Granberry, a farmer and brickmaker of that place. He left home at the age of 17, travelling and working in the Northwestern States. He spent 13 years at Bismark and Deadwood, in the Dakotas, going to Bismark in 1876, just after the Custer Massacre. He drove a team in General Terry's Expedition to the scene of the Custer Massacre. He later went to Chicago, thence to San Antonio, in 1890, as foreman in a brick plant. He later came to Houston, as a brickmaker, and was foreman with William M. Rice for four years, in charge of a brick plant. It was during this time that his interest was attracted to well-drilling, and he bought a well-drilling machine, and spent some time thereafter drilling for water, later turning his attention to drilling for oil. From this point his entire time has been given to the oil business.

He was married at Waxahachie to Miss Mary Summerton, daughter of J. H. Summerton, a merchant and dealer of that city, and a native of Pennsylvania.

Mr. and Mrs. Granberry have a family of three children, two sons, Harold and Alton, and a daughter, Ruth. They make their home at 241 Heights Boulevard. Mr. Granberry is a Mason, member of Holland Blue Lodge. He is known to all oil men throughout the Lone Star State, and has in the course of his career been interested in nearly every proven field in Texas, keeping in close touch with all operations. He is a creditable addition to the oil fraternity, and has a host of friends in Houston and throughout the State.

**G**EORGE WHITESIDE ALLEN, oil operator and investor, became interested in the oil business fifteen years ago and his first venture in this line of activity was in the famous fields at Tampico, Mexico, where he handled leases and bought and sold oil properties for several years. He stayed in Mexico until 1915 when he returned to the United States and continued in business in the Mid-Continent fields until 1918 when he again returned to Mexico and engaged in drilling and contracting at Tampico and other places until 1922 when he came to Houston where he organized the firm of Chapman, Allen and Kirby, to handle an oil business. The firm, however, was dissolved early in 1923 and Mr. Allen became identified with the Amicable Life Insurance Company of Waco, Texas. Later he organized Geo. W. Allen and Company, general agents of the Lamar Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Allen is a native of Illinois and was born at Riverside on April 21st, 1883. He is a son of Charles E. and Lillian (Whiteside) Allen and received his education in the schools at Riverside and at Hillside Academy in Wisconsin. His father, for many years a prominent Chicago merchant, was a graduate of the University of Michigan. He died in 1900. His mother is a sister of the famous actor, Walker Whiteside, and various members of the family have been prominent in commercial and artistic circles of Chicago.

In 1904 Mr. Allen went to Mexico as storekeeper for the old Mexican Central Railroad and later was made general storekeeper for the Mexican National Railway Lines. He continued in railroad work until 1908 when he entered the oil business at Tampico. After returning to the United States in 1915 he was for three years identified with the Producers Refining Company and its successors in various capacities and was located for a while at Gainesville, Texas. He then went to Bartlesville, Oklahoma, as assistant purchasing agent for the Empire in 1917 and later became general purchasing agent for the Midco Gasoline Company at Tulsa. He remained in this capacity until the latter part of 1917 when he again engaged in business for himself, buying and selling oil field and refinery supplies and in 1918 returned to Mexico to engage in the contracting business. At one time he was extensively interested in citrus fruit growing in Mexico and had the largest citrus nursery in the republic. The revolution in Mexico practically destroyed the citrus business there but he still has a large ranch in Mexico.

In 1908 Mr. Allen was married to Miss Georgiana West, a native of Kansas and a graduate of the Manhattan Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kansas. She is a daughter of George W. West, a retired cattleman now living in Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Allen have two children, twin daughters, Harriet and Elizabeth.

Mr. Allen is a capable and energetic business man and thoroughly understands every detail of the oil business. His practical experience in drilling, producing and refining work has given him a knowledge of the industry that is invaluable. He is an untiring worker and a consistent booster for Houston, predicting that this city will become the real center of the oil industry in the Southwest and the foremost city in Texas during the next few years.





**B. RUSS** of Houston, Texas, has spent practically all his business life in the various branches of the oil industry and is the executive head of one of Houston's oil organizations which has grown to large proportions in a comparatively short period of time. As President and Manager of the Consolidated Oil Company, distributors for the Sinclair Refining Company, wholesale gasoline and oils, Mr. Russ has had a part in making popular the products of this company. Associated with Mr. Russ in the Consolidated Oil Company are the following well known business men of Houston: Clarence Kendall, S. Philp and W. C. Czigan. Mr. Russ, with Mr. Kendall, organized the company in 1924 and Messrs. Philp and Czigan joined the organization later. The business has grown rapidly until it ranks among the leaders of its kind in this city. With tank truck delivery in Houston, they are prepared to give the best of service to their patrons, who are numbered in every part of the city. Recently the Consolidated Oil Company acquired a one-half interest in the Home Oil Company of Bryan, Texas, which has a trade territory of four counties. Mr. Russ is Vice President of the latter company. The offices of the Consolidated Oil Company are located at 2905 McKinney Avenue, where a staff of trained men are associated with the executives in serving the public. Prior to organizing this company, Mr. Russ was associated with the Sinclair Refining Company here for about four years, and was with the Pierce Oil Company for about eight years, and his experience gained with these large oil companies has been of untold value to him in the operation of his own company.

A native Texan, Mr. Russ was born at Temple on July 9th, 1885. His father, Robert F. Russ (deceased), was a native of Alabama, but came to Texas at an early age and became a locomotive engineer, and served as such for thirty-three years on the G., C. and S. F. Railroad, and resided in Somerville, Texas. His mother, Mrs. Mary (Butler) Russ, was a native of Georgia, where she belonged to one of that State's most prominent families. His education was obtained in the schools of Honey Grove, Texas, which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world.

Mr. Russ was married at Teague, Texas, on November 3rd, 1908, to Miss Ethel Terry, a daughter of G. T. Terry, a native of the Lone Star State, and well known in the business circles of Central Texas. Her mother, Mrs. Lucy (Peavy) Terry, was a native of Louisiana and a member of a well known family of that State. They have one child, Terry Russ, at home and a student of Central High School. Mr. and Mrs. Russ reside at 2719 Houston Avenue. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M., a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston, the Chamber of Commerce and of the Baptist Church. Mr. Russ has always been a leader in the city's development wherever he has resided, and while he lived at Teague, Texas, he served that thriving little city as City Secretary and Treasurer.



**RICH F. KUEHNLE** has been actively associated with the development of the oil fields in Texas at different times during a period of twenty years and during this time has

been connected with some of the most important development work in the Coastal territory, and throughout the United States. For a number of years Mr. Kuehnle has been doing special work along scientific lines which has attracted widespread attention among members of the oil fraternity.

Mr. Kuehnle is a petroleum technologist with offices in the Rogers Building at Houston. His professional services are in demand not only in Texas, but in various places throughout the country, where exploration work for petroleum is carried on. Among his clients Mr. Kuehnle numbers many of the leading men in the oil industry, who place explicit confidence in his work and who frequently place their development operations completely in his charge.

A native of Germany, Mr. Kuehnle was born at Stuttgart on October 29, 1877. His father died when he was four years of age. He was given a liberal education and was especially trained along scientific lines at the University of Stuttgart. His major work was in chemistry and he became interested in petroleum from a statement made by one of his professors who declared every young man should look for new industries and new fields of action. From a close study of geology he turned to petroleum technology as a big new industry and this has engaged his thought and attention ever since.

After graduating at the University of Stuttgart, he spent some time in Baku, Russia, and the rich oil fields of Roumania and then was located in England for a year. Determining to obtain the broadest experience possible, he concluded to visit the fields of the United States, and came here in 1904 for that purpose. His work here has been so interesting and profitable he has never had any thought of returning to the old country to live.

Landing in Houston in 1904 Mr. Kuehnle secured employment on the day following his arrival here with the Gulf Production Company, going to work for this concern at fifty-five dollars per month. During his first year of service with the Gulf he was given a raise in salary each month and continued with them until 1907 when he became identified with the Standard Oil Company. He remained with the Standard until 1915 and during 1913, 1914 and 1916 was stationed in Mexico, where he was in charge of valuable properties for the big parent company. Completing eight years of work with the Standard Mr. Kuehnle located permanently in Houston.

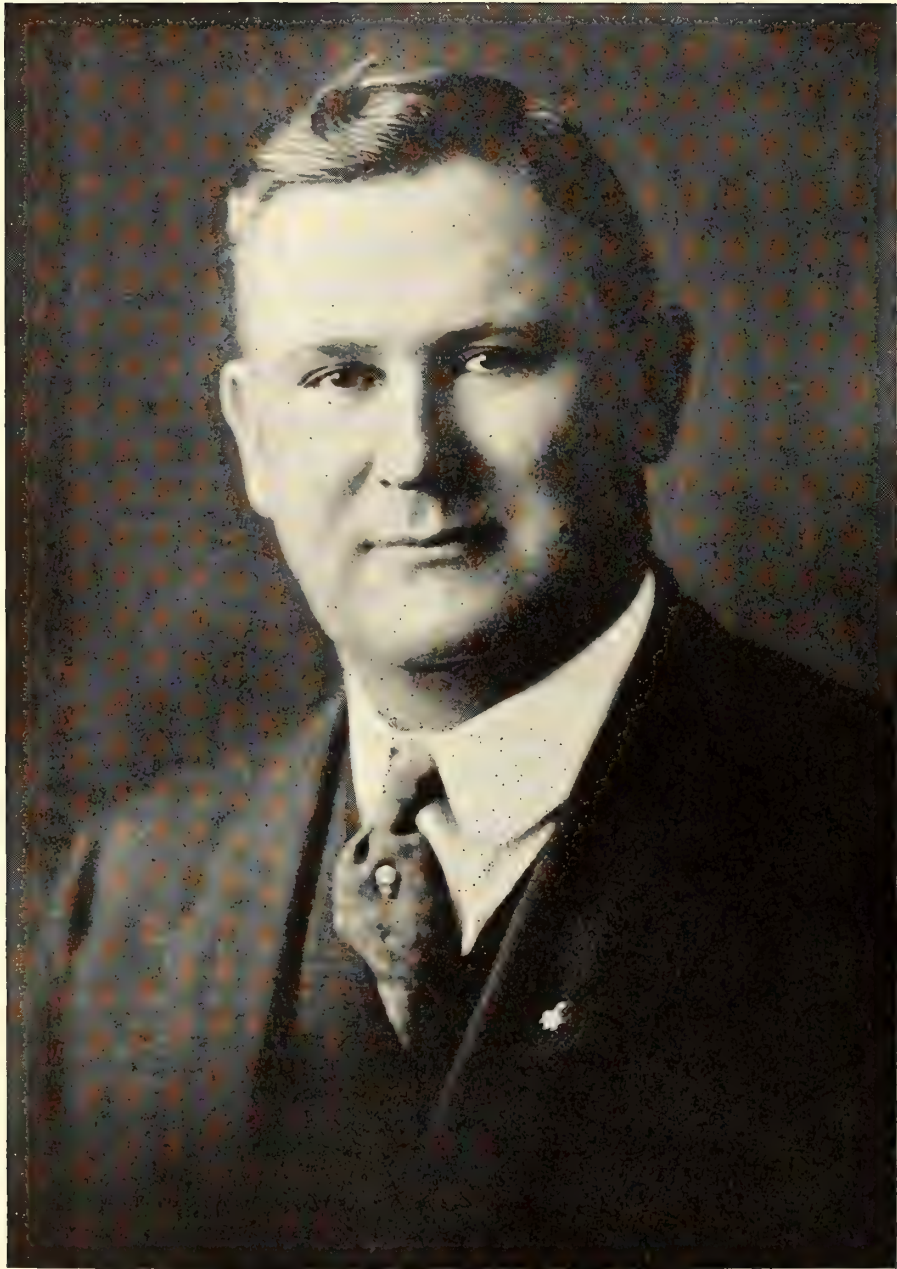
An intensive student of all matters pertaining to the petroleum industry, Mr. Kuehnle exerted every effort to have the Trustees of Rice Institute establish a chair of petroleum technology, believing that practical, applied science should be taught to young men at this center of the oil business. Failing in his plan to interest the institute authorities in this work, he now has under consideration the establishment in Houston of a research laboratory for the investigation of problems that are constantly arising in the petroleum industry. He has done a great deal of research work for various universities and for different departments of the government, doing this work free as a contribution to the advancement of science.

Mr. Kuehnle firmly believes Houston is destined to be the principal market for crude oil in the South and that the resources of Texas have scarcely been touched. He is a member of the American Chemist's Association.



*J. R. Russ.*





J.B. Farr



**B. FARR** spent many years in the oil business and had an especially good training for his present line of work during the years he was connected with the Texas Company, for whom he worked in various capacities for sixteen years. Resigning his position with the Texas Company early in 1923, Mr. Farr began contract work for himself and placed several rotary rigs at work in the new Luling field in Caldwell County, but sold out his interest before work began. Then for eighteen months he held the position of superintendent of material and warehouses of the United North and South Oil Company, with headquarters at Luling.

The experience of Mr. Farr in the oil business began in 1907, when he started work for the Texas Company at Saratoga, Texas. He remained in the Saratoga field for this company for about seven years, and by steady application to his duties was placed in charge of the company's warehouse there and worked as a gauger. He was with the Texas Company at Saratoga when the company brought in the big wells that started it on the road to prosperity. Mr. Farr worked on the famous B. B. B. and C., or Kirby wells, of the Texas Company at this place and later was transferred to Sour Lake, where he continued as gauger and warehouseman. After four years at Sour Lake, he was transferred to Houston and continued with the company here as lease man and superintendent, spending much of his time at Barbers Hill and other important coastal fields where the Texas Company had extensive operations. In May, 1920, he was made chief warehouse man at Houston, and continued in this capacity until his resignation early in 1923, when he concluded to go in business for himself.

Mr. Farr is a native of Texas and was born at Hempstead, Waller County, on August 17th, 1875. He is a son of J. H. and Sarah Texana Cloud Farr, and received his education in the public schools of Waller County. His father was a Civil War veteran, farmer, school teacher and newspaper man, and for a number of years was publisher of the Waller County Courier. After leaving school, Mr. Farr began work for the Houston and Texas Central Railway Company when only sixteen years of age, as assistant pumper. He worked as a pumper and later as a fireman for the H. & T. C. for about fifteen years, and left railroad work to become identified with the Texas Company.

On February 21, 1898, Mr. Farr was married, at Corsicana, to Miss Mary Burrows, who was the mother of his three children, J. B., Jr., Adrian L., and Efnor L. Mrs. Farr died on January 7th, 1907, and on August 4th, 1920, he was again married at Houston, to Miss Gabriella Raiford, a native of Grimes County, and a daughter of Dr. Marshall D. Raiford, pioneer physician, who came to Texas shortly after the close of the Civil War.

Mr. Farr is a splendid type of citizen, and is a Mason, a member of Holland Lodge No. 1, Washington Chapter, No. 2, and Houston Chapter, No. 385, of the Order of the Eastern Star. During his residence in Sour Lake he served as master of the Masonic Lodge, No. 1002. He also is a member of the Knights of the Maccabees and the Travelers' Protective Association. A man of likeable character and splendid personality, he is truly representative of that type of citizenship which is the real backbone of every community.



**ALEX. FREUND**, pioneer resident of Houston, and a veteran in the oil industry, has throughout the years of a busy lifetime contributed to the welfare of his community and the development of the oil resources of the Lone Star State. His activities in this industry have been fruitful and he has acquired not only wealth but many friendships, and the highest esteem of all who know him. Mr. Freund has recently retired from active business life, but still retains a deep interest in civic affairs and is one of the real boosters of his city, and looks after his affairs, from the Bankers Mortgage Building.

Alex. Freund was born at Warsaw, Poland, the 28th of February, 1863, son of an old Polish family. His father and grandfather were men of means and landowners of Poland, and were well known for their many benevolences and the help they gave to the poor of their country. His mother, a highly educated woman, also came of an old and well known Polish family. Mr. Freund was educated in the schools of Warsaw and came to the United States from his native country as a young man, influenced by a desire to see the West and the Indians he had read about as a school boy. He came first to New Orleans, and from that point to Houston, in 1878. Although he found no Indians he did find longhorns and cowmen, and after a brief acquaintance these proved as attractive to him as the Indians of his boyhood, and after looking around for a short time he decided to make Houston his home. His first business deal in this city was the trading of a watch and thirty-five dollars for a lot, and thus launched on his business career he spent the years that followed buying, building and selling real estate. He has developed several additions, the principal one being the Ryan Addition, where he sold seven hundred lots in six weeks. In 1889 Mr. Freund bought the property where he now lives for two hundred and fifty dollars, and has held it since that time, until it is now easily worth more than ten thousand dollars. Mr. Freund has been actively associated with many events of the early days, both in development in Houston and in the adjoining oil towns of Sour Lake and Humble. He was at the opening of the Cherokee Strip in 1894.

Mr. Freund was married at Houston the twenty-fourth of May, 1898, to Miss Milina Rosenfield, daughter of Joe Rosenfield, one of the early business men of Houston, and Mrs. Pauline Rosenfield, one of the best known hotel women in the Lone Star State and recalled by all the old time residents of this section. Mr. and Mrs. Freund had an ideal married life, their home, at 412 Yoakum Street, off the Harrisburg Road, being the seat of a gracious hospitality. Since the death of Mrs. Freund, in May 1920, Mr. Freund has retired from active life and spends his time looking after his personal investments and in caring for his garden, in which hobby he finds his chief delight, and his chickens. The son, Henry Freund, makes his home with his father, and is attaining prominence as a mechanical genius with several successful patents to his credit. Mr. Freund is one of the most loyal citizens of Houston, and has on many occasions contributed to movements directed toward public welfare and civic prosperity. He has hosts of friends from every station of life, and is one of the most honored and admired pioneers of this city.



**P**HIL CEZEAUX, pioneer oil operator and well known in the various Texas oil fields as one of the leading contractors and producers in the oil business, has been active in the development of the oil field at Humble for about thirteen years. Mr. Cezeaux is a member of the firm of Cezeaux and Martin, a partnership composed of himself and George A. Martin, also a pioneer operator in the Texas oil fields. The partnership was formed in 1919, since which time the firm has operated as contractors and producers at Humble, owning producing wells here. The firm has a force of ten employees, all of whom are efficient oil men, and experts in their particular line. Cezeaux and Martin maintain headquarters at Humble, directing all operations in this territory with the advantage of being on the ground, and few men are more familiar with oil conditions in this field. Mr. Cezeaux has a wide personal acquaintance among oil men of the state, and has won the respect and confidence of the citizens in the communities where he has resided.

Phil Cezeaux was born at Austin, Texas, the seventh of February, 1883, the son of Gus Cezeaux and Kate (Rowell) Cezeaux. Gus Cezeaux, a native Texan, engaged in farming near Austin until his retirement several years ago. His parents came to Texas with Austin's Colony, and were closely associated with the early development of the state. Mrs. Cezeaux is also a native of Texas, and like Mr. Cezeaux, a member of one of the families coming here with Austin's Colony. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cezeaux reside at Humble. Phil Cezeaux attended the public schools at Austin, and at the age of eighteen years went to Spindle Top, at the time of the big boom there, and began work in the oil fields. Since that time he has engaged in every form of oil field work. Mr. Cezeaux left Spindle Top as a driller, going to Sour Lake, and later to Batson, Saratoga, and Dayton, where he brought in the first producer, and then to Humble, where he has been engaged in active operations since 1912.

Mr. Cezeaux was married at Dayton, Texas, the ninth of September, 1907, to Miss Dora Wilburn, a native of Chambers County, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Cezeaux make their home at Marlin, where the children attend school, Mr. Cezeaux dividing his time between that city and Humble. They have six children, Calvin, Philip, Louise, Gus, Lee and Asa Cezeaux. Mr. Cezeaux is a member of the Kiwanis Club at Marlin, the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Arabia Temple Shrine, and is held in high esteem throughout the state as one of the leading oil men of Texas.

**D**. PITTMAN, architect and construction engineer, has for more than a score of years practiced his profession in Houston, and has gained publicity throughout South Texas by his work as a designer of many prominent buildings. Mr. Pittman is one of the oldest architects in Houston and in this city where there are more than eight hundred buildings for which he made plans and handled the construction, which stand as a monument to his skill as an architect and builder. During 1923 he handled more than one million dollars' worth of construction. He is drawing plans for a warehouse to be of concrete and steel construction, absolutely fireproof, eight stories in height, 250 feet by 250 feet in size, with seven elevators and

with railroad tracks in the building. When completed, this building will be the largest of its kind in Texas and represents an investment of \$1,500,000.00. Mr. Pittman also drew the plans for the Merchants Compress, which occupies a space of more than four acres. Mr. Pittman's splendidly equipped office is located at 500 Prince Theater Building, where he is engaged in a general architectural and contracting business.

Mr. Pittman was born at Alexandria, Louisiana, September 22nd, 1856. His parents, Enos Pittman and Letha Pittman, were large land owners and extensive planters of Louisiana. His education was obtained in the schools of his native state, and soon after leaving school, he began his business career in the machine shops at New Orleans, where he remained for six years, and worked in practically all departments. He came to Texas in 1867 and located in Freestone County, where he remained for about twelve years, and during this period was engaged in the general contracting and building business. In 1881, he removed to Dallas and started the O. K. Harry Steel Works, and was general manager and superintendent of this plant for three years. He then entered the architectural and building business in Dallas, where he remained until coming to Houston in 1901.

Mr. Pittman was married at Indianapolis, Indiana, to Miss Anna Jameison, a member of a well known family of Indiana. They have four children, Grover O. Pittman, D. D. Pittman, Jr., Annie Sumner and Neva I. Pittman. Mr. Pittman is a member of the Woodmen of the World and takes an active interest in this organization. He has always participated in a most substantial and active manner in all moves and enterprises that had for their object the upbuilding and advancement of Houston.

**J**. L. ZUBER became a citizen of Houston in 1921, shortly after his arrival opening a mercantile business which has since become one of the leading shoe jobbing establishments in Southeast Texas. The Zuber-Kaufman Shoe Company was established by Mr. Zuber, J. Kaufman and M. Zuber, the fifteenth of October, 1921, at 107 Main Street, and after fifteen months during which time the business of the firm increased so rapidly that they had to secure larger quarters. They are now located at 106 Main Street. The firm does a general wholesale shoe jobbing business, keeping five men on the road and selling to an extensive trade throughout South and West Texas, part of Louisiana, Oklahoma and Arkansas. They handle several well known lines of shoes and boots and operate their business in accordance with modern merchandising principles, attaining the reputation of a reliable, progressive house with an assured future. The Zuber-Kaufman Shoe Company occupies three floors of a building twenty-five by eighty feet, with an adequate force of employees to meet the demands of a growing business.

Mr. Zuber is a director of the Rosenberg State Bank at Rosenberg, Texas, and also owns the principal retail dry goods store in that city. He began in the mercantile business as a boy, in his father's dry goods store, later going into the employ of Ed Kiam, Houston, Texas, where he remained seven years before going into business for himself, at Wharton. Later he went to Rosenberg, Texas, establishing a mercantile business, then to Richmond,



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Texas, where he established a branch store, under the name of Zuber Brothers, of which they are still the owners and operators. In 1921 he came to Houston establishing the Zuber-Kaufman Shoe Company, which he now operates.

Mr. Zuber was born in Russia, in 1886, son of A. Zuber, a native of Russia, who came to the United States, bringing his family, in 1896, locating first at New York City, and later at Houston, where he was in the mercantile business for more than a quarter of a century, and has now retired. His mother, Miss Esther Zaveloff before her marriage, is also a native of Russia. Mr. Zuber was educated in the public schools of Houston, later entering his father's dry goods store to gain his mercantile experience before entering business for himself.

Mr. Zuber was married at Houston in 1915, to Miss Lena Cohen, who was raised in New York City, the daughter of J. Cohen, a well known New York manufacturer. They live at 2409 Crawford Street and have two children, Janet Ruth and Selma. Mr. Zuber is a Mason, member of Holland Lodge No. 1, Thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine.



**L. KAISER** is one of the pioneers of the oil industry of Humble, Texas, having been engaged in this field of activity since oil was discovered here. As a vice president and general manager of the Webb Oil Company he is in charge of the drilling and production, which naturally is one of the most important departments of an oil company. The Webb Oil Company was founded by John E. Webb, pioneer oil operator of the Gulf Coast oil fields, and his associates in 1910. Mr. Webb, who was a son-in-law of C. L. Kaiser, was the active head of this company until his death in 1919, when Mr. Kaiser, who was one of the organizers of this company, took over the active management. The Humble lease of the Webb Oil Company has fourteen producing wells, and many thousand barrels of oil have been produced from the wells on this lease, which is one of the most valuable in the Humble field. Other officers of the Webb Oil Company are: Mrs. John E. Webb, president, and J. H. Nie, secretary and treasurer. Five people are employed by the company. Mr. Kaiser started his business career in the service of a railroad at Galveston in 1880, and later was associated with this same line of railroad at Temple, and Cleburne and remained in their service until he came to Humble and has been active in the development work of this field since that time. Mr. J. H. Nie, now an executive of the Webb Oil Company, has been Mr. Kaiser's partner since he came here. As contractors, they have drilled upward of one hundred oil wells, and also have drilled many for themselves, and today Mr. Kaiser is one of the most active men in this field, on the job every day, looking after the properties of his company and his own.

Mr. Kaiser was born at New Orleans on September 25th, 1863. His father, C. F. Kaiser, a native of Europe, came to America as a young man. His education was obtained in the public schools of New Orleans, which he left when seventeen years of age in order to come to Texas and engage in railroad work.

Mr. Kaiser has been twice married. His first marriage was at Cleburne, Texas, in 1882 to Miss

Fannie Lott (deceased), a native of Johnson County, Texas. Of this union five children were born, two of whom are living: Ida Mae, the widow of John E. Webb, and one of the best known oil operators in Texas during his life. The other daughter, Katherine, is at home with her parents. Mr. Kaiser was married again on November 16th, 1922, to Mrs. Jannie Johnson, a member of a well known family of North Texas. Mr. Kaiser has done much in the development of the Humble field and has always had great faith in this territory, even at a time when it looked gloomy to others. Although millions of dollars have been obtained from this field in the form of liquid gold, he believes that the end is not in sight for this field, and many good wells will yet be brought in here. The Humble field is one of the most valuable in the entire country, made so by the life of the wells which produce longer in proportion to their initial production than wells in any other field at a like depth. He is a great believer in the future of Humble and is glad at all times to further anything for the town's advancement and progress.



**FANNIE MAYO**, for many years well known in the drug business at Houston, has for the past several years engaged in the floral business, attaining a reputation among horticulturists as the originator of a special fertilizer that is winning universal recognition. Mayo's Flower Shop, taken over by Mr. Mayo in 1919, is one of the most carefully planned and operated greenhouses in the city, with twenty-five thousand square feet under glass. Mr. Mayo specializes in raising pot plants, but has complete stocks of ferns, palms, hedges, bedding plants, and a general greenhouse stock. He has a good city trade, his plants being in demand among flower lovers of the city who appreciate his sturdy, well cared for stock. Mr. Mayo is the original user of incinerated rice hulls for the growing of pot plants which, in addition to its advantages from the standpoint of a fertilizer, also acts as a ground separator, and is of proven value to the nurserymen. Mr. Mayo has his greenhouses at 2610 Washington Avenue, where he employs four helpers, two of whom are experienced gardeners. His Valley Flower Shop at 1902 Main Street takes care of his retail trade.

Mr. Mayo came to Houston as a boy in 1876, and after finishing his education engaged in the drug business for many years, his store at the corner of Main and Leeland Streets being one of the most popular in the city. In 1919, due to failing health, he sold the drug store and turned his attention to the nursery business as a means of regaining his health. After three years in this business, Mr. Mayo has found not only returning health, but an interesting, lucrative business and the Mayo Flower Shop will continue to hold its place among those of first rank.

Mr. Mayo was born at Leeland, Illinois, in 1868, son of the late Dr. Joseph K. Mayo, well known physician of that state, and Martha A. Duke Mayo. The family removed to Texas in his boyhood, and after coming to Houston in 1876, his education was completed in the schools of this city, where he graduated from high school.

Mr. Mayo was married at Houston, in 1917, to Miss Mary Hutchison, daughter of Orrie Hutchison, a railroad man of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Mayo make their home at 1816 Lamar Avenue.



**C**HARLES G. HOOKS for about two decades has been identified with the development of the petroleum industry in the coastal fields. For many years he was a resident of Beaumont. Recently he has moved his headquarters to Houston, directing his extensive oil operations from this city. Mr. Hooks is one of the best known independent operators, operating exclusively in the coastal fields, and has much good production here, holding valuable leases and royalties. He maintains his offices in the West Building, and has his own rigs and drilling equipment to carry on his operations. Mr. Hooks is financially interested in the Regina Oil Company, but he devotes much of his time to blocking leases that are developed by the major companies. He was active in securing the leases near Lake Charles, Louisiana, and in interesting the Vacuum Oil Company in drilling there. With associates he blocked the leases eighteen miles south of Beaumont, where the Gulf Company has found a salt dome. Among other leases secured by Mr. Hooks are those in Hardin County. In his more recent drilling operations Mr. Hooks has developed a new power unit, using a kerosene tractor, with a few minor changes, and has found this method very economical. One well, drilled to twenty-three hundred feet, was drilled at a total cost of slightly over three thousand dollars, including the derrick, which is less than half of what it would have cost under ordinary steam drilling conditions. This new drilling equipment consists of an ordinary rotary and draw-works, rigged up to a kerosene tractor, which supplies the drilling and transportation power. By placing an extension shaft to the tractor drive shaft, removing the pin which holds the shaft stationary in the wheels of the tractor, and allowing the shaft to turn in the wheels, the power is supplied to the draw-works, directly from the extension shaft, and gives a six speed rotary. In addition to economy of operation the new equipment has other decided advantages, among them the ease with which fuel may be procured, especially advantageous when transportation means are limited. While best known for his oil operations, Mr. Hooks is also a factor in financial affairs and is a director of the City National Bank of Beaumont. In 1907 he was one of the organizers of the Saratoga State Bank, with R. S. Sterling as president and himself as vice president, and was active in the management of that institution for many years. Mr. Sterling has retired from the bank and Mr. Hooks is now its president. In October, 1925, Mr. Hooks bought the Barkers Hill Canal Company, of which he is now president. The company has a 16,000 acre irrigating capacity, that is used for rice growing.

Mr. Hooks was born in Hardin County, Texas, the fourth of October, 1887. His father, A. B. Hooks, was one of the old settlers of Hardin County, and for many years a farmer, stock raiser and land owner of this community. His mother, before her marriage, was Miss Zella Knight. Mr. Hooks was educated in the public schools of Hardin County and later, finishing school, began with a drug store, leaving that business four years later as manager of the store. The ensuing two years were spent in the lumber business, during which time he also took an interest in oil development. In 1906 he turned his at-

tention to the oil business exclusively and since that time has been a factor in the development of the coastal fields. He went first to Saratoga, where he was active in oil field work for some time. Mr. Hooks has had practical experience in every field activity, both in drilling and production, and is one of the most versatile men in the business and familiar with the formations in all coastal fields.

Mr. Hooks was married at Beaumont in 1908 to Miss Aurora Coleman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Coleman. Mr. Coleman has been in the lumber business at Beaumont for many years, and has taken an active part in the development of the lumber resources of the State. Mr. and Mrs. Hooks have one child, Charles C. Hooks, Jr. Mr. Hooks is a member of the Beaumont Club, and fraternally is an Odd Fellow and a Woodman of the World. He is held in highest esteem by the oil fraternity, and his recent introduction of the kerosene tractor as a power unit for drilling oil wells is of vital importance to the development of the industry. This equipment, with its possibilities of cost reduction and the elimination of the fuel handicap, might be said to be one of the most radical advancements in drilling equipment in years.

**J**OHAN H. HILL came to Houston a decade ago, and since that time has been one of a group of merchants who have taken an active part in shaping commercial affairs here. Mr. Hill is Vice-President and General Manager of the W. C. Munn Company, Incorporated, the largest department store in Houston. The W. C. Munn Company was established in 1913 and incorporated in 1915, at which time Mr. Hill became a member of the firm. The store occupies almost an entire block, in the heart of the shopping district, and is a complete department store, with one hundred and thirty-nine departments, selling everything, with the exception of foods. The W. C. Munn Company has four hundred employees, in whom they take an especial interest. A feature of the store is the morning song service, held each morning, and attended by the entire force. At this time the flag is unfurled, flying the entire day, and taken down each night at closing time.

During the recent war the W. C. Munn Company received a citation from the United States Government for their great services and the help rendered their employees, many of whom enlisted, knowing that the store would take care of the families they were leaving behind. Sixty-one men out of approximately one hundred enlisted, and of these, four did not come back. Each Armistice Day the store holds a memorial service, and remains closed the entire day.

Mr. Hill is a native of Ireland, where he was educated and married. He came to America as a young man, bringing his wife, going direct to Chicago with Marshall Fields, where he spent a good many years, leaving as buyer of dress goods and fabrics. He then became associated with a firm operating a chain of department stores, as manager of branch stores in various cities, until 1915, when he came to Houston as Vice-President and General Manager of the W. C. Munn Company.

Mr. Hill was married in Ireland to Miss Emma Graham, also a native of that country. They have three children, two sons, Arthur and Ray, both of



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whom are with the W. C. Munn Company, and a daughter, Dorothy. Mr. Hill is an honorary member of Rajah Temple, of Pennsylvania, and is a Thirty-Second Degree, Scottish Rite Mason, Blue Lodge, Union Park 610, Chicago, and also a member of Arabia Temple at Houston. He is also an Elk, New Jersey Lodge, No. 21. Mr. Hill received a citation from the United States Government for his services during the war. This was delivered to him by a representative of the Government November 11, 1920.

Note: Since the above sketch was written Mr. Hill has moved to Jacksonville, Florida.



**HARRY S. CAMERON** is one of the most popular men in South Texas among members of the oil fraternity operating in the coastal oil fields. He has on many occasions by prompt and efficient service saved the day for drilling contractors by rushing to him the special tools or equipment needed to finish a well on time or save a hole from total loss. For several years Mr. Cameron has been located at Houston where he has maintained a machine shop for making repairs to oil field equipment and for manufacturing tools for special purposes incident to drilling and other oil field operations.

Since July 1, 1920, Mr. Cameron has been vice president and general manager of the Cameron Iron Works, located at 711 Milby Street. Other officers of the company are J. S. Abercrombie, president, and Edmond L. Lorehn, secretary and treasurer. The company was incorporated and began active business in July, 1920, and the business has grown until the plant and yards now occupy an entire half block. Located on one of the principal railroads of Houston, excellent shipping facilities enable the company to give exceptionally good service in dispatching tools and equipment to any part of the oil fields surrounding Houston.

The Cameron Iron Works besides a general repair business manufactures oil well supplies and specialties, including fishing tools of all kinds, tool joints, fish tail bits, drill collars and drive shoes, and pump repair parts. A complete stock of practically everything used in an oil field is carried at all times in addition the company gives prompt attention to orders for any special part or tool not carried in stock, its facilities enabling them to manufacture on short notice anything required by the driller or field superintendent. Skilled mechanics are employed by the company.

Mr. Cameron is a native of Indiana and was born in Indianapolis on July 9, 1872. He is a son of W. S. and Estelle (Mulkey) Cameron and was educated in the public and high schools at Washington, D. C., and at Christian Brothers College at Memphis, Tennessee, where he studied architectural and mechanical engineering. Upon leaving school he entered a machine shop as an apprentice, working four years to complete his trade, and was then employed at Jackson, Miss., for a year and for three years was connected with the W. W. Bierce Hydraulic Compress Company at Little Rock, Arkansas. Coming to Texas he was identified with the Texas Portland Cement Company at Dallas for a year and then went to the Texas oil fields. He came to Houston six years ago and has maintained a machine shop here since that time.

Mr. Cameron was married at Houston in 1907 to

Miss Isabelle Trahan, a daughter of Voorse Trahan, well known farmer and land owner. They have six children, Harold, Victor, Voorse, Estelle, Charlotte and Francis Louise. The family home is at 4524 Rusk Avenue.

Mr. Cameron is a thirty-second degree Mason, a member of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies and of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is a thorough mechanic, an affable and pleasant man whose business creed is summed up largely in the one word, "service."



**L. MAYHALL** has recently established his headquarters at Houston and since coming here has impressed his influence on matters of important bearing to the prosperity of the city and the coastal oil fields. Mr. Mayhall is deputy supervisor of the oil and gas division of the Railroad Commission of Texas and has under his direction activities in twenty-seven counties lying in the coastal field. This supervision includes inspecting all gas and oil well drilling, production, operation, and plugging in of wells to see that all this work is carried on in accordance with the rules and regulations that have been laid down by the Railroad Commission and is one of the most important factors in the development of the coastal fields. Mr. Mayhall, prior to taking this important position, had had a wide experience in the various oil fields and his present authority is wisely directed and not misused in any way. He is himself familiar with all oil field operations and gives a meticulous attention to all the details his office involves.

J. L. Mayhall was born in Edgar County, Illinois, the fourth of August, 1874, son of Samuel I. and Martha Mayhall. His father was for many years a mechanic and machinist of that place and well known there. The family removed to Texas in 1879 and Mr. Mayhall received his early education in the public schools of Georgetown. After graduating from the high school there, he attended a private school in Campbell, in Hunt County, and various schools for four years, returning to Williamson County, where he read law. He was admitted to the bar in 1901 and the ensuing seven years were spent in the practice of this profession in Bell County, where he attained a noteworthy reputation for his ability. He served as city attorney for a period of five years, and as assistant county attorney for two years in Bell County. He then went to the oil fields and for many years was active in the various fields of the state, in various capacities. During this period he handled much construction work and became thoroughly conversant with every phase of oil field work and development. He came to Houston in 1923 to assume his present position as deputy supervisor of the oil and gas division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Mr. Mayhall was married in Williamson County, in 1899, to Miss Olivia Smith, daughter of J. D. and Amanda Norman Smith, Mr. Smith being a well known farmer and land owner of Williamson County. Mr. and Mrs. Mayhall make their home at Austin and have one son, Temple B. Mayhall, a student at the University of Texas and supervisor at John T. Allen Training School at Austin. Mr. Mayhall is a Knight of Pythias. He is widely known throughout the Lone Star State, especially in oil and gas circles, and is regarded as one of the best informed men on the various phases of this industry in the state.



**D**R. JAMES HOUSE BUTE, a native Houstonian and member of one of the city's most prominent pioneer families, was for several years a well known physician of the city, but retired from active practice of medicine in 1907, since which time he has devoted his attentions to his private interests. After finishing his education, Dr. Bute practiced medicine in Houston for five or six years and retired in order to give his personal attention to his large property interests, which consist of holdings in land, cattle and oil. He maintains offices in the Chronicle Building.

Dr. Bute was born in Houston, June 14th, 1875. His father, a native of Edinborough, Scotland, came to America in the early 60's and landed at Montreal, Canada, and came to Houston via New Orleans. It was in the early 60's that he founded the James Bute Company, wholesale and retail dealers in paints, paper, oils and painters' supplies, which is today the largest establishment of its kind in the Southwest. This business prospered and Mr. Bute became interested in the building up of Houston and did much for this city; he was interested in various jobbing concerns of the city, and many financial and manufacturing plants obtained their start through the aid and encouragement of James Bute. His mother was Miss Sarah Jane House, a native of England and a daughter of James House. She was married to James Bute in Houston. They had five children, John Bute, of Houston; Florence (deceased), was the wife of John Garrett of Houston; James House Bute, the subject of this sketch; Bertha, now the wife of Johnnie Day of Chicago, and Dorothy, the wife of R. W. Franklin of Houston. Sarah Jane House came to Houston at the age of several months and died at the age of 80 years. Her father, James House, was associated in business with his brother, T. W. House, who preceded him to Houston from England about a year.

Dr. Bute's education was obtained in Bingham School, North Carolina; the Queen's University of Canada; Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., from which institution he graduated with the degree of M. D. He then took a post-graduate course at Columbus University, where he specialized in dietetics, after which he became an interne at the New York Infant Asylum. During the period when he practiced his profession in Houston he was regarded as one of the leading physicians of the city.

Dr. Bute was married in Houston in 1906 to Miss Clara Robertson, a daughter of C. W. Robertson of Houston, well known in the cotton circles of the state and later associated with the Waters-Pierce Oil Company. They have five children—Mary Ellen, James Bute, Maude Pettet, Lois and John Bute. Dr. and Mrs. Bute reside at 2316 Fannin Street. He is a member of the Houston Club and the Episcopal Church. Dr. Bute is regarded as one of Houston's leading business men, and all his holdings are located in Houston and Texas. He retains his interest in the James Bute estate and is also interested in oil lands and development. He has been active in civic affairs of his city, and has witnessed its growth from a village to a great city. He has seen it emerge into the busy, thriving city of the present, with the world's commerce brought to her very doors on the large ocean liners of the world,

and he believes its future is one of unlimited possibilities for continued growth and progress. He believes his city is the logical distributing point for all of South Texas, and that it will ultimately become the largest railroad center and commercial and industrial point in the Southwest. The continued development of the matchless resources of the state, will, Dr. Bute believes, bring greater development to his city and he takes pleasure in contemplating the future greatness of Houston—the metropolis of the Southwest.

**E**UGENE CLIETT DOWNMAN is well known in the business circles of Houston, where before entering the grain business he was for a period of seventeen years associated with the Kirby Lumber Company in this city. Mr. Downman is manager and owners of the greater part of the stock in the E. C. Downman Grain and Hay Company, dealers in grain of all kinds, feed for cattle, hogs, chickens, and mixed feed and hay of all kinds, also flour and corn meal. This company sell at wholesale and retail, but four-fifths of their business is wholesale, having a big business in car lots and a fine retail trade. Mr. Downman is one of the leading grain men of South Texas, and has built this business on honesty, reliability and service. They have large warehouses and storage bins for the big stock that they have on hand at all times. Mr. E. A. Gehring is a part owner in the E. C. Downman Grain and Hay Company, which is located at 1214 Silver Street.

A native Texan, Mr. Downman was born at Pattison, Waller County, October 6th, 1883. His father, Dr. Henry P. Downman, was a prominent physician, merchant and cattle man of Pattison. His mother was Miss Lilly Cliett, a member of a prominent family of Texas. His education was obtained in the public schools of Pattison, Waller County. After leaving school, Mr. Downman engaged in the mercantile business and remained in this line of endeavor for three years, when he went with the Kirby Lumber Company and his first experience with this company was in a lumber camp eighteen miles from a railroad, but with the perseverance which has characterized him throughout his business life, he remained and continued to work in the mercantile end of the lumber industry. He was located in various points for the Kirby Lumber Company and was moved to the Houston office as chief clerk of the purchasing department in 1906 and was with this company for seventeen years, thirteen of which was in Houston, when he resigned in 1919 in order to enter his present business which has been a success from the beginning. Mr. Downman has unlimited financial backing but seldom uses it. He is known to all his friends as one of the hardest working men in the business circles of Houston and this, added to a pleasing personality, has greatly assisted in the growth of his business in the city.

Mr. Downman was married in Houston in 1905 to Miss Corrie Burch, a daughter of Samuel and Aurelia Kirby Burch, well known citizens of East Texas. They have two children, Burch, eighteen years of age, and Dorothy, aged thirteen years. Mr. and Mrs. Downman reside at 4503 Montrose Boulevard. In fraternal and social organizations, Mr. Downman is a member of the Scottish Rite Body of the A. F. & A. M. and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple, the





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Rotary Club and the Lumbermans Club. He is also a member of Texas Grain Dealers Association, National Grain Dealers, National Hay Association and the Houston Merchants Exchange. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Downman has been active in the business, social and general community life of the city, and gives liberally of his time and means to all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of the South Texas metropolis.

**JOE STUART BOYLES**, county surveyor of Harris County, has practiced his profession in Houston for the past sixteen years. During this period he has been in charge of some of the most important engineering work in South Texas. Mr. Boyles has an extensive practice in general engineering and surveying, drainage work, railroad work of all kinds, water supply, sanitation and levies. Mr. Boyles has done all of the state surveying in Harris County since 1913 and involving the submerged oil fields. He also designed the first drainage in Galveston County, this being the first in Texas under the drainage laws. He has handled actual construction for contractors in railroad work for both the Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe railroads. Mr. Boyles employs a number of instrument men and assistants at all times. His office is located at the Harris County Court House.

A native Texan, Mr. Boyles was born in Houston June 10th, 1884. His father, Dr. T. J. Boyles, was a prominent Houston physician and third to practice medicine in this city. His mother was Miss Narcissus Carrie Miller, a member of a well known Tennessee family. His early education was obtained in private schools and the high school in Houston, and later entered the Webb School at Bell Buckle, Tennessee, where he remained for two years, after which he attended the Smyrna Preparatory School in Tennessee for three years. He then entered the Bingham Military School where he remained for two years and then entered the University of Virginia, where he remained for four years and graduated from this institution in 1907 with the degree of C. E. After his graduation, Mr. Boyles returned to Houston and began the practice of his profession which he has continued except for the period spent in the United States navy. He enlisted in December, 1917, with the Corps of Civil Engineers, United States Naval Reserves, and was assigned to the twelfth naval district, south of San Francisco Bay, California and remained there until March 3rd, 1919. Mr. Boyles entered the navy as a commissioned officer with the title of ensign. Out of 6800 applicants, sixty-three were enrolled in the service and assigned to duty, and Mr. Boyles was one of the sixty-three. He was detailed as public works officer at the North Island Naval Air Station and remained there until the close of the war.

Mr. Boyles was married in Nashville, Tennessee, January 1st, 1908, to Miss Frances Mathews, a daughter of S. G. Mathews, a well known farmer and stock raiser of Tennessee, and niece of Sam Davis of Confederate fame. They have one daughter, Frances Stuart Boyles, thirteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Boyles reside at 1217 Fannin Street. Mr. Boyles is a member of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic fraternity and is a life member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also a member of the Glenbrook Country Club, Hous-

ton Launch Club, the University Club, Elks and Eagle Lake Rod and Gun Club. Mr. Boyles has seen the city of his nativity grow into a busy, thriving metropolis and he believes that Houston will soon become the leading city of the Southwest.



**N MILLS**, realtor, has been active in the real estate circles of Houston for more than a quarter of a century, and during this period has handled much Houston property. He sells all classes of Houston and suburban property and gives special attention to locating large industries along the ship channel, having located many of the leading industries who now own important sites in that vicinity, among these being the Texas Portland Cement Company, in 1915, which company has been, since that time, loud in their praise of the ship channel and Houston.

Mr. Mills sells industrial locations in any size tract and factory locations on railroad and ship channel. His activity in the real estate business is not confined to Houston and Harris County, but he handles large tracts of both improved and unimproved lands in all parts of Texas.

He has special prices on business property in the city, being regarded an expert in real estate appraisals. He also loans money, on real estate, at low rate of interest.

Mr. Mills maintains a rental department in connection with his real estate business, and through this department, rents property and collects for same for both residents and non-residents of Houston. He is regarded as an expert on realty values and through his investment department, much money is safely invested with satisfactory returns for his clients. Mr. Mills' office is conveniently located at Room No. 1, Dorrance Building, 114 Main Street.

Mr. Mills was born at Lewis, Cass County, Iowa, on December 10th, 1872. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Iowa and Florida, and later he attended Rollins College at Winter Park, Florida.

His father, Colonel Newton L. Mills, also a native of Iowa, was for many years engaged in the real estate business, and his son, E. N. Mills, has spent most of his business life in this line of endeavor and knows this business and property values as few men know them.

Mr. Mills has for many years been connected with many of the city's commercial projects. He is a member of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, a charter member of the Civitan Club of Houston, a member of the local real estate board and the Chamber of Commerce, in the activities of all of which organizations he takes an active interest.

Mr. Mills was married in Houston, November 18th, 1903, to Miss Emma Scholibo, a native of Houston, and a member of an old Texas family. They have four children, Marie Elizabeth, Ernest N., Jr., students at Rice Institute; Emma May and Fred Oliver Mills, students of South End High School, and have for many years resided at 1704 Franklin Avenue.

E. N. Mills has seen Houston grow from a town to the busy, thriving, progressive city of today, and has always taken a prominent part in all matters having to do with the civic improvement and advancement of the city, which he believes is soon destined to become the leading city of the Southwest.





**R. SETSER** came to Humble, Texas, in 1917 and is the superintendent of the lease of the Humble Oil and Refining Company here. When Mr. Setser came with the Humble Oil and Refining Company he was without much experience in the oil industry and has worked his way up to his present position, working in the capacity of driller, etc., and in 1923 was made superintendent of the company's lease. There are fifteen producing wells on the lease and eight people are employed on the property, who are engaged in drilling, cleaning wells and keeping the pumping plants in operation. Mr. Setser is in full charge of the properties here and has a well organized force to assist him in looking after same. He began work on his father's farm as a boy, and was associated with his father in farming and the ginning business until 1916, when he went to Goose Creek and for one year worked in the oil fields there with the Gulf Production Company. One year later he entered the employ of the present company and has been rapidly promoted to the various places up to superintendent.

A native Texan, Mr. Setser was born in Hunt County, near Greenville, on April 16th, 1887. His father, E. M. Setser, a native of North Carolina, came to Texas soon after the close of the Civil War, and became a well known farmer and ginner of Hunt County, but later removed to Reynolds County, where he continued to farm until he retired from active business pursuits. His mother, Mrs. Jennie (Stuart) Setser, was a member of a prominent family of Mississippi. His education was obtained in the public schools of Hunt County, Texas.

Mr. Setser was married at Coleman, Texas, on November 4th, 1904, to Miss Edna Foster, a native Texan and a member of a pioneer family of Coleman County. They have two children, Elbert and Zenoma. Elbert attends Baylor University and Zenoma attends Humble high school. Mr. and Mrs. Setser reside at Humble, Texas. Mr. Setser is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Humble Blue Lodge, and is a Knight Templar and a Shriner of Arabia Temple of Houston. During the period in which Mr. Setser has been engaged in the oil industry, he has made rapid strides toward the top and has established a fine record in the various branches in which he has been employed. Since locating at Humble he has taken an active interest in the progress and advancement of this oil center, and is glad at all times to further anything for the betterment of his city, where he is regarded as a highly esteemed citizen of Humble.



**ALBERT SCOWN** came with the Humble Oil and Refining Company in 1919 at Sour Lake in the producing department, and was later transferred to Pierce Junction and then to Goose Creek, where he is superintendent of warehouses. Mr. Scown has complete charge of all warehouses, pipe, drilling tools and machinery, and the value of the stock of the Humble Oil and Refining Company in their warehouses amounts to more than \$450,000.00, and is one of the largest and most complete stocks carried in the coastal fields. Mr. Scown is considered one of the most reliable and dependable men in the coastal fields and has had a wide experience and the advantages of a splendid education and is entirely accurate in all his detail work, conscientious and a hard worker in the interest of

his company.

Mr. Scown was born at Pensacola, Florida, on December 28th, 1890. His father, William John Scown, was a well known contractor and builder of Florida, but is now retired from active business pursuits. His early education was obtained in the various schools of Florida and later in Chicago, and still later he attended the Chicago Technical College. Soon after leaving college, Mr. Scown engaged in the building and contracting business which he continued for a period of four years, until he entered the World War. In 1916, Mr. Scown was in the Mexican border service and the following year enlisted in the World War. He was with the Illinois National Guard, which trained in Houston a large part of the time before embarking for France, which he did in May, 1918, and was in the first line trenches of the Albert-Amiens front. For six months in 1916 he was with the Illinois National Guard in San Antonio, and went with them to quell the race riots in St. Louis, two months later returning to Houston. He was never sick or wounded, but was sent back to America in September, 1918, as an instructor in the intelligence department, and was connected with the intelligence office, 2nd Infantry, 19th Division. While in France Mr. Scown was with the 33rd Division.

Mr. Scown was married at Boone, Iowa, on January 11th, 1919, to Miss Grace G. Stanley, a member of a well known Iowa family. They have two children: Edward Albert, and Sara Nelle. Mr. and Mrs. Scown are residing at Goose Creek, Texas. He is a member of the Scottish Rite body of the Masonic lodge and a Shriner of Arabia Temple. Mr. Scown has made a host of friends in the South Texas country and is popular in the oil circles, with the officials of his company and with his men. As superintendent of warehouses, he holds one of the responsible positions of the Humble Oil and Refining Company.



**PERRY SIMMONS**, pioneer oil well driller of the Louisiana and South Texas fields is the chief driller of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and assistant to Mr. A. L. Fondren at Goose Creek, Texas, and is considered one of the best men in his line in the country. There are forty men in this department, engaged in drilling new wells and working over old ones. The Humble Oil and Refining Company has leases of fifteen hundred acres in the Goose Creek field. Mr. Simmons is at work on these leases, where he has drilled many good producers. He has been active in the Goose Creek field since 1916 and knows the formation of this area probably better than any other man who is engaged in drilling here, having a scientific and practical knowledge of the South Texas country.

Mr. Simmons was born at Monroe, Louisiana, on September 15th, 1880. His father, Henry Simmons, was a large land owner and planter of Louisiana. His mother was Miss Mattie Ray, a member of a well known Louisiana family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Monroe, Louisiana.

Mr. Simmons began his career in the oil business in Louisiana soon after leaving school and remained in the various fields of that State until 1903, when he came to Spindle Top and Beaumont, Texas, where he remained for one year, and during this time



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he was employed in drilling by the Harper and Hearst Drilling Company. He then went to Sour Lake, Batson, and Humble, in the order named and was engaged in these fields for a period of seven years. He then returned to the North Louisiana fields and remained there for six years with the Higgins Oil Company, after which he became associated with the Gulf Refining Company in Louisiana, where he remained for three years. He then came to Goose Creek with the Humble Oil and Refining Company where he has since remained.

Mr. Simmons was married at Humble, Texas, in 1905, to Miss Nellie Sullivan, a member of a pioneer family of South Texas. They have one daughter, Carrie. Mr. and Mrs. Simmons reside at Goose Creek. Mr. Simmons is a member of the First Baptist Church, in which he takes an active interest. He is popular with the oil fraternity of South Texas and well liked by all with whom he comes in contact, and is considered to be an expert in his line.



**W. PRITCHARD** of Houston, Texas, is the executive head of one of the leading establishments of its kind of the Southwest. As president of the Houston Cotton and Twine Mills, Inc., which was established here on January 1, 1924, on a small scale, Mr. Pritchard has been a factor in building up a large and prosperous institution. The Houston Cotton and Twine Mills, Inc., is engaged in the manufacture of all grades of wrapping and fancy twines, sewing and sail twines, yarns, seine, trot lines, staging twines, and all types and grades of yarns for weaving and knitting. In the future the mill will branch out into the manufacture of other products. The products are shipped to all the territory from the Atlantic to the Pacific oceans and from Canada to Mexico. This company operates 6,640 spindles with all kinds of finishing machinery of modern types. Between two hundred and fifty and three hundred people are employed, many of whom being skilled in this particular line of work. The Houston Cotton and Twine Mills, Inc., own their mill building, which is located at Camp Logan and occupies a floor space of about fifty thousand square feet, including the warehouse and stock rooms. The offices of the company are at 901 Cotton Exchange Building. Other officers of the company are: W. S. Farish, vice president, and Edgar L. Pearson, secretary, both of whom are among the leading financiers and business men of South Texas. The directors are: W. S. Farish, J. W. Evans, J. W. Sanders, Edgar L. Pearson, John B. Green, J. W. Pritchard and Harry J. Phelan, all of whom are residents of Houston, except the last named, who is a prominent business man of Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. Pritchard was born at London, Ontario, Canada, on July 18th, 1881. His father, George Pritchard (now deceased), was a native of England, where he was a member of a prominent family. His mother, Mrs. Phebe (Gilbert) Pritchard, was a member of a well known family of Corunna, Ontario, Canada. His education was obtained in the schools of Canada. His first entrance into the business world was with Simmons Hardware Company of St. Louis, Missouri, remaining with this company for about three years. He then went to New Orleans, Louisiana, where for two years he was engaged in the hardware business of that city, after which he returned to St. Louis and went with the Cupples Com-

pany, with whom he has been associated for eighteen years, coming to Houston for them in 1910. With the organization of this company here, which at first was a very modest undertaking, there was no promotion expense incurred and in the first year of its operation there were only 832 spindles. The second year of its operation this number was increased to 1,456, and the third year to 6,640. Now it is numbered among the largest plants of its kind of the Southwest.

Mr. Pritchard was married at St. Louis, Missouri, on May 11th, 1904, to Miss L. E. Bowman, a daughter of George E. Bowman (now deceased), who was a member of a prominent Kentucky family. Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard have two children—Louise S. and George E.—both of whom are in college. He is a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and of other of the city's commercial and social organizations. Mr. Pritchard has been a factor in bringing to Houston one of its most important industrial institutions and he is known as a leader in the commercial life of this city.



**L. FINLEY**, when becoming manager of refining of the Humble Oil and Refining Company in 1921, brought an experience in the refining and mechanical departments of the oil industry which extends over more than a decade with some of the largest oil companies of the United States and Canada. Mr. Finley has charge of all the manufacturing for the company, both in the refineries and their Casing Head plants. This is an important department of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and has one of the best organized departments possible, composed entirely of able and efficient men.

Mr. Finley was born in Angola, Indiana, March 28th, 1886. His father, Levi Finley, was a farmer and large land owner and for many years was engaged in railroad work in the various branches of this industry. His mother was formerly Jennie Smith, a member of a well known Indiana family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Indiana.

Mr. Finley began his business career in the oil business with the Standard Oil of Indiana, and remained with this company from 1902 to 1916, when he became associated with the Imperial Oil Company of Canada, where he remained from 1916 to 1921. On January 1st, 1921, he went with the Standard Oil of New Jersey, and remained with this company until he came to Houston in 1921 to join the forces of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, where he has since remained.

Mr. Finley was married at Whiting, Indiana, in 1908 to Miss Mayme Reinhart, a native of Indiana and a daughter of W. M. Reinhart, a prominent contractor and builder of La Porte, Indiana. They have one son, Lawrence A. Finley. Mr. and Mrs. Finley reside at 4724 McKinney Avenue. In social organizations, Mr. Finley holds membership in the River Oaks Country Club and the Bay Town Country Club. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Finley has become associated with the business life of the city, and has great faith in the future of Houston, which he believes will soon become the leading city of the entire Southwest. Mr. Finley has had a life-time of experience in the oil industry, and has acquaintances among oil men extending from coast to coast, and in many of the foreign oil fields.





**WILLIAM HENRY SHARP** of Houston, Texas, has since 1913 been prominently identified with the oil industry of Texas and Mexico and has been active in the development work in both countries and during this period has served as an executive of some of the largest organizations of this industry. Mr. Sharp is widely known as an independent oil operator of Texas and Mexico, also as an organizer. His holdings consist of much acreage in the oil fields of the States and in Mexico and during the early part of 1926 was drilling twenty wells in various parts of Mexico besides many wells in the different oil fields of Texas. Since locating permanently in Houston Mr. Sharp has been active in the commercial life of this city, holding stock in many of Houston's leading business enterprises and corporations.

A native son of Houston, Texas, Mr. Sharp was born on May 14th, 1882. His father, W. H. Sharp (deceased), a native of Louisiana, was for many years a leader in the business and financial life of Houston and South Texas. His mother, Mrs. Anna (Turner) Sharp, also deceased, was a native of Virginia and a member of one of that State's most prominent families. His education was obtained in the schools of Texas. He started his business career with the Peden Iron and Steel Company of Houston, one of the largest organizations of its kind of the Southwest, where he remained until 1913. He then went to Mexico in charge of the operations in the Republic of the Freeport and Mexican Fuel Oil Corporation and the Mexican Sinclair Petroleum Corporation. Mr. Sharp was Vice President and General Manager of both of these concerns until 1922, with headquarters in Tampico, Mexico. He then moved his headquarters to Houston, Texas, continuing as the Vice President and General Manager of both of these important oil corporations until 1924, when he resigned on account of ill health and the great need of rest from his constant activities in Mexico. During his stay in Tampico he organized the W. H. Sharp Oil Company at Tampico, which soon grew to be as large as either of the other two corporations.

Mr. Sharp was married at San Antonio, Texas, on January 8th, 1918, to Miss Ray Fleishman, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of Leo Fleishman, well known in the business circles of Mexico for 30 years. Mr. Fleishman was a native of Texas and Mrs. Esther (Garfinkle) Fleishman was a native of Texas, where she was a member of a well known family. They have one child—W. H. Sharp, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp reside at 218 Avondale Avenue. Mr. Sharp is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Tampico Lodge, with membership in the Chamber of Commerce of that city also. He is a member of the Houston Country Club and many other of the city's commercial and social organizations, in all of which he takes a keen interest. He is a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church. Mr. Sharp has done much to aid in the oil development of Texas, as well as in Mexico, and is considered one of the successful and skilled men connected with the oil industry, and is popular not only with his associates and executives but with the men who do the work in the field as well. Few men have done more for the advancement of Houston as a great oil center and metropolis than Mr. Sharp.



**GEORGE D. BOWERS** moved to Houston in June, 1921, as District Manager of the Pierce Oil Corporation, where he was an active figure in the oil circles of the city and has aided materially in increasing the business of this company. When the three offices of the company at San Antonio, Fort Worth and Houston were consolidated and located at Dallas, January 1st, 1924, Mr. Bowers was transferred to Dallas as Assistant Manager. The Pierce Oil Corporation has had an established business in Houston since about 1870, and now has at this point twenty storage tanks with a capacity of 10,000 gallons each, a warehouse one hundred feet by seventy-five feet in size, a barrel house seventy-five feet by seventy-five feet, and a two-story brick office building located at 401 Harrington Street. A staff of twenty-seven people are employed in the office and the outside employees number one hundred and fifteen people. They have a complete delivery system consisting of thirty trucks and fifteen cars, which belong to the company. The territory of the Houston district extends to Victoria on one side, north to La Grange, and up the Houston and Texas Central Railroad to Calvert and along the International and Great Northern Railroad to Palestine, with a straight line to Logansport, Louisiana. The amount of oil handled by the Pierce Oil Corporation out of this district to commission dealers and own agencies amounts to 15,000 barrels monthly. All commission dealers in the territory furnish their own transportation for all oil they use.

Mr. Bowers was born at Carthage, Missouri, in January, 1883. His father, Alex Bowers (deceased since 1920), came to Texas from Missouri in 1902 and located at Fort Worth, where for many years he was actively engaged in the real estate business. His mother was Miss Elena Hackney, a native of Missouri, and a member of a prominent family of that State. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Missouri, and later entered Baylor University. After leaving college, Mr. Bowers was for five years with Swift & Company at Fort Worth in the operating department, after which he became City Purchasing Agent of Fort Worth, which position he held for five years, when he entered the employ of the Pierce Oil Corporation. His first experience in this line of endeavor was at Fort Worth, and he remained with the company at Fort Worth for a period of six years, during which he had worked himself up to the position of Assistant Manager, when he was sent to Houston as District Manager.

Mr. Bowers was married at Dallas, Texas, on December 26th, 1907, to Miss Annie Schnelle, who was born in Carthage, Missouri, near his home, and whose father, H. G. Schnelle, has for many years been engaged in the implement business in Dallas and is well known in the business circles of the North Texas metropolis. They have two children, Georgeanne and Kathleen. Mr. Bowers is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Athletic Club, B. P. O. E., Baylor University Club and the Motor League. Mr. Bowers during the period of the World War was Chairman of the Draft Board at Fort Worth.



*W. O. Sharp*







**F. I. BOOTH**, pioneer Texan, and founder of the town of Booth, adjoining his ranch in Fort Bend County, is one of the largest land owners in this section, engaging in the cattle and agricultural industries on a large scale, as well as holding interests in various business ventures. Mr. Booth came to Texas in 1883, seven years later, in 1890, coming to Richmond, where he got the vision of the development of these vast acres into a thriving farming community, and had the faith and courage to take upon himself the opening up of this section to people who were seeking homes, the founding of Booth following close upon this vision. Beginning with an undeveloped tract of fifteen hundred acres of land, Mr. Booth cut the timber from this tract, turning it into productive farm land, furnishing homes and prosperity and contentment to two hundred and fifty people. Booth, as it is today, is a prosperous, thriving town, of which Mr. Booth, its founder, is mayor. He also has a general mercantile store, a lumber yard, a hardware store, and like establishments there, and is the principal stockholder in the local bank. Adjoining the town of Booth is the large Booth plantation, where until 1920, negro day labor was used. At that time, however, changing conditions made this unsatisfactory, and Mr. Booth built comfortable homes, with barns, sheds and like buildings, on small farming tracts, and now operates the plantation on a tenant farming proposition, having as tenant farmers, Germans, Poles and Bohemians. For some years Mr. Booth's plantation has been noted for the excellent ribbon cane syrup which comes from his mill and kettles. Recently he has built one of the largest silos in this section, using trained goats to tramp down the ensilage. The barn on the Booth plantation is also very interesting, and complete in every way, containing a power plant, grist mill, food and feed cutters, an ice plant, an electric light plant, and much other machinery. Mr. Booth has around five hundred head of cattle, of Brahma and Hereford strain, free from ticks, and dipped twice yearly. Mr. Booth provides cattle for rodeo shows, and in the last five years has shipped cattle to the shows at Bozeman, Montana; Fort Worth, Texas; Chicago, Illinois, and Bowling Green, Ohio. Tom Burnett of rodeo fame uses his cattle. Tenant farmers on the Booth plantation raise cotton to a large extent, all cotton being ginned on the place, and disposed of on Mr. Booth's advice, to the highest bidder. A modern school is on the estate, providing facilities for upward of fifty pupils, and everything to make for contentment has been provided. One of the things of which Mr. Booth is proudest is that during the many years since the establishment of the estate, is that there has never been a case in court from the plantation, and this in spite of the fact that frequently there have been as many as four hundred families on the place.

F. I. Booth was born the seventh of September, 1866, in Mississippi, later coming with his mother, sisters and brothers to Huntsville, to which place his uncle had come in an ox wagon in 1838. He attended the public schools of Huntsville a short time, then came to Richmond and began the development of Booth, his achievement in building this prosperous town ranking him among the real benefactors of the Gulf Coast district.

Mr. Booth was married at Richmond, in 1890, to Miss Mildred Ryon, the daughter of Colonel Ryon, who came to Texas as a member of the Austin Colony. Mr. and Mrs. Booth reside at Booth, where they have built a home that is one of the finest in this section. The estate is carefully landscaped, and has on the grounds a lake, abounding with trout, and other improvements. Mr. and Mrs. Booth have two children, Tom R. Booth, a landowner and cattleman in Fort Bend County, and Miss Mary D. Booth. Mr. Booth is a Mason at Richmond, Consistory No. I, Galveston, and is a charter member of El Mina Temple Shrine, and is a member of the Elks at Houston, the National Bankers Association and the Texas Bankers Association. Mr. Booth, through his many activities in behalf of the development of Booth and the surrounding territory, has truly earned a place among the real builders of Texas, and is accorded the high honor that is his just due by all who know him.



**JAMES G. DONOVAN**, attorney-at-law at Houston for a decade and a half, has attained an enviable reputation as an authority on the question of land titles and land litigation, and has established a large practice here. Mr. Donovan has offices in the Stewart building, engaging in a general civil practice, and giving special attention to land title work. He came to Houston in 1910, entering the law office of Maco Stewart, the leading title attorney in Texas, and was with him until 1915. In this year he began practicing alone, and has a growing list of clients, achieving splendid results in his practice.

James G. Donovan was born at Muncie, Indiana, the seventh of April, 1884, the son of John G. Donovan, a native of Ohio, who came to Indiana as a young man and engaged in farming in that state thereafter until his death, and Viola E. (Sears) Donovan, a native of Indiana, and now residing in that state. Mr. Donovan began his education in the public schools of Muncie, and after completing the work there entered the University of Indiana, where he took the LL. B. degree in 1908. While attending college Mr. Donovan spent five years engaged in educational work, teaching in the Indiana schools. After leaving college he taught school for one year, at the expiration of which he came to Houston.

Mr. Donovan was married at Muncie, Indiana, the twenty-first of June, 1906, to Miss Elizabeth D. Jones, a native of Indiana. They reside at 1225 Heights Boulevard, and have one daughter, Marcella Donovan, a graduate of the Houston Heights High School, class of 1922; attended Rice Institute two years and is now starring with the Greenwich Village Follies in New York City as a specialty dancer.

Mr. Donovan is a Knight of Pythias and a Mason, Reagan Blue Lodge, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine and the Conopus Club. Mr. Donovan has been a leader among the younger professional men of Houston since coming here, and is also active in his work for educational advancement. He was elected a member of the School Board in 1923, and while serving in this capacity used his influence to improve the public school system with gratifying success.



**E**DWARD G. EDSON, for upwards of a decade and a half has been a resident of Beaumont, where he has been a factor in commercial development and has business interests of wide scope and important bearing on the prosperity of the community. Mr. Edson is vice president and general manager of the E. L. Wilson Hardware Company, a firm dating back to 1878; when it was established by E. L. Wilson. The business was incorporated in 1891, at which time it had already become an integral part of the community, and was a recognized success. The firm is one of the oldest and largest in Texas, and does both a wholesale and retail business. The retail store, located at 321 to 339 Pearl Street, occupies a modern store building, with 14,400 square feet of floor space, and is complete in every detail. An excellent line of merchandise is featured, the stock including everything to be found in the larger hardware stores. A sporting goods department, with a large and complete stock has also proven very popular. The store arrangement is unusually attractive and special attention is given to window display and the display of stock. The executive offices of 5400 square feet of floor space adjoin the retail house, and is located at 235 to 251 Liberty Street, while the warehouse is located on Washington Street between Pearl and Main. The stock here, like that in the retail department, is very complete, and a large volume of trade, in Beaumont and in nearby cities, is handled through this establishment. Ninety-one thousand three hundred square feet of floor space is used by this department, affording ample room for the efficient arrangement of stock, without undue crowding, and every effort is made to dispose of the stock in such manner that orders may be filled with dispatch. A branch office and warehouse was established in Houston about twelve years ago. A new building was recently completed for the company in Houston and is located on Live Oak, between Walker and McKinney. The building has 22,500 square feet of space. The officers of the E. L. Wilson Hardware Company are John L. Keith, president; E. G. Edson, vice president and general manager, and Charles L. Berly, secretary and treasurer. A force of one hundred and fifteen people are employed by the company.

Mr. Edson is president of the Edson and Hamm Motor Company of Beaumont, the dealer in Cadillac, Hudson and Essex automobiles and G. M. C. trucks. He is also president of the Edson Motor Company of Houston, one of the largest automobile businesses here, and sells Chevrolet automobiles. Mr. Edson is interested in other commercial activities in South Texas, owning valuable city and country property and is a director of the First National Bank of Beaumont.

Edward G. Edson was born at Pocatello, Idaho, the first of November, 1882, and is the son of J. A. Edson, president of the K. C. S. Railroad, and Margaret Edson. Mr. Edson received every educational advantage, and after leaving the Christian Brothers College, at St. Louis, entered the University of Kansas, and later Cornell University, where he attended three years. He then spent one year at the Colorado School of Mines, following this with a year and a half of practical mining experience at Park City, Utah. He then went to Chicago, Illinois, and spent four months in a foundry there, making gray iron

castings, after which he went with the Hewitt Manufacturing Company, one of the large metal manufacturing industries at Chicago, where he had charge of the formula department. Later he went with the Featherstone Foundry and Machine Company, as draughtsman and designer, and spent one year with that company, after which he went to Kansas City, Missouri, and engaged in the rubber business, selling to railroads, industrial plants and other large rubber users. Still later, in 1907, he came to Beaumont, going with the E. L. Wilson Hardware Company, in charge of the rubber and belting department, and also the auto tire and accessory department. He has been with this firm ever since, building these departments along progressive lines, until they are now among the largest in the business.

Mr. Edson was married at Lawrence, Kansas, in 1905, to Miss Eleanor Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hill P. Wilson. Mr. Wilson is a leading politician of Kansas, and was formerly secretary of state. Mr. and Mrs. Edson reside in Beaumont, and have two children, Edward G., Jr. and Mary Margaret. The family belong to the Catholic Church. Mr. Edson is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, the Beaumont Club, the Neches Club, and is an Elk. Since coming to Beaumont he has exerted a wide influence on the prosperity of the city, and has been a factor in civic and commercial progress. He has found this city equally desirable as a business and residence city, and has contributed to the development of Beaumont as a leading commercial and civic center.

**R**OSS COMBEST came to Beaumont, Texas, in 1910 and since that time has organized, directed and managed some of the largest and most successful business projects of this city. Mr. Combest is secretary and manager of the Tyrrell-Combest Realty Company, the largest company of its kind in Beaumont. He organized this company in January, 1920, with a capital stock of \$70,000.00 which has been increased to \$1,000,000.00 paid up stock and has one million and a quarter net assets. This company is engaged in the real estate business, specializing in subdivisions, and are owners, developers and brokers. The Tyrrell-Combest Company have had eleven subdivisions in this territory. During 1925-1927 they engaged in another branch of the business, by planting 1500 acres of land to figs. This area now planted to figs will be subdivided and the land, together with the growing fig trees, will be sold to purchasers on the time payment plan, and offers an opportunity to people of modest means to own a fig orchard, which has proved to be a paying proposition in the coast country of Texas. Associated with Mr. Combest as officers of the company are the following well known business men of this city: H. C. Tyrrell, president; Dr. J. W. Garth, vice president; Dr. Bruce Richardson, vice president; S. O. Lattimer, vice president, and F. B. Martin, vice president and treasurer. The offices are located at 256 Pearl Street. Mr. Combest began his business career in the real estate business at San Antonio with Hall P. Street, where he was secretary, treasurer, manager and general sales manager in turn, from 1907 to 1910. He then came to Beaumont and traveled this territory for Liggett and Meyers for a period of five years, making this city his head-



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*J. J. Sherry*

quarters, after which he became associated with Heisig and Norvell, wholesale grocers, in the city sales of this company, where he remained for a period of five years. He then organized the present realty company, which has met with unusual success. He is a director and one of the organizers of the Jefferson County Building and Loan Association that has loaned over \$500,000 to home builders and has assisted in the organization of other concerns here.

A native Texan, Mr. Combest was born at Hico, Bosque County, on March 14th, 1887. His father, W. C. Combest, was a farmer and land owner of Bosque County. His mother was Miss Fannie McKinnie, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Victoria and Del Rio, Texas.

Mr. Combest was married at Beaumont in 1915 to Miss Lena Du Perier, a native of New Iberia, Louisiana, and a daughter of Ralph Du Perier, a large land owner of Louisiana. They have four children, Frances, Tyrrell and Marjorie and Margarette (twins). The family reside at 2505 Pecos Boulevard. He is a member of the B. P. O. E., the Beaumont Country, Neches, the Rotary and the Tarpon Clubs. Mr. Combest has met with success in his chosen field of activity. He is popular in the business and social circles of Beaumont and is regarded as one of the city's most progressive and public spirited citizens.



**T. SHELBY** has for several years been one of a group of bankers who are taking an active part in shaping commercial affairs at Beaumont. Mr. Shelby is active vice president of the City National Bank of Beaumont, a strong financial institution, capitalized for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and with deposits totaling two and one quarter million dollars. The City National Bank is the outgrowth of the old Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, which was reorganized, re-named, and nationalized in 1922, and has since rendered a conservative banking service to this city. The bank has met with rapid growth and is directed by a group of young men with progressive banking ideals, and of business policies which have won and retained the confidence of the public. The bank owns its own home in the center of the city. All interior furnishings and fixtures are the best, and the bank is very attractive in a quiet and refined way. The officers of the City National Bank of Beaumont, are I. R. Bordages, president; J. T. Shelby, vice president; W. L. Pondrom, vice president; G. H. Petkovsek, cashier, and M. S. Murchison, assistant cashier.

Mr. Shelby is a native of Brenham, Texas. He attended the public schools at that place, after which he went to Sedalia, Missouri, where he attended Central College. He then began his business career with the Western Exchange Bank, of Kansas City, Missouri, where he spent three years, after which he came to Beaumont, with the Beaumont National Bank, which was absorbed by the Gulf National Bank in 1905. He remained with that institution until 1917, when the firm of Edwards and Shelby was formed, handling stocks, bonds, securities, insurance and real estate. He was active in that business until 1922, when the City National Bank was organized. He became vice president, which position he has since held.

Mr. Shelby was married at Beaumont, in 1907, to

Miss Laura McReynolds, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. McReynolds. He is a member of the Beaumont Club, the Beaumont Country Club, the Neches Club, and is a Mason, York Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple, at Galveston. During the years of his identification with financial circles here he has exerted a favorable influence over the prosperity of the city, his conservative financial policies being conducive to civic development, and is a sterling citizen of this community.



**JAMES SHASTIE EDWARDS**, for more than a quarter of a century has been one of a group of business men who have taken an important part in the development and upbuilding of Beaumont, and as a realtor and insurance man has been a factor in the business world here. Mr. Edwards is owner of the firm of J. S. Edwards and Company, one of the principal real estate and insurance firms of Beaumont, which he established in this city, with offices in the San Jacinto Life Building. Mr. Edwards lists city and country property, and has consummated many important transactions in the real estate field, and as a realtor has taken a large part in the upbuilding of the city. He also handles a large amount of insurance business, writing every class of insurance, with the exception of life, and represents many of the sound and nationally known companies in this city. He is also agent for W. D. Haden, of Galveston, road material dealers, and for Haden and Austin, road contractors.

Mr. Edwards was born at Ennis, Texas, the twenty-fourth of May, 1878, the son of Dr. J. L. Edwards, a practicing physician and surgeon of Ennis, and Mrs. Helen Porter Edwards. Mr. Edwards spent his boyhood in Ennis, attending the schools there, and came to Beaumont as a young man, in 1898. He was at that time in the office of the Southern Pacific Railroad, and later went with the William Cameron Lumber Company, G. B. and K. C. Railroad, and still later with the Beaumont Lumber Company and the First National Bank. From 1902 until 1906 he was secretary and treasurer of the Caswell-Preston Drug Company, and terminated that position to form the real estate and insurance firm of Junker and Edwards, which continued until 1914, when the firm became known as J. S. Edwards, and in 1917 as Edwards and Shelby, and still later, in 1923, as J. S. Edwards and Company, as it is now styled. Mr. Edwards is also vice president of the San Jacinto Life Insurance Company, president of the Wharf and Dock Commission, and an ex-member of the Pilots Commission.

Mr. Edwards was married at Beaumont, in 1901, to Miss Elizabeth Caswell, daughter of Columbus Caswell, a pioneer of Beaumont, and one of the first to engage as a merchant here. Mr. and Mrs. Edwards have three children, Lum C., Elizabeth and Seawillow, and reside at Orange Street. Mr. Edwards is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, the Neches Club, and the Rotary Club, being a charter member of that organization, and one of the first six Rotarians in Beaumont. Fraternally he is a Mason, York Rite, Past Master of the Blue Lodge and Past Eminent Commander, and belongs to El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He is a leader in every civic activity and one of the foremost of Beaumont's citizens.





**WILLIAM FRANCIS RYDER**, for more than four decades associated with lumber activities, and known throughout the country as one of the outstanding men connected with this industry, has for the past decade been one of the sterling residents of Beaumont, and has taken an active part in the commercial development of the city, holding business interests of important bearing on community prosperity. Mr. Ryder is president of the Ryder Furniture and Carpet Company, a business established in April, 1922, at which time he bought out the B. Deutser Furniture Company, one of the old established furniture houses of the city, and reorganized it to form the present business. The Ryder Furniture and Carpet Company is one of the finest and largest furniture houses in Beaumont, occupying a modern five-story business building, sixty-six by one hundred and twenty feet, on Pearl Street, and adjoining on the corner, a display room, sixty-six by forty feet, giving a total of one hundred and thirty-two feet of display front. Supplementing this large retail house, a warehouse, affording fifty thousand square feet of floor space, is used to house surplus stock. Mr. Ryder carries an unusually large and complete stock, including every item in the house furnishing line, and can furnish complete the smallest home, or the finest mansion. Mr. Ryder gives special attention to his displays, his presentations creating constant admiration, and attracting many shoppers to his store. He is a merchant of unusual discrimination, and executive ability, and each department of his large store gives evidence of the interest and thought he has expended on its development. The Ryder Furniture and Carpet Company is owned by Mr. Ryder, who is president, and his son, L. L. Ryder, who is vice president and general manager, A. G. Coffman, secretary, and C. H. Stroeck, treasurer.

William Francis Ryder was born in Dallas County, Iowa, the thirty-first of December, 1858, the son of Samuel Ryder, a cooper and carpenter, whose death occurred in 1881, and Eliza Ann Howard Ryder, who is still living, and is past her eighty-fifth year. Mr. Ryder spent his boyhood on a farm, attending school when opportunity presented, and at the age of nineteen entered government service, in the Indian Department, where he worked from 1878 until 1881. In that year he went with the Long-Bell Lumber Company, and has continued with that company to the present time. Beginning at the bottom, he worked through every department in the manufacturing end of the business, and has handled logging and timber matters in the old Indian territory, Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, California and Washington, in fact wherever the Long-Bell Company has held interests. For many years past Mr. Ryder has bought most of the timber and lumber lands for this company, and is an authority in this field of the lumber business. He holds the position of assistant to the vice president and general manager of manufacture, and is financially interested in the Long-Bell Company. Mr. Ryder is also a director in the American National Bank of Beaumont.

Mr. Ryder was married at Columbus, Kansas, in 1882, to Miss Anna E. Mohler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mohler. Mr. Mohler was a farmer and land owner of Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Ryder have one of the fine homes in Beaumont, at 2024 Calder Avenue. They have one child, Leo Leonard, who

has for many years past been associated with his father in business and is vice president and general manager of the Ryder Furniture and Carpet Company. Mr. Ryder is a Mason, York Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Since coming to Beaumont he has taken an active interest in civic affairs, and has devoted much time to the upbuilding of the city. In the lumber industry few men have attained, entirely by their own efforts and ability, the position that is his, and he is an authority on all phases of lumber manufacture, and is one of the best judges of timber lands in the industry. A man of large financial interests, of highest integrity, and imbued with the highest business ideals, his influence on the commercial and civic life of Beaumont has been far reaching, and he holds a place of business leadership in this city.



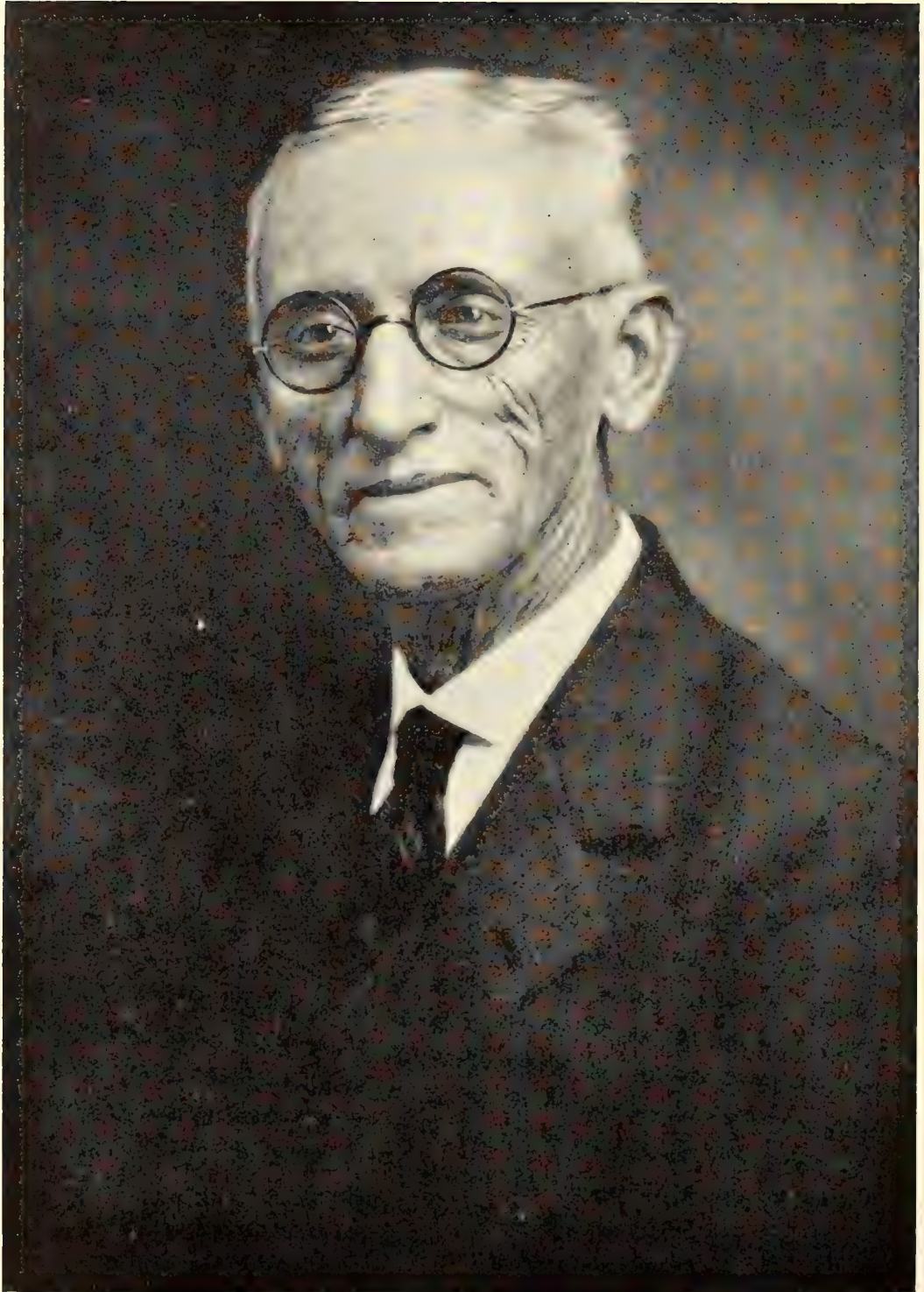
**ALCOLM J. GRAHAM**, whose name for a century has been of special significance in engineering circles, has taken an active part in the development of Beaumont, which he has made his home for many years. Mr. Graham is a constructing and consulting engineer, handling a general practice, with his offices in the Weed Building. He does all engineering work in the navigation district, and is engineer for the Beaumont Navigation District, and has also handled much construction of various kinds in this city and the adjoining territory. During the latter part of 1916 and in 1917 he was county engineer, in charge of the construction of locks and dams and irrigation. Mr. Graham also designed the McFadden Rice Mills, the Broussard Rice Mills and other industrial plants here.

Mr. Graham was born in Scotland, the sixth of March, 1869, the son of S. Graham, who later came to Canada, where he is in the lumber business. Mr. Graham had exceptional educational opportunities, and after finishing at McGill University at Montreal, Canada, entered Edinburgh University, in Scotland. As a young man he traveled extensively, studying engineering, and rounding out and broadening his education. He came to the United States to stay in 1893, and was naturalized then. His first work was with the Canadian Pacific Railroad, in the construction department, where he spent two years. He then had charge of the construction of the Ottawa and Gatineau Valley Railroad, and was engaged in that work for one year. This was followed by a year and a half with the Minneapolis, St. Paul and Sault St. Marie road, after which he went to South Africa, with the Cape Colony Railroad, spending one year there with that company, and a second year as mining engineer. He then returned to the United States, and after a short time at New Orleans went to Mexico, where he spent two years in land and investigation work, returning to New Orleans, where he spent three years, handling a general engineering practice, and looking after the interest of a group of New York capitalists who were putting in a street sewer and water system. He came to Beaumont in 1901, putting in an underground storage system for oil pipe lines, and handling paving, sewerage and other contracts. He also had charge of construction work for the Jasper and Eastern Railroad, the Orange and North Western Railroad and the road running from Lake Charles to De Ridder. In April, 1917, Mr. Graham entered the Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs,



*H. F. Ryder*





*R. D. Barber*



and was sent to Fort Leavenworth, where he was commissioned Captain, and later transferred to Camp Devens, at Boston, Massachusetts. He organized the 25th Engineers, and was sent to Camp Merrit, where he organized special engineering troops. He went to France in December, 1917, handling construction work, and training troops, and built the largest supply depot in France. He often had as many as twenty thousand men under him, and was in charge of vitally important construction work. Returning to the United States in October, 1920, Mr. Graham came to Beaumont, and resumed his engineering work in this city.

Mr. Graham resides at 2360 McFaddin Street, and is a member of the Beaumont Technical Society and is a Mason. A man of world wide experience, well known to the finest engineers of the country, and abroad, he is easily at the head of his profession in Beaumont, and has won recognition that is more than local.

**ROBERT S. BARBER**, one of the leading manufacturing lumbermen of Beaumont, although a resident of this city but about a half a decade, has been progressively identified with the lumber industry in Texas for two decades, and is well known for his activities in this field. Mr. Barber is principal owner of the Barber Lumber and Manufacturing Company, one of the largest and most complete lumber manufacturing mills at Beaumont. This company, although of recent formation, is destined to occupy a large place in the lumber industry of the state, and is equipped to meet any demands. The plant occupies a tract of four acres, located on two railroads, and has a full complement of buildings, including the mill buildings proper, office buildings, and storage buildings. Provision has been made for every process involved in the manufacture of lumber, and the equipment is complete in every detail.

Mr. Barber was born in Smith County, Mississippi, the thirteenth of August, 1855, the son of John C. Barber, a farmer and land owner of that state, and Eunice Barber. He was educated in the Newton County schools, and later attended Mississippi College, at Clinton, Mississippi. From the time he was fourteen, until he was twenty-six, he worked in a general store, at that time becoming a member of the firm, and also began to take an interest in the lumber business. He continued to divide his time between the mercantile business and the lumber business until 1903, when he came to Texas, locating at Hartburg, about twenty miles north of Beaumont, where he owned a large mill and many thousands of acres of timber land. He was actively engaged in the lumber business there until 1917, when he sold the Hartburg interests and came to Beaumont, where he was one of the principal stock holders in the Southern Land and Lumber Company until 1923, when he sold this interest and established his present business.

Mr. Barber was married in Illinois, in 1888, to Miss Mary Rush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Rush. Mr. Rush is a well known land owner, business man and politician of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Barber make their home at 2188 North Street, and have two children, Ruth and Vida. The family attends the Baptist Church. Mr. Barber is a member of the Beaumont Country Club and is a Woodman of the World. He takes an active interest in

the commercial life of the city, and is a director in the First National Bank. A man of conservative business policies, and with a thorough knowledge of the lumber industry and its problems, he has done much for the development of this industry, and is one of the best known lumbermen of the state.



**LEON R. LEVY**, for upwards of four decades has been one of the vital forces of progress at Beaumont, and as one of the pioneer merchants of this city has taken an important part in its development. Mr. Levy came to Beaumont in 1881, establishing in that year a general merchandise store that was to become the largest mercantile establishment in the city. From the first the business prospered, and when Mr. Levy retired from business in June, 1911, it was one of the important businesses of the city, carrying a fine line of general merchandise, dry goods, clothing, groceries and notions. Mr. Levy has from time to time invested in real estate holdings at Beaumont, and is one of the largest owners of city and country property in the city. He is a director in the First National Bank of Beaumont, is president of the Beaumont Improvement Company, a corporation established around 1888, and was formerly president and was one of the organizers of the Beaumont Building and Loan Company.

Mr. Levy was born at New Orleans, the seventeenth of December, 1850, the son of I. K. Levy, a merchant of New Orleans for many years, and Richard Levy. He was educated in the schools of New Orleans, and began his business career with his father, and was with him in the store in New Orleans for several years prior to coming to Beaumont.

Mr. Levy was married at New Orleans, in 1888, to Miss Sarah Leopold, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Leopold. Mr. Leopold was for many years in the ship supply business in that city, and was one of the early settlers of New Orleans. Mr. and Mrs. Levy have lived at 201 Main Street for many years. Mrs. Levy is one of the most active church workers of Beaumont, and is deeply interested in all forms of social service and welfare work. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Levy—two daughters, Irma J. and Alice J., both highly accomplished young ladies, and two sons—Fernande K., a graduate of Tulane University, in electrical engineering, and for a number of years vice president of the Interstate Electric Company of New Orleans, and now a department manager, holding an executive position with Bry's Mercantile Company of Memphis, Tennessee. The younger son, Leslie S. Levy, was born in 1891 and educated in the public schools of Beaumont and Tulane University. He then went in the mercantile business, engaging in that line until 1916, when he volunteered in the coast artillery at Fort Rosencranz, California, and spent one year there, contracting a severe illness from overwork and exposure that resulted in his death in March, 1919. The family attend Temple Emanuel. Mr. Levy is a member of the Sons of Herman, the Woodmen of the World and the I. O. B. B., and belongs to the Beaumont Country Club. Throughout the years of his residence in Beaumont he has been active in all civic and public work, and has done much for the development and upbuilding of this city.





**BENJAMIN D. JACKSON**, for the past several years a factor in the business world at Beaumont, since coming to this city has been progressively associated with the automobile business, representing a well known manufacturer in this locality. Mr. Jackson is the owner of the Jackson Motor Company, a business which he established in August, 1919, and which has since handled the Dodge Brothers automobile in this city. Mr. Jackson occupies a modern new building at the corner of Pearl and Calder Streets, and has complete sales, parts and service departments, all of which co-operate to give Dodge owners in this section a service in keeping with Dodge standards. Mr. Jackson has a force of forty employes in the different departments and has one of the best organized sales forces in the city, selling a record number of cars each year.

Mr. Jackson was born at Palestine, Texas, the ninth of May, 1881, the son of the late R. M. Jackson, of that city. He attended the public schools of Palestine, later going to business college there. After completing his business course, he went to Lufkin where he spent three years in a dry goods store, after which he served as tax assessor of Anderson County for a period of four years. He then engaged in the life insurance business at Palestine for five years, later going to Mexia, where he was in the hardware business with his brother, operating the Jackson Brothers Hardware Store for fifteen years. While in the hardware business he added an automobile sales room and after several years disposed of the business and went to Palestine, where he went in the automobile business exclusively, representing Dodge Brothers in that city, and taking a prominent part in business and automotive circles until he came to Beaumont, in 1919, to represent Dodge Brothers here.

Mr. Jackson was married at Palestine, Texas, the thirteenth of April, 1901, to Miss Mary Patrick, a native of that city. They now reside in Beaumont at 2193 Calder Avenue and have one child, Jane, wife of H. C. Plumly, of Beaumont. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, where Mr. Jackson is a steward, and take a prominent part in church work. Mr. Jackson is a director of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Rotary Club, a director of the Young Men's Christian Association, chairman of the board of directors of the South Texas State Fair, and a member of the Round Table Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, Blue Lodge at Palestine, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, Knight Templar and a member of Hella Temple Shrine at Dallas. He is active in all civic work and is in every way an outstanding, worthwhile citizen of Beaumont.



**JOHN FLETCHER PIPKIN**, a native of Beaumont, and for a quarter of a century a prominent figure in the business world, has taken an active part in the development of the resources of this section, and is interested in the largest undertaking business in this city. Mr. Pipkin is president of the firm of Pipkin and Brulin, Undertakers, the oldest and largest undertaking establishment in Beaumont. This business was established by Mr. Pipkin in 1902, as Pipkin & Company, and in 1903 Mr. A. E. Brulin came into the firm as half owner, and the name was changed to Pipkin & Brulin. Although Mr. Pipkin

does not take an active part in the management of the business, he has been very interested in securing the best possible equipment, and the firm has placed at the disposal of the people of Beaumont three motor ambulances, with expert drivers, one motor hearse, one casket car and two special cars. They also have an extensive stock of caskets, including some very expensive models, and occupy a fine and well located business. The firm also owns property at Beaumont, in addition to the undertaking building, at 260 Broadway.

Mr. Pipkin also has many other interests both in Beaumont and in the country adjoining. He is interested in the wholesale meat business of Patillo & Pipkin and owns Beaumont city property, and has farm lands near Beaumont. He is also a cattle raiser.

Mr. Pipkin was born at Beaumont the first of December, 1881, the son of S. W. Pipkin, one of the most prominent men of Beaumont, and one of the biggest cattle, lumber and oil men of this section, and Mary P. Barrow Pipkin. Mr. Pipkin was educated at Beaumont, attending the public schools of this city, and also private schools here. He engaged in the livery business for six years, and in 1902 started in the undertaking business, later going with Mr. Brulin, as already mentioned. He has also been active in the cattle business for many years, and has been engaged in rice farming for around half a decade.

Mr. Pipkin was married at Beaumont in 1904, to Miss Manie Blewett, daughter of Dr. J. W. Blewett, for many years a physician of this city, and now retired, and Mrs. Blewett, who was formerly a Miss Kyle. Mr. and Mrs. Pipkin reside at 476 Frederick Street. Mr. Pipkin belongs to the Rotary Club, the Beaumont Club, the Beaumont Country Club, the Port Arthur Tarpon Club, and the Neches Club, of which he is president. He is active in all civic work, and is one of the most popular and best liked men in Beaumont, both in social and commercial circles.



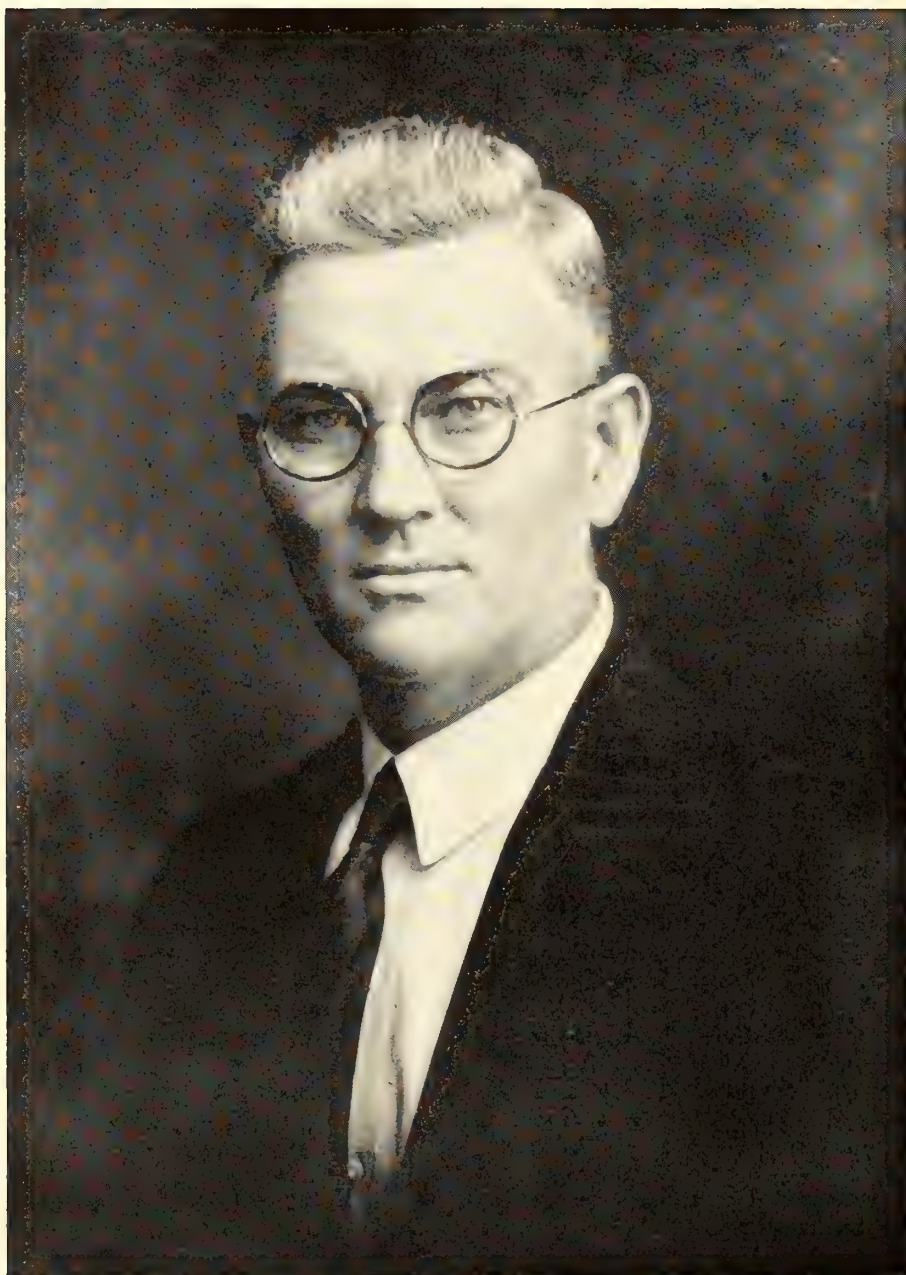
**EDMUND F. HAMM**, who for around a decade and a half has contributed to the commercial advancement of Beaumont, has recently entered the automotive field as dealer in this locality for several of the better class motor cars. Mr. Hamm is vice president and general manager of Edson-Hamm, Incorporated, a business established in May, 1921, since which time the firm has been distributor in Southeast Texas for the Cadillac, Paige, and Jewett automobiles, and for G. M. C. trucks. The firm is the largest automobile company in Beaumont, and has complete sales, parts and service departments. Edson-Hamm, Inc., is located at 755-65 Broadway, where a modern building, seventy-five by fifty feet is occupied. The officers of the company are, E. G. Edson, president; Edmund F. Hamm, vice president and general manager, and R. V. Rister, secretary and treasurer. A force of sixteen employees is maintained.

Mr. Hamm was born at Dallas, Texas, the twenty-ninth of September, 1890. His father, Frank Hamm, a native of Tennessee, has been engaged in business in Dallas for many years and still makes his home in that city. Mr. Hamm's mother, whose maiden name was Miss Augusta Battle, is a native of Germany. Mr. Hamm was educated in the schools of Dallas, receiving his early education in the William



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*J. Mapes*

B. Travis School, and later, after finishing at Dallas High School, entering Dallas University. He then went with the B. F. Avery Company and in 1910 was sent to Beaumont by this firm, representing them as manager of the Beaumont branch until 1921, when he resigned to establish his present business.

Mr. Hamm was married at Beaumont, the twentieth of December, 1913, to Miss Thelma Carroll, a native of Beaumont, and the daughter of M. W. Carroll. Mr. and Mrs. Hamm have one child, Dorothy, and make their home in Beaumont. Mr. Hamm is a member of the Neches Club, the Elks Club, and the Beaumont Country Club. He is a leader among the younger business men and is active in all civic work, taking a deep interest in the advancement of Beaumont.



**LYTTON MAPES** has spent his entire life in the various branches of the newspaper and publishing business. He came to Beaumont, Texas, sixteen years ago and is vice president and general manager of the Enterprise Company, Inc., which publishes the Beaumont Enterprise—a morning paper and the Beaumont Journal—an afternoon paper, which are numbered among the largest newspapers of Southeast Texas. The circulation of the Enterprise is 22,500 for the daily paper and 32,000 for the Sunday publication, and the Journal has a daily circulation of 10,750. Three hundred and thirty-four people are employed by the Enterprise Company, Inc., which includes ninety-six regular carriers and fifty-two street boys. This publishing company was established in 1878 and purchased by the present owners in 1907. When Mr. Mapes joined the force of this publishing company, he was circulation manager, and later became cashier and still later was made business manager. He soon became manager to the president and for more than twelve years has been the executive head of the Enterprise Co. William P. Hobby, ex-governor of Texas, is the president of the Enterprise Company, Inc. Mr. Mapes began his newspaper career in Montgomery, Alabama, as a very young man with The Advertiser of that city, where he remained for four years. He then became associated with the Meridian Dispatch where he remained for one year, and then came to Texas, and selected Beaumont as the best place to engage in his chosen profession. Mr. Mapes was president of The Enterprise during the period when William P. Hobby was serving as governor, and after the end of his regime as governor of Texas and he returned to Beaumont, Mr. Mapes became vice president and general manager, and has continued in these capacities since that time.

Mr. Mapes was born in Crenshaw County, Alabama, on December 1st, 1879. His father, William Mapes, also a native of Alabama, died before the subject of this sketch was born. His mother, who was Miss Mary Durell, raised and educated the son, but is now dead also. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Crenshaw, and later he attended Highland Home College.

Mr. Mapes was married at Montgomery, Alabama, on February 11th, 1907, to Miss Katherine Smythe, a native of Alabama and a member of a well known family of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Mapes reside at 2357 Calder Avenue. Mr. Mapes is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Beaumont Blue

Lodge, is a Knight Templar of this order and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine of Galveston. He also holds membership in the B. P. O. E., the Beaumont Club, the Country Club, and all newspaper organizations and civic societies of Beaumont, in all of which he takes an active interest. Mr. Mapes is optimistic as to the future of Beaumont and believes that this city will lead Southeast Texas along every line.



**HUGHES PETKOVSEK**, for around a decade and a half has been actively identified with banking affairs at Beaumont, and has won the highest esteem of his associates and the banking world in general. Mr. Petkovsek is cashier of the City National Bank of Beaumont, a position he has held since the formation of this institution in May, 1922. The City National Bank is the outgrowth of the old Guaranty Bank & Trust Company of Beaumont, and the result of a reorganization of that institution in May, 1922, at which time the bank was re-named, and a new directorate and new officers elected. The bank was nationalized at the same time, and capitalized for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and now has deposits totaling two and three quarter million dollars. The bank is soundly directed, its officers being men of highest integrity and banking policies, and has rendered a conservative banking service since its organization. A fine banking home, with the best fixtures, is occupied, this building in the heart of the business district, being the property of the bank. The officers are, I. J. Bordages, president; J. T. Shelby, active vice president; W. L. Pondrom, vice president, and G. Hughes Petkovsek, cashier.

Mr. Petkovsek was born at Natchez, Mississippi, the twenty-first of November, 1891. His father, Lucas Petkovsek, is an old settler of that city, and a cabinet maker, manufacturer of wood parts and operator of a planing mill there. His mother is Mrs. Mary Hasselback Petkovsek. Mr. Petkovsek was educated in the public schools of Natchez, graduating from the high school there, after which he came to Beaumont, in 1910, and went with the Gulf National Bank, during the eight years there working in nearly every department. In 1918, at the time the Gulf National Bank was consolidated with the First National Bank, Mr. Petkovsek was receiving teller, and went with the new organization in that position. After one year he went with the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, as paying teller, one year later becoming assistant cashier, and when this bank was re-organized and nationalized he became cashier of the newly formed City National Bank, which position he has since held. During the recent war Mr. Petkovsek was in military service, enlisting in the infantry in October, 1917, and training at Camp Travis. He was later stationed at Camp Pike and Camp Grant, and was discharged in February, 1919, as non-commissioned officer, returning to Beaumont and resuming his position in the banking world.

Mr. Petkovsek was married at Beaumont, the first of May, 1917, to Miss Gretchen Madrin DeRemer, a native of Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Petkovsek live at 1096 Calder Avenue. Mr. Petkovsek is a Woodman of the World, and takes an active interest in civic affairs, and the welfare of his community.



**R**ICHARD FREDERICK CHEESMAN, pioneer lumberman of Beaumont and the Lone Star State and an authority on all phases of the lumber industry, has for upwards of four decades been closely associated with the development of Beaumont, taking an active part in the advancement of the city, both commercially and from a civic standpoint. Mr. Cheesman is secretary and treasurer of the George W. Smyth Lumber Company, one of the larger retail lumber companies of Southeast Texas, which was established at Beaumont in 1912. Since that time, the company has met with a steady and consistent growth, the result of the progressive business policies of the executives, and at the present time has one of the largest and finest lumber yards in the city. The George W. Smyth Lumber Company sells both in wholesale and retail quantities, the retail end of the business being the most important. A complete line of building material, including all kinds of hardwood, mill supplies, builders hardware, and general building supplies, is carried, the stock being unusually complete. For a number of years past, the company has handled a home financing business, a home building stimulus that has resulted in much construction at Beaumont, and has been a profitable venture for the company. Mr. Cheesman has been with the George W. Smyth Company since its organization, and is secretary and treasurer, with J. B. Smyth, of San Antonio, as president, and C. E. Walden as vice president and general manager. Mr. Cheesman is also secretary and treasurer of the Sabine Tram Company, an organization dating back to 1889, and one of the most important timber and lumber mill companies of the Southeast Texas pine belt. This company formerly had much standing timber and operated a number of large lumber mills, but has cut a large part of the timber, and is not taking an active part in lumber manufacturing and cutting.

Mr. Cheesman was born in Navarro County, Texas, the eighteenth of October, 1865, the son of C. F. Cheesman, a professor of dancing at Galveston and Beaumont, and Battestine Rose Cheesman. Mr. Cheesman was educated in private schools at Galveston and after finishing his education was associated with his father, assisting him in teaching dancing, for three years. He then came to Beaumont, in 1884, and went in the mercantile business with one of the earlier merchandising houses in the city. He spent a decade in this business, helping build up a large and successful merchandising establishment. He then became interested in the Texas Tram Lumber Company, one of the old lumber companies, and was with that company for four years, after which he went with the Sabine Tram Company, with which he has since been associated. Mr. Cheesman has had a wide and varied experience in the lumber business, and has spent many years in the lumber camps. For four years he was expert saw filer, one of the important positions in the lumber camps. His practical experience in the manufacture of lumber qualifies him to speak with authority on lumber questions generally, and he is widely known to lumbermen throughout the state.

Mr. Cheesman was married at Beaumont, in 1891, to Miss Emma Regina Smyth. They have two children, Guy Walden Cheesman, manager of the Smyth Lumber Company, and John B. Cheesman, also with

the company. The family reside at 592 Elizabeth Street. They attend the Baptist Church, to which Mr. Cheesman is a liberal contributor. He is a member of the Beaumont Country Club. Mr. Cheesman has, throughout his residence at Beaumont, taken a deep pride in the accomplishments of the city and has been active in all public works. From the early days, he foresaw a future for this city, located ideally to give a water outlet for the resources of this section, and the advancement of Beaumont in recent years has seen the fulfillment of this future, at least in large measure. As an authority on the manufacture of lumber, Mr. Cheesman's opinion is frequently sought, and he has many friends among the younger lumbermen, who appreciate the advice he is able to give them out of his years of experience.



**ALBERT B. SEALE**, pioneer lumberman of Southeast Texas, and a factor in the development of the timber resources of this section, has made his home at Beaumont for more than three decades, and has for several years past served his home city as postmaster. Mr. Seale was appointed postmaster at Beaumont in 1920, and since entering on the duties of this office has greatly increased the efficiency of the local post office and dispatched the duties of this office in a highly commendable manner. On March 1st, 1925, Mr. Seale became identified with and a stockholder in the Purity Candy Company, wholesale only. The plant has fifty by one hundred and forty feet of floor space and ten people are employed in the factor and two men on the road, covering Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana.

Mr. Seale was born in Jasper County, Texas, the twenty-third of March, 1861, the son of Major Elias T. Seale and Mrs. Emma A. Seale. Major Seale, a native of Mississippi, went to Missouri in 1849, going overland by wagon in a wagon train of one hundred wagons, and later came to Texas, locating in Jasper County, where he engaged in farming and merchandising until his death in 1880. His son, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the schools of Jasper County, attending a private school there, and later, in 1875 and 1876, attending Waco University. Mr. Seale then spent one year at home, engaged in farming, and in 1878 came to Beaumont, and with his father went in the saw mill business for two years. He then went to Lufkin, where he built the first house to be erected in that town, and also built the railroad from Lufkin to Nacogdoches, in 1882. From 1882 until 1885 he was back on the farm near Jasper, with his mother, and then went in the mercantile business with his brother, engaging in that business until December, 1886. He then went in the logging business, and also owned a lumber mill and cotton gin at Jasper, which interests he disposed of in 1892 and came to Beaumont, where he spent eight years with the Wilson Hardware Company. He then went to Pickering, Louisiana, where he built the tram for a mill there, and a year later bought a small mill, and moved it to Seale, Louisiana, which place was named for him. He remained there until 1910, when he returned to Jasper, where he operated a mill for one year. In 1912 he went to Uvalde and was with the Uvalde Rock Asphalt Company for three years. He then returned to Beaumont and was appointed receiver for the Sanders Lumber Company, handling these properties until





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*A. H. Boyt*

June, 1919, when he went with the Green-Moore Lumber Company, where he remained for one year, until his appointment as postmaster at Beaumont.

Mr. Seale was married at Jasper, in 1886, to Miss Mattie Norsworthy, the daughter of George W. Norsworthy. Mr. and Mrs. Seale have a family of eight children, Prentiss, Una, Louise, Mary, Pattie, Gertrude, Vannie Belle, and Dorothy. The family reside at 1615 Park Street, which has been the family home for the past thirty years. They attend the Baptist Church. Mr. Seale has many friends at Beaumont and is honored as one of the real builders of this city.

**ARTHUR H. BOYT** of Beaumont, Texas, has for many years been active in the development of the rice industry of Texas, and is regarded as one of the most expert rice growers and the best posted man on rice in this portion of the state. Mr. Boyt is the district manager of the American Rice Growers Association for the Beaumont district, is also a member of the Executive Committee and a member of the General Board. This organization has a membership here of one hundred and twenty-five enthusiastic men who are either growers of rice or interested in its development, and all rice raised by members is sold through this association, which was established three years ago. Mr. Boyt knows the value of co-operative effort, and it was largely through his efforts that this organization was perfected. He has been a resident of Beaumont for eighteen years and during this time has been engaged in growing, handling and grading rice, and is regarded as an authority on everything having to do with rice from the growing to the marketing of this product. Other officers of the American Rice Growers Association in this district are H. G. Chalkey, president and general manager of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and E. R. Henry, secretary and treasurer, also of Lake Charles. The Beaumont office of this organization is located at Orleans and Wall Streets. Mr. Boyt, since coming to Beaumont, has raised fourteen crops of rice, on twelve of which he has made considerable money, which in itself is a record that is seldom found in any portion of the country in the growing of any kind of crop, either in Texas or elsewhere. Before coming to Texas in 1904, Mr. Boyt had spent practically all his life in farming, and he settled in Bee County and engaged in farming, most of his efforts being devoted to the growing of cotton. He later removed to Harris County, and after a short time spent in that county, came to Beaumont, where he engaged in the rice growing industry, and has met with great success. Mr. Boyt has given close study to the rice industry and probably knows more about growing, selling, handling and grading rice than any other man in this territory.

Mr. Boyt was born at Banner, Mississippi, on March 3rd, 1872. His parents, Henry W. Boyt and Nannie Boyt, were well known and highly esteemed citizens of Mississippi and were engaged in farming, planting on a large scale, and stock raising. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Banner, Mississippi, after which he engaged in farming with his parents.

Mr. Boyt is an enthusiastic booster for the Beaumont territory as the best lands for the growing of rice, and he is the owner of much valuable rice

lands here. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce and is active in these organizations and is also one of the city commissioners and a member of the city council. Mr. Boyt believes that with the establishment of more rice mills in Texas, and with the improved marketing conditions through the various organizations, that Texas will soon become the leading rice state, and that Beaumont will be the leading rice market of the Southwest.



**L DILLON** of Beaumont, Texas, has spent his entire life in the various branches of the oil industry, which includes the handling of oil well supplies, drilling and developing of oil wells, pipe line and refinery work. He has for more than sixteen years been associated with the Oil Well Supply Company, whose main office is located at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and came to Beaumont three years ago as manager of the Oil Well Supply Company for the Beaumont district. This company, in the Beaumont branch, carries one of the largest and most complete stocks of its kind in this part of the state, which includes oil well supplies, refinery supplies, complete rotary drilling rigs, in fact sell every thing used in the drilling of oil wells and in the production of oil. This company has a splendid location here, with large building for display purposes and warehouses, and employ seven experienced people, with office located at 497 Main Street. Mr. Dillon began his career in the oil industry in the oil fields of Ohio, with the construction of pipe lines and kindred work, and remained in this line in Ohio until 1909, when he went with the Oil Well Supply Company and to the oil fields of West Virginia. After remaining in this state for one year, he came south for his company to the oil fields of Louisiana and remained in this state for a period of four years. He opened the Mexia branch of the Oil Well Supply Company and from 1914 to 1922 he was located in Corsicana, Texas, for this company as manager of the Corsicana branch, and remained there until coming to Beaumont in 1922. Mr. Dillon has been associated with the Oil Well Supply Company in the different parts of the country since 1909, and is regarded as one of the best oil field supply men of the country, and knows this business as few men know it.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Dillon was born at Woodsfield, on February 24th, 1881. His parents, John Dillon and Julia A. Dillon, were well known land owners and farmers of Ohio. His education was obtained in the various public schools of his native state, and later he attended a commercial college, which assisted him in his business education.

Mr. Dillon was married in Ohio in 1906 to Miss Mary McMullen, a daughter of G. B. McMullen, well known business man of that state. They have six children, Cecil, seventeen years of age; Mary, aged fourteen years; Ray, eleven years of age; Henry, aged eight years; Carl, aged seven, and Wayne, four years old. Mr. and Mrs. Dillon reside at 2370 Forrest Street. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Beaumont Country Club and the Beaumont Business Men's Club, in all of which he takes an active interest. Mr. Dillon is well known to the oil fraternity throughout the country and is well liked by all with whom he comes in contact.



**W**ILLIAM ELLSWORTH LEE has for a decade and more been one of a group of financiers who have taken a leading part in shaping commercial and industrial affairs at Sour Lake, and his name carries with it a prestige that is an asset to the community and institution with which it is connected. Mr. Lee is president of the Citizens National Bank, the largest financial institution in the city, and one which has rendered a conservative and substantial banking service since its organization in 1917. The bank owns its own banking home, a fine structure located on one of the principal corners, and a notable addition to the business center of the city. The fixtures are unusually fine, and the vault, designed specially for the bank, is one of the finest in this section. It has two stories, one entered from the ground floor and the other from the balcony. The Citizens National Bank is the only national bank in Hardin County, and is the depository for all county funds, as well as the largest bank in the city in point of deposits, which total more than six hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The bank is capitalized for fifty thousand dollars, with total assets of more than seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and is one of the strong and capably directed banking institutions of this county. The officers are: William Ellsworth Lee, the subject of this sketch, president; M. F. Yount, of Beaumont, vice president; N. M. Morrison, vice president, and V. N. Johnson, cashier.

William Ellsworth Lee was born in Wood County, West Virginia, the thirty-first day of January, 1867, his birthplace being eight miles from the town of Parkersburg. His father, Alexander Lee, spent his entire business life in the oil business, and was one of the well known oil men of the early days of the industry. His mother was Mrs. Martha Jane Lee. Mr. Lee spent his boyhood in West Virginia, attending the schools near his home, and later went to Ohio, where he had his first experience in the oil business. After a year in the oil fields of that State he returned to West Virginia where he spent six years in the oil fields, with the U. S. Oil Company, working in various capacities, and acquiring a practical knowledge of drilling and production. Mr. Lee came to Texas in 1904, spending his first decade in this State in the Saratoga oil fields, with the Producers Oil Company as field superintendent, and later became associated with the Yount-Lee Oil Company, of which well known firm his brother is a member. He came to Sour Lake with this company in 1914, and was associated with drilling and production activities here until 1917, when he left the oil business to organize the Citizens National Bank, of which he has since been president.

Mr. Lee was married at Parkersburg, West Virginia, the eighth of September, 1907, to Miss Margaret McGuigan, daughter of P. H. McGuigan, associated with the oil business all his life, and Bessie McGuigan. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have a family of six children—William Howard, Irene May, Thomas Peter, Fostine Ellen, Donald Ellsworth and Ronald Ainsworth. Mr. Lee is a Mason, York Rite, and a member of Osiris Temple Shrine, of Wheeling, West Virginia. A man of unusual executive ability, with a genius for financial affairs, Mr. Lee has directed the affairs of the financial institution which he

heads in such a way that the bank has won and retained the confidence of all. He has taken a leading part in the development of Sour Lake, especially along industrial lines, and the advancement of the petroleum industry, and is widely known in this section as a man qualified to speak authoritatively on matters pertaining to the oil industry as well as financial problems.

**L**OUIS TYLER WADE, one of the vanguard in the history of the oil development of the Lone Star State, has recently come to Houston, as general superintendent of production for the Houston Oil Company, with offices in the Scanlan Building. Mr. Wade is one of the real "old timers" and has been associated with many triumphs and achievements in this industry, and is widely known to the oil fraternity as a man of exceptional experience in the handling of men and the various problems that come up in the field. Mr. Wade early won recognition as a careful driller, and after years spent in participating in the development of this great industry, can look the world squarely in the face with the convincing evidence that he has nothing to hide. He began in the oil business in 1901, when a young man, his first association being with the Sun Company, in the Spindle Top field. A year later, in 1902, he went with Monroe Carroll, remaining with him for one year, and doing his first drilling during this period, the first well on which he worked as helper being completed by him as driller. In 1904 he went to the Sour Lake field, with Dan Steele, contractor, as driller, remaining there until his transfer to Batson, where he also drilled for Mr. Steele. Later he went to Beaumont, where he drilled for Brown Brothers, then to Saratoga, with the Sun Company, and still later to Humble, at that time being with the Gulf Company, and W. E. Brice. He was also associated at various times with J. P. Barkley at Beaumont, and also the Crosby Oil Company, Burch and Dedman, and others, his activities taking him to the Sour Lake field, Saratoga, and other fields, where he added to his growing reputation as a driller of real wells. In the spring of 1912 he went with the Houston Oil Company, remaining with them until 1916, as driller, and looking after leases. After leaving the Houston Oil Company Mr. Wade went into production for himself, until April 1918, at which time he drilled, for R. H. Kirby of the Austin Oil Company, bringing in a twelve thousand barrel well at Saratoga, one of the best producers in that field. After one year with Mr. Kirby, he went with the Weldon Oil Company, as driller, and was associated with him, and other interests, until February, 1923, at which time he came back with the Houston Oil Company, and has since made his headquarters at Houston, on the eleventh floor of the Scanlan Building.

Louis Tyler Wade was born in Fayette County, Texas, at LaGrange, on the eighteenth of December, 1881, son of C. N. and Julia de Lassaulx Wade. His father, now deceased, was also a native of Texas and for many years a cotton grower and business man at LaGrange, and his mother was a native of Alsace-Lorraine. Mr. Wade was educated in the LaGrange public schools, and during his boyhood spent much time in his father's cotton gin where he learned much about business management and operation. Later he went to Eagle Lake and was in the sugar business for a time prior to going to Spindle



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Top where he began his career as an oil operator. His career from that time until the present, when he has interests in Live Oak County, Mexia, Big Hill, Electra, and other fields, with forty men working under him, has been traced.

Mr. Wade was married at Sour Lake, the first of March, 1911, to Miss Emilia Alpers, a native of Sealy, Texas, where her parents are well known farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Wade make their home at 316 York Street. Mr. Wade is an Odd Fellow, a Woodman of the World and a Macabee, and was reared in the Catholic Church. While his headquarters are at Houston he spends much time on the road looking after the extensive interests of his company, and has many friends among the oil operators of the state. In the industry almost from its beginning in the Lone Star State, Mr. Wade has seen the dreams of many of the oil pioneers come true; he has witnessed the opening and development of new fields, and in this development taken his part, and he looks forward with interest to many more interesting chapters in the history of the Texas oil fields.

**J**OHAN A. LONG of Sour Lake, Texas, is one of the pioneers of the oil industry in Texas, having been engaged in this field of activity practically ever since oil was discovered in the State. Mr. Long is general superintendent of the Gulf Production Company at Sour Lake, and is in charge of the drilling and production, which naturally is one of the most important departments of an oil company. He has been associated with the Gulf Production Company since 1902, which makes him, in point of service, one of the oldest men with this company. He has been in the drilling and production departments during all of this period, using rotary tools, and came to Sour Lake in 1919 in order to assume charge of the properties and development of the company here. The Gulf Production Company owns eighty acres in the proven field of Sour Lake, on which it has twenty-five producing wells with upward of twelve hundred barrels oil daily production. This company is drilling several new wells, which are near completion, and their lease is regarded as one of the best in this field. Twenty-two men is the average number employed here by this company, all of whom are under the supervision of Mr. Long, as general superintendent.

A native Texan, Mr. Long was born at Rusk on December 28th, 1874. His father, Joe L. Long, was one of the best known civil engineers of his time, and for many years was state surveyor of Texas. His education was obtained in the public schools of Rusk, after which he engaged in various lines of endeavor until 1902, when he entered the oil fields at Spindle Top, where he remained for two years and then went to the Batson field, and remained at Batson until 1910, when he returned to the Spindle Top field. He was at Spindle Top for almost two years, when he was sent to Evangeline, Louisiana, in 1912, and remained in this Louisiana field until he came to Sour Lake, and during all of his oil experience he was in the employ of the present company.

Mr. Long was married at Alto, Texas, in 1908, to Miss Lula Allen, a native Texan and a daughter of John T. Allen, one of the best known business men of East Texas, where for many years he has

been engaged in the drug business, farming and lending of money. They have two children—Mary, eight years of age, and Rhenonna, aged two years. Mr. Long is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and the Knights of Pythias, in both of which he takes an active interest. During the years Mr. Long has been engaged in the oil business, he has established an enviable reputation in the branches of this great industry to which he has confined his efforts, and is regarded as one of the most valuable and reliable men with the Gulf Production Company. He is popular with the oil fraternity of South Texas and with the men who have been under his jurisdiction for many years, and have learned the oil business under him.



**B. DANIELS**, for around a quarter of a century a factor in the petroleum business at Sour Lake, has contributed constructively to the development of the oil fields of this section, and is well and favorably known to the oil fraternity of the coastal district. Mr. Daniels is general superintendent of the Gilbert Company, having handled this property since 1906. The Gilbert lease is the oldest in the Sour Lake field, and comprises twenty-seven acres, with twenty-two producing wells, and around seventy-five barrels daily production, and employs a force of ten operatives. The first power pumping plant to be put in operation in the Sour Lake field was on the Gilbert lease, and development has been going forward since that time. Mr. Daniels also operates as an independent operator, and during the course of his oil experience has made several fortunes through his own personal operations. He has studied closely the trend of production in the Sour Lake field, and is regarded by the oil men of this section as an authority whose years of experience qualify him to speak authoritatively on conditions here.

Mr. Daniels was born at Jacksonville, Illinois, the twenty-second of May, 1866, the son of Veerlin and Sarah Virginia (English) Daniels. His father was a pioneer of Illinois, and has large agricultural interests there, taking a prominent part in the development of Jacksonville. Mr. Daniels attended the public schools of Jacksonville, later entering Illini College, where he was a classmate of William Jennings Bryan. Leaving college, he went to Kansas City, Missouri, where he engaged in the real estate business for a time, later going to Wichita, Kansas, where he spent four years. For the ensuing twelve years he was with the Wells-Fargo Express Company, holding a responsible position with that company. He then spent one year in the insurance business, and the following two years was a traveling salesman, after which he came to Texas and Sour Lake, in 1902. Since this time he has been active in the oil business, both as an independent operator, and as general superintendent of the Gilbert interests.

Mr. Daniels was married at Sour Lake in 1907, to Miss Blanche Hardie, from Oxford, Mississippi. They reside in Sour Lake, and have four children—Milton, Barton, Margaret and Janet. Fraternally Mr. Daniels is a Knight of Pythias and an Elk. He has taken a deep interest in the advancement of Sour Lake along civic lines, and has done much for this section, both from a commercial and industrial standpoint.





**ALVIS HOWELL SMITH** came to Sour Lake, Texas, seventeen years ago, and since that time has been associated with several of the leading oil companies operating in this portion of the state. In 1918 Mr. Smith became general superintendent of the Humble Oil and Refining Company here, where he has complete charge of all drilling and production of this company in the Sour Lake area. The Humble Oil and Refining Company has one hundred and ten acres in this field, on which are twenty-six producing wells, with about one thousand barrels of oil daily production. This company is actively engaged in development work in this field and each year drills new wells. An average of twenty-five employees are under the jurisdiction of Mr. Smith here. The property and equipment of the Humble Oil and Refining Company is among the best in the Sour Lake field, and is at all times kept up to the standard in efficiency, and ready for the important work at all times being done here. Mr. Smith began his career at a very early age as a farmer and continued in this line of endeavor until he was seventeen years of age when he entered the oil industry. His first experience was with the Minor Oil Company here, and remained with this company for a period of six years, and then went with the Texas Company and was associated with this company for about one year, after which he went with the Grayburg Oil Company here. He remained with the Grayburg Oil Company for two years, after which he became associated with the Farish and Ireland Oil Company, and remained with this company for three years, after which he went with the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and in 1918 was made superintendent of the interests of this company here, where he has since remained.

A native Texan, Mr. Smith was born at Elliott, on November 1st, 1889. His father, T. A. Smith, was for many years engaged in farming in Robertson County, and was one of this county's most esteemed citizens. His mother was Miss Lillie Davis, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Robertson County.

Mr. Smith was married at Sour Lake, Texas, in 1908, to Miss Jessie B. Haislip, a member of a well known South Texas family. They have one child—Audrey Nell, three years of age. Mr. Smith is a member of the York Rite body of the Masonic fraternity, the I. O. O. F. and M. W. A. Since locating at Sour Lake Mr. Smith has become identified with many of the city's activities, and gives of his time and means to all projects having as their object the progress and advancement of his city. Mr. Smith is popular with the oil fraternity, and although a comparatively young man, he is regarded as one of the best men in his line of endeavor in the South Texas oil fields.



**E. HACKEBEIL**, for more than a decade has been identified with manufacturing activities at Beaumont, engaging in high class granite and marble work, and establishing a firm reputation in this line. Mr. Hackebel is the owner of the Magnolia Granite and Marble Works, one of the best marble and granite works in the city, specializing in the manufacture of fine granite and marble monuments. Mr. Hackebel has his shop

at 2005 Grand Avenue, and has complete equipment, enabling him to turn out the highest class of work. All machinery is power operated, and is modern. Mr. Hackebel is himself an expert granite and marble worker, and personally supervises the making of every piece of work that leaves his shop. He has executed many intricate pieces, calling for the highest skill, and the most careful workmanship. Mr. Hackebel established his business here in 1911, and since that time his plant has met with a steady growth, building trade through a reputation for high class work, and at the present time his plant is one of the largest, and one of the best, in Beaumont.

Mr. Hackebel is a native of the Lone Star State, and was born at LaGrange, the seventeenth of October, 1884, the son of August Hackebel, for many years a farmer and land owner of this section, and Martha Hackebel. Mr. Hackebel was educated in the schools of LaGrange, and after leaving school entered the marble business, working with O. E. Stolz, for around a decade. He then left Mr. Stolz and came to Beaumont, establishing the Magnolia Granite and Marble Works.

Mr. Hackebel was married at LaGrange, in 1909, to Miss Emma Tschiedel, daughter of Frank T. Tschiedel, a farmer and land owner of LaGrange. Mr. and Mrs. Hackebel have one child, Ethel Lee, and reside at 2005 Grand Avenue. Mr. Hackebel is a member of the Woodmen of the World.



**JOHN T. ALFORD**, for upwards of a decade and a half has been identified with the development of the drug business at Beaumont, and is one of the veteran druggists of this city. Mr. Alford is vice president and manager of the San Jacinto Drug Co., Inc.; Mr. C. E. Casey is president, T. W. McDaniel, secretary and treasurer. This drug store was opened in October, 1924, and does a general retail drug business. This is a beautifully arranged store and is in the ground floor of the San Jacinto Life Building. The stock is up-to-date, and shows careful thought in both selection and arrangement, and the fountain and fixtures are of the best material and workmanship. The management of the store reflects the progressive business methods of Mr. Alford.

Mr. Alford was born at LaFayette, Alabama, the thirtieth of August, 1884, the son of James W. Alford, a farmer, land owner and planter, who came to Texas in 1890, and Mrs. Jannie Alford. Mr. Alford attended the schools at Overton, Texas, as a boy, later entering the Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons, at Atlanta, where he was a student for three years, after which he took post-graduate work at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He first engaged in the drug business at Monroe, Louisiana, later going to Little Rock, Arkansas, and various other points prior to coming to Beaumont, in 1908. He was with the Caswell-Preston Drug Company for a time, and later with the Keith Drug Company prior to coming to Post Office Drug Store, in which he bought an interest in 1920.

Mr. Alford was married at Beaumont, in 1912, to Miss Walterine Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. S. Henderson, Mr. Henderson being a retired business man and property owner of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Alford reside at 1744 Neches Street. Mr. Alford is a Blue Lodge Mason, and belongs to the Lions Club.



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Geo. J. Yentzen

**G**EORGE YENTZEN, for around a decade has taken an active part in the development of Nederland, and during his residence here has built up a commercial bakery which ranks as the largest in Jefferson County, and is one of the most modern plants in the State. Mr. Yentzen is the owner of the Nederland Bakery, which was established here in the early days and which he bought out in March, 1915, at the time of his arrival in the city. At that time he operated the bakery, a small plant, alone, gradually expanding as the quality of his bread became known, until now he has one of the largest bakeries in Jefferson County, equipped with the most modern bread baking equipment, and employing a force of eleven operatives. The plant has a baking capacity of ten thousand loaves of bread per day, Mr. Yentzen specializing in this product, and he has built up a trade which extends to Port Arthur, Port Neches and Beaumont, supplying this trade with a fleet of four motor trucks. The product of the Nederland Bakery is regarded as the finest bread baked in this section, and in addition to the trade supplied by truck Mr. Yentzen handles a large shipping business.

George Yentzen was born at Donaldsonville, Louisiana, the sixth of August, 1886, son of the late S. Yentzen, pioneer baker of that city, who for thirty-six years owned a bakery there. Mr. Yentzen was educated in the schools of Donaldsonville, and was practically raised in his father's bakery. He began making bread before he could reach the bench, using a box to stand on, and at as early an age as eight years was to be found in the shop engaged in this work. He has continued in this business all his life, with the exception of several years during which he played professional baseball with the Gulf Coast League. In 1909 Mr. Yentzen came to Jefferson County, working in a bakery at Port Arthur. While there he heard that the small shop at Nederland was for sale, and in March, 1915, rode to this city on his bicycle, purchasing the shop, which he has since operated very successfully. Mr. Yentzen is also a director of the First National Bank of Port Neches.

Mr. Yentzen was married at Donaldsonville, Louisiana, the second of June, 1908, to Miss Louise Heriard, a native of that State. They have five children: Norman, Veril, Velma, Mary Ruth, and George, Jr., the family residing at Nederland.

**F**RANK W. BYRNES began his career in the hotel business when a boy fourteen years of age, and has been actively engaged in this line of endeavor since that time. His first work in his chosen line was as vegetable boy at the Metropole Hotel in St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1898, and he remained with this famous hotel, which at that time was the finest in the city, until 1907, and during this period he had held many positions in his line of promotion. He then went with the Marion Hotel at Little Rock, Arkansas, where he remained for a period of ten years, from 1907 to 1917, and served this famous hostelry as Chief Clerk, Cashier and Service Manager. In 1917, he went with J. E. Hutt, contractor for the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, as superintendent of the commissary of this railroad, and remained in this capacity until 1920. He then became associated with the Huckins Hotel

Company at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and later was assistant manager of the Huckins Hotel in the Oklahoma capital, and remained in this position until he came to Beaumont as manager of the Hotel Beaumont, March 1st, 1925. Leaving this position, he has become manager of the Fenway Hall, Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. Byrnes was born at Atchison, Kansas, on March 17th, 1884, and his education was obtained in the public schools of his native city, which he left at an early age in order to start his business career.

Mr. Byrnes was married at St. Joseph, Missouri, on November 22nd, 1905, to Miss Elizabeth Wetheroth, a member of a well known family of Missouri. They have one child, Marion. Mr. Byrnes is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Little Rock, Arkansas, Blue Lodge, and is a Shriner with membership in India Temple Shrine at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mr. Byrnes is well and favorably known to the traveling public throughout the country, and has made a host of friends wherever he has resided.



**JOHN L. LYONS**, for upwards of two decades a factor in the lumber industry, since coming to Beaumont a number of years ago has been interested in civic development, and has contributed to the industrial advancement of the city. Mr. Lyons is president of the Southern Land and Lumber Company, manufacturers of lumber, and one of the largest firms here engaging in this industry. The business was established in 1921, and has developed rapidly. The large new plant, one of the best here, is modern in every detail, and represents the highest type of industrial construction. The plant, affording more than thirty-thousand feet capacity, is equipped with dry kilns, and every facility for turning out the highest grade of lumber. Everything for house construction is manufactured in the plant, and a force of sixty operatives are employed. The plant is located on a thirteen and a half acre tract at the corner of Fourth and Cedar Streets. The officers of the Southern Land and Lumber Company are Mr. Lyons, the subject of this sketch, president; and P. E. Hammons, vice president and treasurer.

Mr. Lyons also has other business interests at Beaumont, and owns much city residence property here. He has developed and put on the market a residence addition, and is a director of the Beaumont Sash and Door Company, and vice president of the De Quincey Wholesale Grocery and Grain Company, at De Quincey.

Mr. Lyons was born at Lake Charles, Louisiana, the fourth of July, 1875, son of J. L. Lyons, a timber and logging man of Louisiana, and Martha Perkins Lyons. He was educated in the schools of his native state, later going into the timber business, and in 1907 organizing the Lyons Lumber Company, at Lake Charles, which he operated until 1922. This company owned large mills and thousands of acres of timber and was very active in the lumber business. Mr. Lyons came to Beaumont, organizing his present company in 1921, and has since been in the lumber business here.

Mr. Lyons was married at Beaumont, in 1911, to Miss Mollie Wilson. They have one child, Minnalee, and reside at 1198 North Street. Mr. Lyons belongs to the Beaumont Club, the Beaumont Country Club, and is an Elk and a Hoo-Hoo.





**W. BARNGROVER**, one of the most honored pioneers of Liberty County, and for a number of years a factor in the life at Daisetta, while growing up with this community and prospering as it has prospered, has taken an important part in developing and cultivating the lands of the county, as well as directing large ranch activities, and has taken an active interest in developing the oil resources of this section. Nearly half a century has come and gone since Mr. Barngrover came to Liberty County, years that have been filled with progress, and which have seen the county grow from a part of the frontier, to a busy, rich country, in the heart of a great oil and agricultural district, and in this development Mr. Barngrover has always taken a prominent part. Liberty County can boast of no truer, more generous citizen, than this splendid man who has given so largely of his time and means for the development of its resources, and his richly lived life is an inspiration to all who knew him.

Mr. Barngrover was born at Shelbyville, Indiana, the third of January, 1851, the son of James Barngrover, a farmer and merchant of Indiana. He attended the schools near his home, and after leaving school was a farmer in his native state until 1877. The fifteenth of January of that year, Mr. Barngrover, then a young man of twenty-six, came to Liberty County and worked here until after his marriage. Mrs. Barngrover had some land here, as well as cattle, and after his marriage he devoted his time and attention to looking after her interests. Mr. Barngrover had in his original herd some nine hundred head of cattle and about seventy-five head of brood mares and stallions. When the discovery of oil attracted the attention of operators to this section the land owned by Mr. Barngrover was drilled on, and oil discovered on two different tracts near Hull, a forty-acre tract and a thirty-one-acre tract. The royalties since 1919 have run from ten thousand to three thousand dollars per month, and the wells are still producing oil in commercial quantities.

Mr. Barngrover takes a great interest in the cattle business and is anxious to see his sons become real cowmen. He has recently bought nineteen hundred head of stock cattle from E. D. Pruitt, and also seventy-five brood mares. To provide range for the cattle he has leased nine thousand acres of land, all fenced and equipped with pens, corrals, wells, etc. He also has a pasture of some three thousand acres just south of Daisetta, and a pasture on the north of town of five thousand acres. His brand, G. B., has been used since 1882. He has thoroughbred stallions, and also a number of colts and geldings, and has recently furnished the Remount Station with a number of mounts.

Mr. Barngrover was married in December, 1904, to Miss Ida May Barrow, at the old family home of the bride near Hull. Mrs. Barngrover was a member of a pioneer family of this section, her people having come here prior to the Civil War. Her father died a number of years before her marriage, and she had made her home with her mother, Mrs. Hannah Barrow. Mr. and Mrs. Barngrover have three children, all born on the old family place: George Alfred, Willie Mason and Tinnie Ellen. They attend the Baptist Church, and take a prominent part in the social life of their neighborhood.

Mr. Barngrover's home on the road into Daisetta is typical of the old Southern Texas ranch house, and is a comfortable, pleasant home.

Mr. Barngrover also has property interests in Daisetta, including some twelve rent houses and two store buildings, and has a garage and a store building in Hull. On the road into Daisetta he has six rent houses, and for these drilled for water, getting a flow of sixty-six feet, which he piped into the houses. Mr. Barngrover is a member of the Cattle Raisers Association, and is a man whose standing in the community is of the highest. There have been few progressive movements in this section which have not found him in the ranks, and he has been a leader in all civic improvement and development work.



**EDWARD ILFREY**, a native of Cedar Bayou, and one of the progressive and well known business men of this section, has been for two decades a factor in the commercial life of his community, as a merchant, and has taken an active interest in all development work. Mr. Ilfrey is the proprietor of Ilfrey's Store, a general mercantile establishment, which he established in 1905, and which has since been an integral part of the life of the community. A large and complete stock is carried, and there are few demands in the town that cannot be met by Mr. Ilfrey. His store, on the bank of the bayou, at the ferry, occupies a large building where the stock is conveniently and attractively arranged, and caters to a trade extending beyond the town, and well into the surrounding country. Mr. Ilfrey makes an especial effort to build up country trade, and knows not only how to select and arrange merchandise in a way that will appeal to the country buyer, but by his genial personality has formed friendships that have been no small factor in his success.

Edward Ilfrey was born at Cedar Bayou, the nineteenth of February, 1869, son of August and Mary D. Ilfrey, who were old settlers here. The elder Mr. Ilfrey was a ship builder and for many years his ship yards and shipping ways were located here. As a boy Mr. Ilfrey attended the local schools, and began at an early age to work in his brother's general mercantile store here. In 1905 he bought out his brother, and has since operated the store, on the bayou, near the ferry, that has been a part of the life of the community for so many years. Mr. Ilfrey also has farming interests in the county. He is a practical business man, conversant with modern business ways, and has used his influence in the business world for the advancement and prosperity of his community.

Mr. Ilfrey was married at Cedar Bayou in 1892, to Miss Elma Arlow McLean, daughter of W. B. McLean, a farmer and land owner of Chambers County since the early days, and Milicia McLean, also of a pioneer family. Mr. and Mrs. Ilfrey have made their home in Cedar Bayou and have three children: Ivy Clarence, Ovita and Nina Erette. The family attend the Methodist Church, which they actively support, and take an interest in the social life of their community. Mr. Ilfrey is a Master Mason. He is one of the best known business men in Harris County and has many friends, both among business men and the farmers and ranchers, who appreciate his real worth and value to the community.





*G. W. Barnegrover*







**L**AURENCE E. BOOZ, well and favorably known to the oil fraternity, and one of the sterling citizens of Port Arthur, has for many years been identified with the petroleum industry, from a scientific angle, and is an international authority on oil testing and the quality and purity of petroleum products. Mr. Booz is manager of Charles Martin and Company, which began operations at Port Arthur shortly after the Beaumont field came in, and which has taken a foremost part in oil testing since that time. Offices are maintained in the Realty Building, where they have a complete laboratory for testing petroleum products for purity and quality. The firm has an international reputation, and is the largest of its kind in the world. They guarantee the purity and quality of oil, their inspectors seeing that they pass all legal tests, and buyers all over the world employ the firm to make any required tests on oil coming from this field. They have approximately twenty-five inspectors in the field, under the jurisdiction of the Port Arthur office which controls the branches at Houston, Galveston, Texas City, Sabine, in Texas, and Baton Rouge in New Orleans, in Louisiana. The business was established in the East more than four decades ago, for the purpose of testing quality and quantity of oil in Eastern fields, and has since been extended to include other fields, chiefly those of the coastal district. Other members of the firm in addition to Mr. Booz, the subject of this sketch and manager of the Port Arthur office, are: Randolph Sluter, of New York, and George E. Dryden, of Kerrville, a resident of the Lone Star State for two decades.

Mr. Booz was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, the third of February, 1879, the son of Norman Booz, a native of Pennsylvania, and a railroad man of New Jersey for many years, and Ella (Hansel) Booz, a native of New Jersey. Mr. Booz was educated in the public schools of his native state, and after leaving school began with the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, going with this corporation at the age of sixteen, in 1895, as office boy. He applied himself with diligence to learning the operation of this great business, and in a short time was making up pay rolls, and filling other positions of responsibility. He remained with the Standard Oil Company until 1905, when he came to Port Arthur and went with the Gulf Refining Company, and in 1906, when the firm of Charles Martin and Company was established here, he resigned from the Gulf Company to come with the newly established office, with which he has since been associated. Mr. Booz is familiar with petroleum in all phases, from the time the crude oil is pumped from the wells, into the storage tanks, through all the refining operations, until the product is placed on the market. He has given many years to the study of the chemical properties of petroleum and its products, and to testing operations, and there are few men, if any, who have at their command the expert knowledge of this field that is his. He is well qualified to fill the present position of responsibility, and his word in regard to petroleum analysis is taken as final by buyers throughout the world.

Mr. Booz was married in New Jersey, the twenty-second of August, 1900, to Miss Louise Dryden, a sister of George Dryden, also a member of the firm of Charles Martin and Company. Their home, at

2549 Lake Shore Drive, is one of the finest residences of Port Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. Booz have three children, Clarence E. Booz, Jr., in the automobile business at Port Arthur, and in charge of the distribution of Maxwell cars in this section; George Booz, a high school student, and Alfred Norman Booz. Mr. Booz is a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Rotary Club, and the Elks Club. He is a man of constructive vision, and has used his influence in the petroleum industry to further its development in the coastal fields, and a large measure of the success that this industry has attained is attributed to him. As a citizen he has taken a deep interest in civic advancement, and stands firmly on the side of progress, believing in the future of Port Arthur, and actively supporting all development work.



**A**RTHUR F. WOLFORD, one of the younger element of progressive business men who have done much to advance Port Arthur commercially, for around a decade has been a factor in the produce business here, and has attained a high reputation for his activities in this line, and his interest in civic affairs. Mr. Wolford is vice president and general manager of the Wolford Produce Company, Inc., one of the largest wholesale produce houses in the city, and one handling a large volume of business annually. The Wolford Produce Company, Inc., was established in Port Arthur in 1918, and incorporated in June, 1922. The firm handles poultry, eggs and butter, and also imports and roasts coffee, supplying the retail dealers of this section with country produce and coffee that is strictly first class. No less important from a civic standpoint, the firm affording as it does a continued market for country produce, has done much to encourage poultry raising in this section. The business occupies a modern building at 248 Procter Street, and has a force of twelve employees. The officers are, Arthur Wolford, Sr., president; Arthur F. Wolford, the subject of this sketch, vice president, and S. J. Wolford, secretary and treasurer.

Arthur F. Wolford was born in St. Mary's Parish, Louisiana, the sixth of July, 1892, the son of Arthur Wolford, a native of that parish, and until his retirement in 1922 a prominent lumberman and banker there. He now makes his home at Port Arthur. Mr. Wolford's mother, whose maiden name was Miss Laura Bienvenue, is also a native of Louisiana, but now lives in Port Arthur. Mr. Wolford was educated in the public schools of St. Mary's Parish, and after finishing his education there he was in the lumber business with his father for a time. He came to Port Arthur in 1916, and went in the grocery business, two years later establishing the produce business which has since grown to be one of primary importance from every standpoint.

Mr. Wolford was married at New Iberia, Louisiana, the eighteenth of September, 1913, to Miss Yetta Le Bourgeois, a native of Louisiana. They reside at 1910 Ninth Street, in Port Arthur, and have five children, Arthur F., Jr., Carroll W., Bert, Roy and Laurie. Mr. Wolford is a member of the Civitan Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and is a leader in all work for the advancement of Port Arthur along civic lines. As a business man he has done much to encourage development, and Port Arthur owes much to him for his work in this field.





**W. KING**, well known lumber dealer and business man, has been actively identified with the commercial and civic interests of Beaumont for the past forty years and has witnessed the growth of the city from a struggling village to its present commanding position among the cities of Texas. With many of the important movements that have had their part in the growth and development of Beaumont, Mr. King has been prominently connected.

Mr. King is treasurer and general manager of the A. L. Carter Lumber Company, one of the largest retail lumber establishments in this section of the state. Other officers of the company are A. L. Carter, of Houston, president; W. T. Carter Jr., vice president, and C. E. Lock, secretary. This company entered the retail lumber field in Beaumont some six or seven years ago and has experienced a remarkable growth, its annual business now running into hundreds of thousands of dollars. The company carries in stock at its Beaumont yards a complete line of lumber and building materials and has one of the best equipped systems of sheds and yards in the city. An important feature of the company's business is the department devoted to financing the building of homes. Many substantial residences are erected in Beaumont each year on the Carter Lumber Company plan of financing.

A native of Alabama, Mr. King was born at Dayton, in Mingo County, on September 11th, 1865. His parents, William T. and Virginia (Green) King, were both members of old and prominent Alabama families and before the Civil War and the abolition of slavery were large slave owners and operated extensive plantations in this section of Alabama. Mr. King attended the public schools and early in life turned his attention to the lumber industry and worked in the mills from 1882 until 1898. He knows intimately and thoroughly every branch of the lumber business from the forest stumpage to the delivery of the finished product.

For three years he was connected with the Hugo-Forcheimer Lumber Company, engaged in export trade, and then engaged in business for himself. After that he became identified with the George W. Smyth Lumber Company for a few years before forming his present connection with the A. L. Carter Lumber Company. Some years ago Mr. King lost his right arm in an accident in the mills.

Mr. King was married at Beaumont, in 1887, to Miss Lelia Weber, daughter of R. M. and Filonia (Lewis) Weber. They have four sons and one daughter, W. C., C. L., R. W., H. S. and Stella Kathleene. The family home is at 2108 South Neches Street.

Always taking an active interest in civic affairs, Mr. King is a member of the Beaumont Lions Club and is president of the local organization of the Hoo Hoos. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias and Woodmen of the World and is a steward of the First Methodist Church of Beaumont. Besides his lumber interests, Mr. King owns some valuable business properties and is the present of the Beaumont Sash and Door Company, which he organized and which has one of the largest plants of its kind in this section.

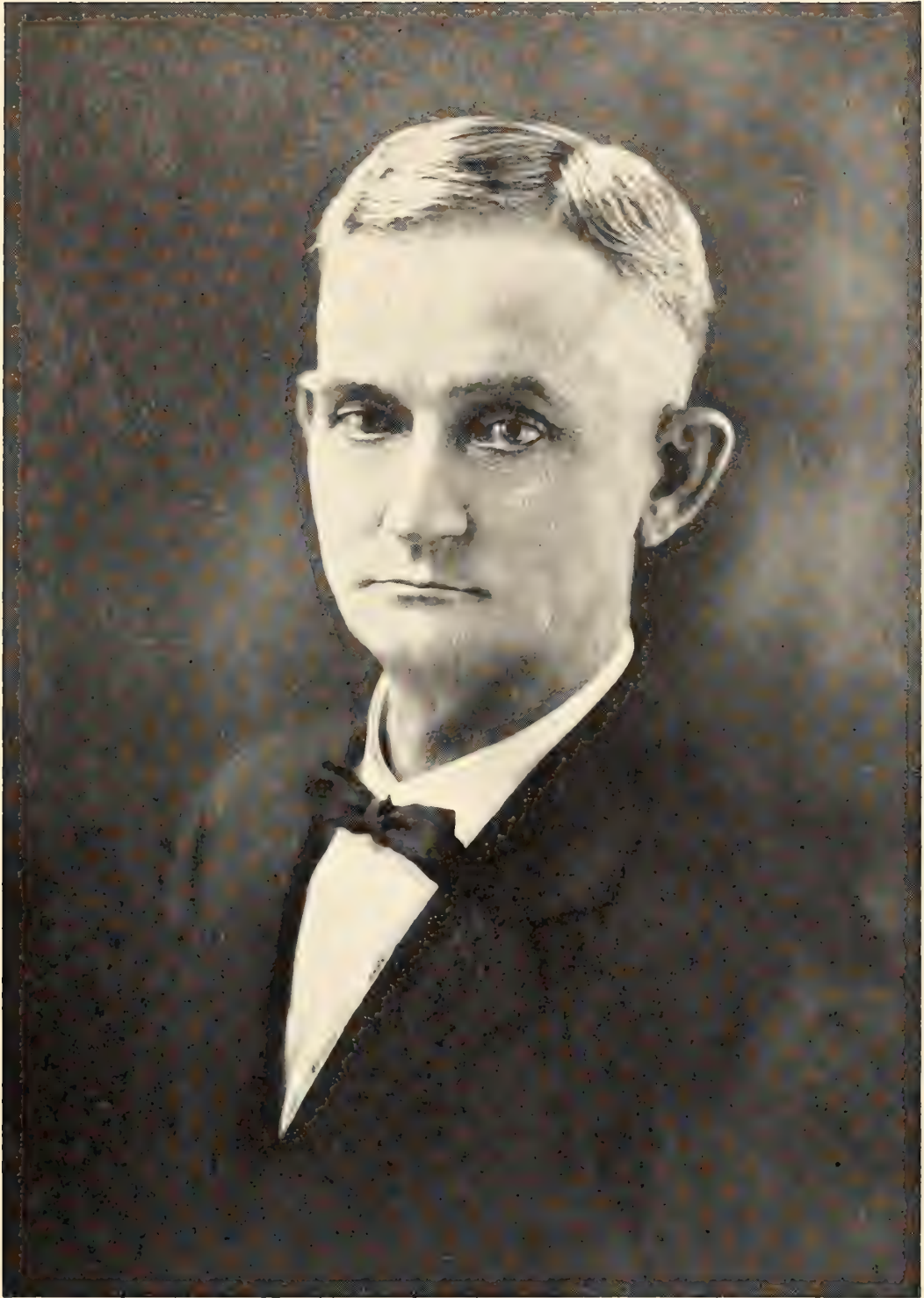
An active and aggressive business man and a citizen of the progressive type, Mr. King has always been ready to lend his aid to any movement for the upbuilding of Beaumont.



**THOMAS H. GARNER** of Beaumont, Texas, has had a wide and varied career, which he began as a cowboy on the broad western plains, which at that time stretched for hundreds of miles over an empire of open cattle ranges. Mr. Garner is sheriff of Jefferson County, having been elected to that important office for the first time in 1916, and has been elected by large majorities each consecutive time since that date. It is conceded that Mr. Garner is the most efficient sheriff who has ever served the interests of Jefferson County. The county jail, which is under the supervision of the sheriff, has a capacity of eighty people, and he has fourteen loyal deputies on his staff. Mr. Garner has accomplished much during his incumbency in the sheriff's office toward making the jail a place that is sanitary, and in giving humane treatment to prisoners. The feeding of the prisoners is under the jurisdiction of the sheriff, and he sees that good, wholesome food is given to these unfortunates. While the days of "the bad man" in Texas are only a matter of history, yet Mr. Garner has had experiences which required a nerve of steel, a keen eye and quick thought and action. His office is in the court house at Beaumont. As a boy Mr. Garner began following the cattle range from Colorado County to El Paso, Texas, and followed the herds throughout West Texas. He later engaged in the lumber business in Colorado County and remained in this line of endeavor until he removed to Jefferson County and engaged in rice farming in 1900. He continued as a rice farmer until he was elected to the office of sheriff, although his residence has been in Beaumont during practically all the time he has resided in this county.

A native Texan, Mr. Garner was born in Lavaca County on December 11th, 1871. His father, William Garner (now deceased), came to Texas from Tennessee in 1842, and settled first in Colorado County, but later removed to Lavaca County, where he was engaged in farming and stock raising all his life. His mother was Miss Agnes Seymour, a native of Virginia, but was brought to Texas by her parents in 1851, and was reared and educated in Colorado County. She is now a resident of Colorado County. Mr. Garner's opportunities for securing an education were limited and the liberal education which he obtained was entirely through self help.

Mr. Garner was married in Colorado County, Texas, in 1897, to Miss Tillie Gegeneworth, a native of Colorado County and a member of a pioneer Texas family. They have four children—Cassie, now the wife of W. C. Sweet of Dallas; Irene, now the wife of L. C. Hurst of Longview, Texas; Bill, who is a high school student in this city, and Joe, who is attending the public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Garner reside at 1757 Victoria Street. Mr. Garner assists his city and county in every way possible, both as an officer and a private citizen. He is interested in all matters having to do with the progress and advancement of Beaumont, and gives liberally of his time and means to further any project for the betterment of his city. Mr. Garner is a man of sound judgment, fully competent to manage the position he holds and the responsibilities involved. Throughout his regime in the office of sheriff of Jefferson County, which has been one of great accomplishment, he has at all times stood for the interests of the people.



*W. King*





*J. R. Edwards*



**R. EDMONDS**, for a decade and half a factor in the business and financial world at Beaumont, is known as an expert on credits and loans, and his establishment of an investment company in keeping with the principles of the Russell Sage Foundation has done much to eradicate loan evils in this city. Mr. Edmonds is the president of the Industrial Investment Company, of Beaumont, which he founded in December, 1921, and which has been in successful operation since that time. This investment company makes loans principally to working people, operating under a system that has greatly reduced the charges on small loans and is a member of the Industrial Money Lenders Association of America. The company is incorporated and has over three hundred stockholders, and more than one thousand borrowers. The company is well and carefully managed, and the stockholders are earning better than ten per cent on their investment. The offices are in the V. Wiess Building, and the directors are J. R. Edmonds, J. D. Hensley, H. A. McDonald, Mrs. Rex Harris, Bryan H. Kyger, Dr. W. E. Tatum and L. W. King. The officers are J. R. Edmonds, president; Dr. W. E. Tatum, first vice president; H. A. McDonald, second vice president; J. D. Hensley, secretary, and Mrs. Rex Harris, treasurer.

Mr. Edmonds was born in Palo Pinto County, Texas, the twenty-fifth of November, 1879, the son of F. G. Edmonds, a native of Missouri, who came to Palo Pinto County many years ago and was a school teacher and farmer, and Willie Hall Edmonds, also a native of Tennessee. Mr. Edmonds was educated in the public schools of Palo Pinto County, graduating from high school, after which he went to Waco, where he took a commercial course preparatory to entering the business world. He engaged in general office work and in bookkeeping, until 1912, when he entered the insurance business, writing life insurance until 1916. In that year he went with the Caffall Carriage Company, at Beaumont, remaining with that firm until 1921, when he resigned, as vice president and general manager, to organize the Industrial Investment Company, of which he has since been president.

Mr. Edmonds was married in Trinity County, in 1901, to Miss Rose Longino, daughter of R. L. Longino, a stockman, farmer and land owner of that section, and Julia Longino. Mr. and Mrs. Edmonds have three children, a son, Raymond, and two daughters, Marjorie and Mabel, who are graduates of Baylor University. Mr. Edmonds is a member of the Lions Club, the Y. M. C. A. and with his family attends the Baptist Church. Mr. Edmonds' work along the lines of industrial loans has been far reaching in effect and is not only alleviating the loan shark evil, but has done much to improve the conditions of working people and has been of lasting benefit to them.



**SILAS GARY BURNETT** for more than two decades has been a factor in the commercial development of Beaumont, giving his time to the advancement of the laundry industry, and is one of the most progressive laundryowners in the Lone Star State. Mr. Burnett is president, treasurer and manager of the Ineeda Laundry, Incorporated, at Beaumont, a company organized in 1901 by Mr. Burnett, and Trimble Brothers,

formerly of Galveston. From a small beginning, the laundry has grown consistently, expanding to meet increased demands for laundry service, and is now the largest laundry at Beaumont. The plant, located at 230 Main Street, is modern in every way, meeting the demands for family washing in a superior way, and rendering the housewives of Beaumont a service in this respect that cannot be excelled. Mr. Burnett is a pioneer in the offering of a complete family service to his patrons, and through advertising, the distribution of educational literature, and in other ways, has done much to popularize this service, and has built a profitable, complete family wash department, offering a choice of four services. The Ineeda Laundry was the third in the United States to install a Nuway Family Washing plant, a system that they have since operated successfully and that has been a factor in the building up of the family wash department. The plant is now one of around sixty operating in the United States with this equipment, and Mr. Burnett has done much work along educational lines, making talks before the laundry owners at conventions, and in other ways, to encourage the development of this family washing system. He also has a large and complete cleaning and dyeing department. Mr. Burnett employs a force of around a hundred operatives in his plant, all working under ideal conditions. A fleet of thirteen trucks cover Beaumont, Port Arthur and Orange and Liberty and in addition to this a large shipping and parcel post business is handled. The entire plant is a monument to the foresight of Mr. Burnett, and as an industrial unit to which Beaumont may well point with pride. Other officers of the Ineeda Laundry, Inc., in addition to Mr. Burnett, the president and treasurer, are George R. Ibert, vice president, secretary and superintendent.

Mr. Burnett was born at Galveston, the seventh day of May, 1869, the son of S. F. and Mary E. Burnett. He was educated in the schools of Crockett and Galveston, and engaged in clerical work until coming to Beaumont, in May, 1901. Shortly after his arrival in the city he organized the Ineeda Laundry, Inc., which he has since operated.

Mr. Burnett was married at Beaumont, to Miss Rosa Duke Watts, daughter of Judge A. T. Watts of Dallas. They have two children, Silas G., Jr. and Mary Ellen, and reside at 1910 Franklin Street. Mr. Burnett is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and a former president of that organization. He belongs to the Beaumont Club, the Beaumont Country Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the Lions Club, and fraternally is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Burnett was instrumental in introducing the Somers system of taxation in Beaumont in 1912 and now general throughout the county. He has been very active in all civic matters, and served as alderman of the Third Ward for six years. He also takes a deep interest in educational work and was at one time a member of the school board for many years. Mr. Burnett is a business man whose sound and constructive policies have influenced the prosperity of his city, and is one of the best known laundry owners of the Lone Star State. He is also interested in rice culture, owning three rice farms, totaling more than 1100 acres, in this part of the state.





**C. RIGGS**, pioneer merchant of Beaumont, and for about a quarter of a century associated with the prosperity of this city, is one of the most highly esteemed men in his community, and has given his time not alone to his private business interests, but to the advancement of the city. Mr. Riggs is president, manager and principal stock holders of the Riggs Furniture Company, a business established in February, 1922, and one of the leading furniture stores in the city. The business is well located, occupying a modern, two story structure, on a prominent corner, and with frontage of eighty feet. The store is well and attractively arranged, and the stock shows great care in its selection. Everything for the furnishing of a complete home is to be found at the Riggs Furniture Store, and the range of prices suits every purse. While the Riggs Furniture Company handles a retail trade to a large extent, they also do some wholesale business. The store is located at 702 Orleans Street.

Mr. Riggs was born near Ratcliff, Arkansas, the seventeenth of March, 1869, the son of E. J. Riggs, a native of Alabama, and a blacksmith by trade. Mr. Riggs received his education through high school at Hallettsville, Texas. He rounded out his education with a course at business college at Waco, Texas, and spent the following year and a half as clerk in a grocery store. This was followed by some time in the office of a general mercantile store, after which, in 1890, he went with the Hooks Lumber Company, and was with that firm for five and a half years. The next three years he taught in a business college, coming to Beaumont in 1899, and opening a business college here, which he conducted for a year and a half. In 1900 he went in the furniture business with B. Deutser, establishing a retail furniture store which he conducted until 1921, when he sold his interest. At that time he was vice president and treasurer of the company. He then opened his present store.

Mr. Riggs was married in Hardin County, Texas, in 1891, to Miss Lottie Chance, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chance. Mr. Chance was well known in the Lone Star State as a lumberman. Mr. and Mrs. Riggs have for many years taken an active part in the social life of the community, their home, at 2195 Magnolia Avenue, being known for its hospitality. They have five children, H. P. Riggs, in the furniture business with is father, L. W. Riggs; Miss Ida Mae Riggs, C. A. Riggs, and T. C. Riggs Jr., also with his father. Mr. Riggs is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and is a Mason, York Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. In addition to the furniture business, in which he is a veteran, Mr. Riggs is vice president of the San Bernard Oil Company, secretary of the Duke Hotel Company, and a director in the Security Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Riggs has always been greatly interested in the development of Beaumont, and has done much to forward its advancement along commercial and civic lines.

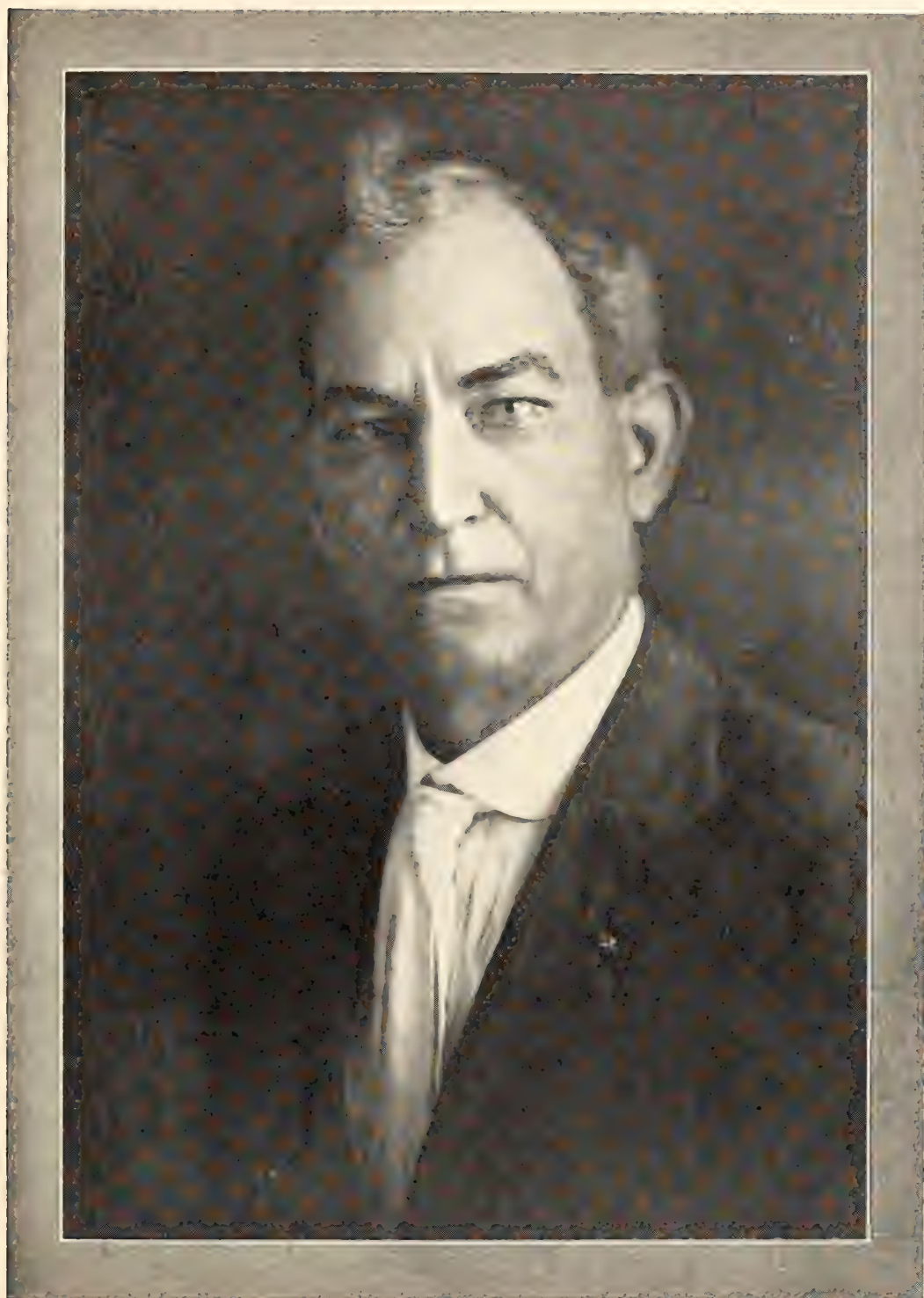


**FRANK LUCIEN SHEEKS** for nearly a quarter of a century has been an outstanding figure in the railroad world at Beaumont, and is one of the pioneer railroad men of the Lone Star State, having been associated with transportation affairs for almost a half of a century.

Mr. Sheeks is division freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific Lines, a position he has held since 1912, and wherein he has made an exceptional record. Since coming with this line nearly half a century ago, Mr. Sheeks has watched the development of the transportation system of the country, with the consequent results of extension of trade and increased prosperity, until the United States has one of the highest developed and best controlled railroad organizations in the world. He is a traffic expert, an authority on railroads, their rates and services, and is one of the best informed railroad men in Beaumont. Mr. Sheeks is also interested in commercial and financial enterprises here, and is a director of the Texas National Bank and of the San Jacinto Life Insurance Company, and owns city property in Beaumont.

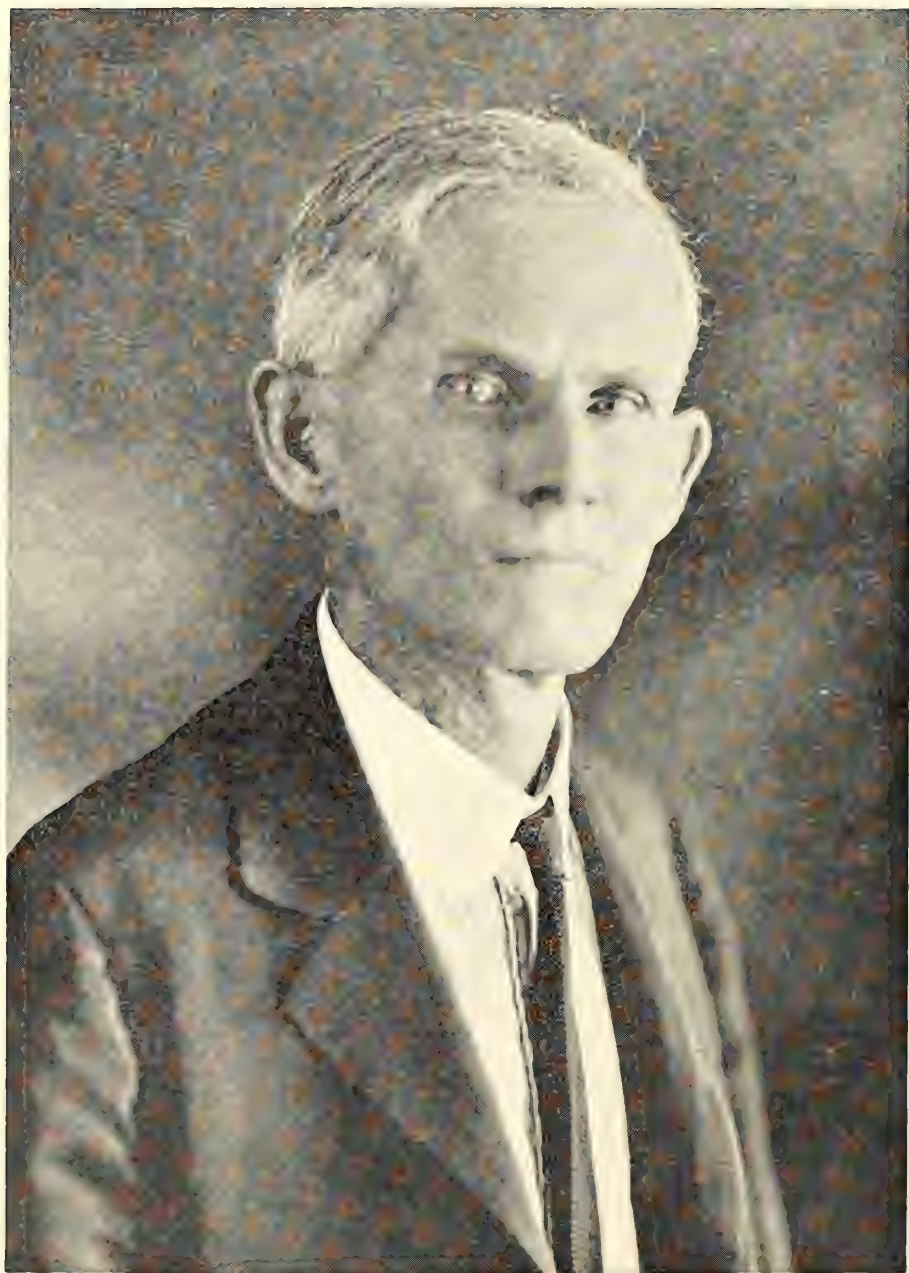
Frank Lucien Sheeks was born at Milledgeville, Indiana, the fourteenth of December, 1860, the son of Sampson and Rebecca Sheeks, for many years residents of that state. As a boy he attended the country schools of his native state, and after leaving school came to Texas, in 1878. This date also marks his entrance in the railroad world, and in that year he went with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. During the years that followed, he served in all the various departments, applying himself diligently to acquiring the principles of railroad operation, and equipping himself to hold an executive position. He was in the ticket office, and later was dispatcher, cashier and city ticket agent. He spent eight years in Sherman, where he was freight agent for the Houston and Texas Central, a branch of the Southern Pacific Lines. In 1902 he came to Beaumont as local freight and passenger agent, a position he held for the ensuing decade, when he was made division freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific Railroad Lines, with a large and important territory under his jurisdiction. Mr. Sheeks has throughout his railroad career been popular with the employees and men higher up, alike, winning the approval of all by his strict adherence to duty and his interest in transportation matters. His present important position has been attained entirely through his own efforts, and in recognition of his merit, and he directs traffic affairs over a wide territory with an assurance and knowledge of the work that has come from his years of experience.

Mr. Sheeks was married at Topeka, Kansas, in 1884, to Miss Allie Biddle, daughter of Abram Jones Biddle, a farmer and land owner of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Sheeks removed to Beaumont in 1902, when Mr. Sheeks' duties demanded his presence in this city and have since made Beaumont their home, taking an active part in the social life of the community. They have for many years resided at 1435 Broadway. They have a family of three children, two sons, Charles Biddle Sheeks, secretary and treasurer of the Beaumont Iron Works, one of the important industrial enterprises of Beaumont, and Daffan Paul Sheeks, vice president of the First National Bank of Port Arthur, and a resident of that city, and a daughter, Mrs. Helen Sheeks Muery, who lives at Beaumont. Mr. Sheeks is active in fraternal work, belonging to the Knights of Pythias, the Woodmen of the World, and the Elks. He belongs to the Rotary Club and the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, and is especially interested in the advancement of Beaumont along progressive lines. He



J. C. Higgs





*G. W. Hooks*

has made himself a substantial, public-spirited resident of this city, investing in business enterprises here, and contributing to every civic movement, and in other ways showing his interest in the welfare of the city.

**G**EORGE WASHINGTON HOOKS for the past decade has been one of the progressive residents of Beaumont, and as a realtor has taken an active part in the development of this city. Mr. Hooks is half owner of the realty firm of Hooks Realty Company, and is associated with his brother, J. L. Hooks, in this business. The firm has their offices in the Gilbert Building, and handle a general real estate business, looking after the interests of their many clients in an efficient and satisfactory manner. Mr. Hooks has also engaged in oil operations, acquiring properties and drilling in unproven territory, and has been very successful in this field of operation, bringing in a number of producing wells. He is president of the Apex Oil and Gas Company, and secretary and treasurer of the Texla Coastal Oil Company. Mr. Hooks also has interests in the various coastal fields, and is well and favorably known to the oil fraternity.

Mr. Hooks was born in Hardin County, the twenty-third of August, 1862, the son of William Hooks, a farmer and stockman, and Martha Hooks. He attended the schools of Hardin County and later the University at Georgetown for one year, after which he entered on his business career. He operated a drug store for four years, at which time he bought a saw mill, which he ran for eight years. He then became interested in the oil business, and in 1901 went to Saratoga, where he and his associates drilled the first producing well in that field, which came in for seven hundred barrels a day, and in which the first strainer was ever used in the coastal fields. Mr. Hooks has since operated in Sour Lake, at Vinton, Louisiana, and at Edgerly, Louisiana, bringing in the first well at each of the two last named places. He has land holdings in Hardin and Liberty Counties, and planted the first real fig orchard in Southeast Texas, in 1895.

Mr. Hooks was married at Beaumont, in 1885, to Miss Maggie Wiess, daughter of Napoleon and Cynthia Wiess. Captain Wiess was captain of a steamboat on the Neches River, and well known in navigation circles. Mr. and Mrs. Hooks have six children, Mrs. F. H. Patrick, Wiess Hooks, Edison Hooks, Mrs. J. H. Bertrees, William Hooks and Georgie Hooks, and reside at 2595 Linson Avenue. Mr. Hooks has made many friends, both as a business man, and as an oil operator, and few residents of Beaumont are held in higher esteem.

**J**OHN THOMAS BOOTH, whose name for around two decades and upward has been of significance in the business world at Beaumont, as a manufacturer has had a direct influence on the prosperity and advancement of the city, and has also done his share of public duties, serving as a public official, and taking an active part in all civic development. Mr. Booth is the owner of the Booth Cement Tile Roofing Company, a business he established more than a decade ago, and which has since been one of the important industries of the city. Mr. Booth manufactures concrete tile roofing, and since the estab-

lishment of this business has roofed over seven hundred Beaumont houses with Booth Tile Roofs. He was the first in the city to begin the manufacture of this exceptionally durable and satisfactory roofing, and has since engaged in its production, using patented machinery, and occupying a fine and modern plant. A force of around fifteen employees are engaged in making the roofing, and this force is being increased as trade demands suggest. Mr. Booth also has one of the largest and best sheet metal plants in the city, established here in 1901. Mr. Booth makes all kinds of sheet metal work, including roofing, and executes special orders. He has supplied the sheet metal work on many of the large buildings at Beaumont, and is equipped to handle any order, large or small. The plant is located at 990 Fannin Street, and has all modern equipment, with special machines for every operation, and turns out only the highest class work. A force of ten employees work in this department, all skilled metal workers. The two plants, the one turning out concrete tile roofing, and the other sheet metal products, are among the important industries at Beaumont, and have supplied a steady demand in this city for these products.

Mr. Booth was born at Morley in Scott County, Missouri, on the eighteenth day of July, 1872, the son of K. W. and Harriett Booth. His father was a contractor and builder of Kansas, and later moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, in 1877. Mr. Booth was educated in the schools at Little Rock, and made that city his home until 1891, when he came to Galveston, establishing a sheet metal manufacturing business in that city. He remained there until 1901, when he made the decision to remove his plant to Beaumont, which city he felt offered a broad business opportunity in this field. He came here in 1901, establishing his business here at the same time, and has since built up a large and prosperous industrial concern. The concrete tile roofing business is of later origin, having been added to the first business in 1912.

Mr. Booth was married at Galveston, in 1895, to Miss Katie Hogan, the daughter of J. F. Hogan, a contractor of Galveston. Mr. and Mrs. Booth have a family of five children, three sons—Thomas Eugene Booth, who is associated with his father in the sheet metal and concrete tile roofing business; Jack Warren Booth, a driller, and active in oil development work, and George Booth, also of Beaumont, and two daughters, Mrs. Juanita Booth Splawn, and Miss Cathrene Booth. The family resides at 2218 South Neches Street. Mr. Booth has taken an active part in public life at Beaumont, and served for nine years as alderman, making a record for the many progressive movements he sponsored, and serving as mayor pro tem for three years, during which time he administered the municipal affairs of the city in a highly efficient and commendable manner. He is a member of the Rotary Club and the Beaumont Club, and is active in fraternity work, belonging to the Elks, the Woodmen of the World, the Knights of Pythias, and the Masons, York Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Booth has been a leader in all development work at Beaumont since he came here to make the city his home, and has taken an active part in the upbuilding of the city. He has many friends here, who regard him as a thoroughly public spirited citizen.



**M**G. THAMES, whose activities for the past two decades have identified him with the city of Beaumont, has engaged in the drug business here during that time, and has taken an active part in the commercial life of the city. Mr. Thames owns the majority of the stock of the Thames Drug Company, Incorporated, operating one of the larger drug stores of the city, at 565-567 Pearl Street. This business was established in 1912 by Mr. Thames, and he has since taken an active part in the management of the business. The store is well arranged and equipped, and has one of the finest fountains in the city. A large retail business, with a smaller volume of wholesale business, is handled, and the store has met with a gratifying success. Mr. Thames has a force of around fifteen employees, and personally supervises the operation of the business. J. P. Gudger, of Fort Worth, is the other stockholder. Mr. Thames also owns Thames Drug Store, No. 2, at 597 College Street.

M. G. Thames was born at Perdue Hill, Alabama, the twenty-ninth of March, 1882. His father, John Thames, for many years in the drug business, was also engaged in farming, and is a landowner in Alabama. Mr. Thames attended the public schools at Brewton, Alabama, graduating from the high school there, after which he entered the Pharmaceutical School, at Mobile, Alabama, where he attended for one year. He came to Texas, in 1902, and was in a drug store in Dallas for a time, later going in the laboratory of the Texas Drug Company in that city. He then came to Beaumont, in 1904, and spent eight years with the Dunlap Drug Company, after which he established his present business, and has so continued to the present time.

Mr. Thames was married at Beaumont, in 1906, to Miss Hester Rouse, daughter of E. Rouse, formerly in the paint business in this city, but now retired. Mr. and Mrs. Thames reside at 1995 Broadway, and have two children, William and Mary Edna. Mr. Thames takes an active part in all civic work and is a member of the city commission. He belongs to the Lions Club, of which he is a past president, and fraternally is a Woodman of the World, a Knight of Pythias and a Blue Lodge Mason.

**E**DGAR JONES has been a resident of Beaumont, Texas, for more than two decades, and is one of the leading merchants of this city. He is president, treasurer and general manager of the Fashion, the most complete woman's store in this part of the state. The Fashion was founded by Mr. Jones in 1909 and his stock of merchandise is among the best here. The Fashion occupies two floors, sixty by eighty feet in size, and sixty complete departments are maintained, which are presided over by more than forty careful and experienced people. The Fashion is handsomely appointed and there is an air of quiet dignity found here. Other officers of the Fashion are Cipora Jones, vice president, and A. Solinsky, active secretary. Mr. Jones has devoted his entire business life to the dry goods business, and began his career as a young man with A. Harris and Company at Dallas and remained with this firm in various departments for two years. After leaving the A. Harris and Company firm, Mr. Jones went to California and was employed in a large department store there. He returned to Texas and during the oil boom in

Beaumont in 1902, he came to this city and became associated with Rosenthal-Deutser Department Store, and remained with this firm, in the various departments for a period of four years. He then went with Carl Reese and organized the Reese-Jones Company, dealers in lady's ready-to-wear, and so continued until 1909, when Mr. Jones established his present store, the Fashion.

A native Texan, Mr. Jones was born at Dallas on February 4th, 1883. His father, J. I. Jones, came to Texas from Tennessee more than seventy years ago, and located first at Dallas and later removed to Paris, Texas, where for many years he was one of the leading merchants of Lamar County and continued in the mercantile business there until his death. His mother was Miss A. Carolina Cullom, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of one of Dallas' most prominent families. Her brothers are among the real builders of the North Texas metropolis, one of them being a member of a well known firm of Cullom and Boren, another the executive head of the Cullom Grocery Company and various other enterprises of Dallas. His education was obtained in the public schools of Paris, Texas.

Mr. Jones was married at Beaumont, Texas, on January 23rd, 1917, to Mrs. Cipora Brown, a native Texan also. Mr. Jones is a member of the Beaumont Club, the Beaumont Country Club and the Harmony Club and is a director of the Security State Bank.

**B**H. WILLIS, for around two decades has been associated with the business world at Beaumont, and is one of the largest teaming contractors in the Lone Star State, establishing a business that has been no small factor in the successful completion of many large ventures in the oil fields. Mr. Willis handles large teaming contracts in oil field work only, doing a large part of his work for the Gulf Production Company and the Gulf Pipe Line Company. He employs a large force of workmen, working around five hundred head of work stock, and handles contracts in the fields of Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas. He maintains his headquarters at Beaumont. Mr. Willis is also actively interested in rice growing, and has had some ten or twelve years experience in this field, cultivating around one thousand acres of rice land annually.

Mr. Willis was born at Woodruff, South Carolina, the twenty-ninth of January, 1881, the son of John L. Willis, a farmer, cattle raiser and landowner of that state, and Rebecca Willis. He was educated in the public schools of Woodruff, and later spent several years on a farm. He then turned his attention to the refinery business, coming to Beaumont, where he spent four years with the refinery which has since become the Magnolia Refinery. He then entered the teaming contracting business, starting with eight teams and growing larger with each passing year until the business has become one of the largest in the country.

Mr. Willis was married at Beaumont, in 1905, to Miss Addie Ola Wells, whose parents died while she was a small girl. They make their home at 253 Seventh Street, and have four children, Rebecca Addie, Martha Ola, Baxter Henry and Sarah Grace. Mr. Willis is a member of the Rotary Club and the Beaumont Country Club. He has a wide acquaintance among the oil men of the state, as well as the busi-



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ness men at Beaumont, and there is associated with his name an integrity and reputation for square dealing that has influenced his entire career. Although Mr. Willis has made fair success as a teaming contractor, it has not come to him without effort, but through a definite understanding of the requirements of this business, a willingness to co-operate with all men, and a fair business ability that has found outlet in his management of the business. He takes a deep interest in the advancement of Beaumont, and is ready to help in any civic movement that has for its aim the development of this city.

**NEAL S. STORTER** of Beaumont, Texas, went to sea as a boy and since that time has been engaged in the various branches of the marine industry. Mr. Storter came to Beaumont during the early part of 1922 as district agent of Lykes-Sgitcovich Joint Steamship Agency, with offices at 503-5 San Jacinto Building, and has been since that time a factor in the business and shipping circles of this city. Lykes Brothers Steamship Company, Inc. are owners and operators of ships and S. Sgitcovich and Company are steamship agents and operators, and Mr. Storter is the district agent for these companies in the Sabine district. Forty ships are operated by these two companies, in the handling of export and import business to and from all ports and countries in the world. Lykes-Sgitcovich are one of the largest shippers in the Beaumont territory and are doing a large business here, which has been built up to this standard through the efforts of Mr. Storter since he came here as the representative of these companies. Mr. Storter, from very early childhood, had a liking for the water, and in 1912 went to sea as master of a coastal vessel, and remained in this position practically all the time until 1919, and during a portion of this period, he owned a coastwise freight and passenger vessel. From July 1st, 1918, to May 1st, 1919, Mr. Storter was engaged in teaching navigation for the United States government to officers in training. From May 1st, 1919, to November 1st, 1919, he was master of the steamer City of Philadelphia in the trading business and making trips to Cuba. During the last of 1919, he became associated with Lykes Bros. at Galveston as a port captain, and remained in this position until opening offices here for the two companies which he represents as district agent.

Mr. Storter was born at Everglade, Florida, on October 3rd, 1890. His father, George W. Storter, came to Florida in 1887, where he was engaged in farming, merchandising, ship and boat building, and was a large land owner in Florida. His mother was Miss Nannie Watterson, a member of a well known family of Florida. Mr. Storter's education was obtained at the University of Florida, which he attended for a period of five years, and graduated from this institution in the class of 1912 with the B. S. degree in electrical engineering.

Mr. Storter was married in Florida in 1915 to Miss Bettie Knight, a daughter of Thomas Knight, one of the pioneer settlers of Florida, where he was engaged in the cattle business on a large scale. They have one child, George William Storter, three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Storter reside at 2424 Liberty Street. Mr. Storter is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order and is a member

of El Mina Temple Shrine of Galveston. He is also a member of the Rotary Club, and takes an active interest in this organization. The years of practical experience which Mr. Storter has had on the water, with ships and shipping qualifies him for the responsible position he holds with the two companies here. Mr. Storter has varied shipping interests here and elsewhere, and is vitally interested in the Lykes-Sgitcovich Joint Steamship Agency, which is destined to become one of the largest institutions of its kind in South Texas. Mr. Storter is popular in the business and social circles of Beaumont and over the country, where he has a host of friends, and is regarded as one of the most progressive men engaged in his line of activity.

**J. LOEW**, for more than a decade has been a resident of Beaumont, and is a prime factor in the drug trade in this city, and has also taken an active part in the civic development of the community. Mr. Loew is the owner of Loew's Drug Store, one of the finest suburban drug stores in the city, which he established in November, 1916. The store is located in one of the best residence sections of the city, at the corner of Orange and Franklin Streets. The building, fronting one hundred feet on Orange, and three hundred feet on Franklin, and one of the most attractive suburban commercial buildings in the city, is owned by Mr. Loew, who, in addition to occupying a section of the building himself, rents to three other business concerns the modern store rooms the building affords. Above the stores attractive apartments have been arranged, and Mr. Loew makes his home there. The drug store has a very complete stock, including the better known products, and the interior of the store is attractively arranged, the best fixtures and equipment being used throughout. Since the opening of this store Mr. Loew has done a constantly increasing business and has made an unusual success of the venture, which was started as a small suburban drug store.

Mr. Loew was born near Milwaukee, the twenty-second of July, 1877, the son of Edward Loew, a farmer and land owner of that section, and Mrs. Ella Loew. He was educated in the public schools of Milwaukee, graduating from the high school there, after which he engaged in the drug business in that city for seven years. He then went to Racine, Wisconsin, spending two years in the drug business there, and later removing to Wantoma, Wisconsin, where he opened a store which he operated for the ensuing eight years. He came to Texas in 1910, and after a year in Houston, came to Beaumont, in 1911. He was with the Post Office Drug Store two years, and with the Keith Drug Store a like period, after which he spent a year at Orange, with the Houston Drug Company. He then returned to Beaumont and established his present business.

Mr. Loew was married at Racine, Wisconsin, in 1900, to Miss Nellie Dunk. They have two children—Gilbert E. and Frances. Mrs. Loew has taken a great interest in the development of the drug business and has been a factor in the success of the store here. She has in many ways assisted Mr. Loew in the operation of the store, and is a business woman of high calibre. Mr. Loew is a Master Mason, and is active in civic work. His success in the business world has won him the esteem of all who know him, and he has many friends at Beaumont.



## MEN OF TEXAS

**S**OL E. GORDON, attorney at law of Beaumont, Texas, has practiced before the Texas Bar for more than a score of years and is recognized as one of the leaders of his profession. Mr. Gordon is the senior member of the firm of Gordon, Lawhon and Davidson, one of the strong law firms of Southwest Texas, and is engaged in a general civil practice. This firm was established in 1922, and is composed of Mr. Gordon, I. W. Lawhon, and Judge W. H. Davidson. From 1920 to 1922 the firm was Gordon, Lawhon and Pool. Mr. Samuel Sharfstein is associated with the firm, whose offices are located at 231-35 Perlstein Building. After receiving his degree from the University of Texas, Mr. Gordon returned to Beaumont and began the practice of his profession in his home city, and has been associated as a partner with such representative lawyers as Hugh Jackson, John M. Conley, G. P. Dougherty, and A. D. Lipscomb. These men were his partners at different times, and at intervals, he practiced alone. He has been identified with important litigation that has had far reaching effect. He was attorney for the plaintiff in the State of Texas vs. Motion Pictures, General Film Company, et al. This case was disposed of in 1913 and involved the Texas Anti Trust law. It was a civil action for penalties and the defendants confessed judgment. This case which was filed in Beaumont along with a federal action in Philadelphia broke up the moving picture trust and gave the independents a chance and made for a great development of the industry. Mr. Gordon has since that time become interested in the motion picture business and is chairman of the board of directors of the Jefferson Amusement Company, that operates four theatres in Beaumont, seven in Port Arthur and one in Orange. His company is to erect the finest theatre building in Texas at a cost of \$750,000.00 and will be located on Fannin Street next to the Beaumont Hotel. The company was organized by Mr. Gordon and associates in 1918. J. C. Clemmons is president and manager.

A native Texan, Mr. Gordon was born at Beaumont on January 28th, 1884. His father, the late I. Gordon, was a native of Poland and came to the United States as a young man and settled first at Houston, but later removed to Beaumont, where he engaged in the mercantile business. Mr. I. Gordon and his brother, H. O. Gordon, came to America together, and both settled in Houston, and both later came to Beaumont. Mr. Gordon's early education was obtained in the public schools of Beaumont, after which he attended the A. and M. College of Texas, where he pursued a civil engineering course. He then entered the law department of the University of Texas, and graduated in 1904 with the LL. B. Degree.

Mr. Gordon was married at Waco, Texas, on June 9th, 1909, to Miss Pauline Mayer, a native Texan and a member of a pioneer family of Central Texas. They have two children, Julius Mayer and Beverly. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon reside at 2140 Calder Avenue. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M., Beaumont, is a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and is a member of El Mina Temple Shrine of Galveston. He is also a member of the B. P. O. E., the Beaumont and Beaumont Country Clubs.

Mr. Gordon has during his long period of practice in Beaumont, handled many noteworthy cases,

and his career as an attorney has been uniformly brilliant and successful. He is active in all civic societies of the city, and is always one of the first to give his time and means to any project for the betterment of his city, where he is regarded as one of the able counselors and progressive citizens.

**A**NDREW J. KAULBACH has been identified with the commercial advancement of Beaumont for around two decades, during this time establishing the reputation of an expert in the manufacture and sale of lumber, and taking a prominent place among the lumbermen of the city. Mr. Kaulbach is a member of the firm of Kaulbach-Sprouse Lumber Company, one of the leading lumber brokerage firms of the city. This company was established in January, 1923, and since that time has built up a very large business, giving special attention to selling lumber for export. The firm handles yellow pine, hardwood and shingles in car load lots only. The Kaulbach-Sprouse Lumber Company maintains offices in the Gilbert Building. Wallace E. Sprouse, also a well known lumberman, is the other member of the firm.

Andrew J. Kaulbach was born at La Grange, Texas, the twenty-first of February, 1884, the son of Henry B. Kaulbach, a real estate and insurance man, and Julia Kaulbach. He received his early education in the public schools near his home and after finishing high school entered the University of Texas, where he spent four years, taking the B. A. degree in 1902. He then went to Bay City, where he went in the retail lumber business, spending three years there. He came to Beaumont at the expiration of that time, in 1905, and was with the Sabine Tram Company for one year, after which he went with the Nona Mills Company, remaining with that organization for seventeen years, leaving as general sales manager to organize his present company.

Mr. Kaulbach was married at La Grange, in 1905, to Miss Lou M. Holman, daughter of Natt Holman, a farmer and land owner of that section. Mr. and Mrs. Kaulbach have made their home in Beaumont since their marriage, residing at 2210 North Street. They have two children, Helen M. and Andrew J. Jr. Mr. Kaulbach is a member of the Beaumont Country Club, the Beaumont Club, the Rotary Club, the Round Table Club, of which he is past president, and the Hoo Hoos, an organization composed of lumbermen and of which he is a past president. He is affiliated with the Masonic and Knights of Pythias orders, and takes an active part in all civic affairs, taking a deep interest in the advancement of Beaumont.

**C**HARLES BIDDLE SHEEKS came to Beaumont, Texas, in 1902 and since that time has been active in the business circles of this city. In 1914, he became secretary and treasurer of the Beaumont Iron Works Company, one of the largest concerns of its kind in this portion of the country. Mr. Sheeks is an expert accountant and all around business man, having had several years' experience along many lines of endeavor. Mr. Lee J. Black is the president and manager of the Beaumont Iron Works Company and Mr. J. E. Swindler, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is vice president. The offices of the company are located at 360 Avenue A. Mr. Sheeks started his business



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career in railroad work at Sherman, Texas, where for four years he held various positions in the clerical department. He later became associated with the Sabine Tram Company, and still later with the Smith Lumber Company, and remained with the latter company until becoming an official of the Beaumont Iron Works Company.

A native Texan, Mr. Sheeks was born at Kosse on May 8th, 1885. His father was F. L. Sheeks. His early education was obtained in the public schools at Mexia, Texas, after which he became a student of Austin College, at Sherman, Texas, and later took special business courses.

Mr. Sheeks was married in Indiana, in 1908, to Miss Verna Burnside, a native of Indiana and a daughter of A. P. Burnside, a large land owner and farmer, but retired from active business pursuits. They have three children, Dorothy, thirteen years of age; Dundee, aged ten years, and Katherine, six years old. Mr. and Mrs. Sheeks reside at 2494 Broadway. Mr. Sheeks is a member of the B. P. O. E., in which he takes an active interest. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Sheeks is popular in the business and social circles of Beaumont, where he has a host of friends. He is a man of sound judgment, fully competent to take care of the position he holds and the responsibilities involved, and has been successful during the decade with this company, where he has been directly and continuously associated with the principals of the company in the administration of the business.



**WILLIAM E. HOLLAND**, whose name for around a quarter of a century has been of special significance in advertising circles at Beaumont, has attained a high reputation in the field of poster advertising, to which he limits his work. Mr. Holland is the owner of the Holland Advertising Service, which he established in 1901, and which has largely influenced the trend of advertising in this city since its organization. Mr. Holland's is the only firm in this city handling poster advertising, and it has been due chiefly to his efforts that this form of advertising has assumed its present importance in Beaumont. Mr. Holland handles all national and local poster advertising here, and has an imposing list of clients. He has at present around seven hundred poster panels in Beaumont, and is doing an exceptionally large volume of business. His plant, located at Laurel and Center Streets, represents an investment of around forty thousand dollars.

Mr. Holland was born at Atlanta, Georgia, the sixteenth of January, 1872, the son of L. G. Holland, a merchant of that state. He attended the public schools of Atlanta, graduating from the high school there, and spent the ensuing fourteen years in the blacksmith shops of various railroads. He came to Beaumont in 1901, at the time the first well came in at Spindle Top, as he owned ten acres of land near the well. After the discovery of oil he sold this land and started his present business, which has been very successful, and has brought him general recognition in the advertising world.

Mr. Holland was married at Memphis, Tennessee, in 1890, to Miss Minnie Booth, and one child, Clarence B. Holland, was born to this union. Mr. Holland was married a second time to Miss Inez Burnett in 1918, at Beaumont, and they have two children, Harriotte and Willyane Ernestine, and they

reside at 1351 Liberty Street. Mr. Holland is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, one of the directors of the Young Men's Business League, and is vice president of the Kiwanis Club. Fraternally he is a Knight of Pythias. He has throughout his residence at Beaumont been active in all civic work, contributing generously of his time and means for the advancement of the city.



**AUGUSTINE BABIN** for more than three decades has been a factor in building activities at Beaumont, and has been held in high esteem for his work in this connection, and for his activities in the civic and business life of the community. Mr. Babin is one of the leading architects in the city. His business is of a general nature, and he gives careful attention to fine residence work, business structures, and public buildings. The quality of the work done by Mr. Babin is of recognized superiority, and there has ever been associated with his name an integrity and reputation for square dealing that has won him many contracts, even when he was the highest bidder. Mr. Babin has his offices in the Blanchette Estate Building, and has done architectural work exclusively for more than a decade, prior to that handling a general contracting and building business. As an architect he personally supervises every detail of construction, and all residence business and public buildings he has planned and executed are marked by modern and distinctive features demonstrating his familiarity with architecture in general, and the trend of the architecture of the present time.

Mr. Babin was born at Houma, Louisiana, the sixth of December, 1867, son of Homer Babin, and Victorine Navarre Babin. His father was supervisor of plantations and a sugar maker in that state. He came to Texas and remained until his death. Mr. Babin was educated in private schools of his native state, where he attended, and at a time when flood losses had resulted in serious financial loss to the family. Consequently he came to Texas, in 1890, coming to Beaumont, where he established for himself a contracting and building business. Although but a boy of eighteen, whose capital was an eagerness and an aptitude for this line of work, he soon gained the absolute confidence of the public, and was successful from the start. His business grew rapidly, and as financial success came to him he invested in city property and enterprises of a building nature, now holding much property here, as well as being a director of the Security State Bank and Trust Company, and of the Home Building and Loan Association, with which he has been connected for almost two decades. Mr. Babin served for four years on the Wharf and Dock Board, as alderman for four years, and also as mayor pro tem, during the absence of the mayor.

Mr. Babin was married at Beaumont, in 1892, to Miss Lucy Alice Holst, daughter of Oscar Holst, a general merchant of this city. They make their home at 1053 Sabine Pass Avenue. Mr. Babin is a member of the Rotary Club, the Beaumont Club, Country Club and fraternally is a Red Man, and a Knight of Columbus. As a citizen Mr. Babin has given his attention to the highest development of his community, particularly to those things that have to do with the upbuilding and beautification of Beaumont, and few men have done more in this line than he.



**E**DWARD E. EASTHAM, for upwards of three decades one of the leading plumbing and heating contractors of Beaumont, is a business man of sound and constructive policies, and has done much for the industrial and civic advancement of the city. He operates his large plumbing and heating contracting business under his own name and his office display and stock rooms at 356 Fannin Street is housed in a building owned by him. His stock is one of the largest in the city, and is complete in every detail. Mr. Eastham finds his display rooms of distinct advantage, enabling his customers to make selections with greater ease. His business was established in 1894, since which time it has met with a continued growth, and it is the largest in the city. A general plumbing and heating contract business is handled, with special attention to the larger installations. His business is well organized and has none of the haphazard methods that have undermined many plumbing businesses. In Beaumont he has been a leader in the work of educating the public to a proper realization of the importance of correct plumbing, and its relations to public health, and his work in this field has been far reaching. He makes of plumbing an exact science, and is well qualified to speak with authority on any questions concerning plumbing and heating problems and installations. While a large part of the business handled by Mr. Eastham is in Beaumont, he does not limit his territory to this city and has executed many important outside contracts. Among the important installations he has recently completed are the plumbing and heating in the Hotel Beaumont, the San Jacinto Life Building, the Steadman Fruit Company Building, where he also installed the refrigerating plant, the high school building at Orange, and others. He has also made the heating and plumbing installations in the schools and churches of Beaumont, and has for many years given special attention to this class of work.

Mr. Eastham was born at Mansfield, Louisiana, the fourteenth of August, 1871, the son of J. H. and Eliza Pergues Eastham. The family removed to Texas in 1874, going first to San Marcos and later coming to Beaumont, where the elder Mr. Eastham was a tinner and plumber for many years. He also served as mayor of Beaumont, from 1896 to 1902, administering the municipal affairs with a characteristic energy and making many improvements of a public nature. As a boy, Edward E. Eastham attended the public schools of San Marcos, Texas, and after leaving school went with his father, learning the plumbing and tinning craft under him. When the elder Mr. Eastham retired, in 1894, he took over the business, and has since operated it.

Mr. Eastham was married at Beaumont, in 1904, to Miss Lillie Moore, a native of Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Eastham live at 1910 Park Avenue, where they have a very attractive home, and are the parents of one child, Mrs. Gertrude Adkisson. Mr. Eastham is a member of the Beaumont Club, and the Beaumont Country Club, and fraternally is an Elk, a Red Man and a Mason, York and Scottish Rites, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Eastham was for twenty-seven years chief of the Beaumont Fire Department and has been largely instrumental in the advancement of this department. The first ten years that he served the

department was a volunteer department, but due to his untiring work for better fire protection, the department was made a paid one, and a force of men maintained regularly. Since, he has been active in building up the force, and Beaumont can now point with pride to one of the best fire departments in the state. Mr. Eastham has also been active in various business enterprises, and is interested in a number of concerns here, and owns city property. He is vice president of the Neches Finance Corporation, a director of the Beaumont Brick Company and a director in the Hotel Beaumont Operating Company. He is one of the substantial residents of this city who have taken part in its upbuilding.



**P.** DECKER of Beaumont, Texas, has spent the entire business life in the various branches of the saw mill industry and allied lines. Mr. Decker is superintendent of the International Creosoting and Construction Company, which was established in this city in 1898, and has been enlarged several times in order to have room for the increasing business, until it is now one of the largest plants of its kind in the Southwest. The International Creosoting and Construction Company, which has its main office in Galveston, Texas, is for the treating of pine timber, such as telegraph and telephone poles, piling, bridge timbers and all classes of timber to be used on the outside or in exposed places. The plant covers nine acres of ground on the bayou, where they have a large waterfront and are wonderfully located for shipping. They also have a long railroad trackage, as their ground is long strips along the bayou. An average of fifty people are employed at the plant, and thousands of feet of timber are handled daily. Mr. Decker as a young man started his career in a saw mill at Carson, Louisiana, where he remained until coming to Beaumont in 1913, where he entered the employ of the present company as checker in the yards, and during the following year was made superintendent of the large plant at Beaumont, Texas, which has continued to grow under his management until it is now known throughout the country to the people who use the products of such an industry.

Mr. Decker was born at Peoria, Illinois, on July 22nd, 1884. His parents were both natives of that state and well known in Peoria and vicinity, and highly esteemed. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native city.

Mr. Decker was married at Beaumont on May 21st, 1922, to Mrs. Fannie Ethel White Gaines, a native of Arkansas, but was brought to the Lone Star State by her parents as a child, and was reared and educated in this state. Mr. and Mrs. Decker reside at 1018 Liberty Street. Mr. Decker is a member of the Scottish Rite body of the Masonic order, and is a Shriner of El Mina Temple, Galveston, and is also a Knight Templar of the Beaumont Commandery. His affiliation with the A. F. and A. M. is with the Blue Lodge of Beaumont. He is a member of the Young Men's Business League of Beaumont and is active in this organization. Mr. Decker is optimistic as to the future of Beaumont and Southeast Texas, and believes that this portion of the country is entering into an era of great business prosperity along all lines. He is an earnest worker for the advancement and progress of the city of his adoption, and is ambitious for his city and his company, and never loses an opportunity to speak



*Ed. E. Eastham*





*J. D. Brundwell*

a good word in behalf of both. He has made a host of friends in this city, and is popular in both the business and social circles of Beaumont.

**JOHN DAVID BIRDWELL**, well known lumberman and business man, has been identified with the commercial and manufacturing interests of Beaumont for the past fifteen years and is one of the best known citizens of this fast growing Southeast Texas city. Mr. Birdwell is secretary and treasurer of the Gulf Manufacturing and Lumber Company, located at North and Gulf Streets, and was one of the organizers of the concern when the business was established in 1916. Other officers of the company at this time are W. M. Clapp, president, and H. B. Oxford, vice president.

Commencing in a modest way in 1916, the Gulf Manufacturing and Lumber Company in its eight years of existence has grown and expanded until it is today the largest concern of its kind in this portion of the state. It does a general wholesale and retail lumber business and has an exceptionally fine and modern, well equipped plant, prepared to handle the best grade of mill work. An extensive department is devoted to the manufacture of show cases and interior store fixtures. This plant furnished much of the interior work of the Hotel Beaumont and the San Jacinto Life Insurance Company Building.

The plant is located on a tract of three acres lying along the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway and does an annual business running into millions of board feet of lumber. A total of forty men are employed in the various departments and the annual payroll runs into many thousands of dollars.

A native of Texas, Mr. Birdwell was born in Nacogdoches County, on September 23, 1886, a son of J. P. and Cordelia Birdwell. His boyhood was spent on a farm and he attended the public and high schools in Nacogdoches and later took a commercial course at a business college. He has worked in every branch of the lumber business and knows it from every angle. Before removing to Beaumont he had worked in saw mills and was thoroughly posted in the manufacture of lumber. This detailed knowledge of the business has proven invaluable in the development of the sales end.

In 1912 Mr. Birdwell was married at Beaumont to Miss Arthur McFarland, daughter of John McFarland, well known Beaumont merchant and business man. Mr. and Mrs. Birdwell are the parents of three children—Mary Elizabeth, John David, Jr., and William Mack. The family home is at 2278 Liberty Street.

Besides his lumber business Mr. Birdwell is interested in various other enterprises, including the Texas Laundry Company, of which he is vice president, and the Jefferson Drug Company, of which he is a director.

Mr. Birdwell takes an active interest in civic affairs and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Rotary Club and the Round Table Club, of which he is president. He is a communicant of the First Methodist Church and a member of its board of stewards.

An active and energetic business man, Mr. Birdwell combines with executive ability a splendid personality that has aided in no small degree in the development of his business.



**S. REED, JR.**, president of the T. S. Reed Grocery Company, Main and Fannin Streets, is one of the best known of the younger business men of Beaumont and

for many years has been an outstanding figure in the wholesale grocery business of Southeast Texas and Western Louisiana. He has been connected with the large wholesale grocery house established January 1st, 1900, by his father, for nearly a quarter of a century, beginning his career with the opening of the business here on January 1, 1900.

From a modest beginning nearly twenty-five years ago the T. S. Reed Grocery Company has enjoyed a steady and substantial growth until today it is the oldest and largest concern of this kind in Beaumont. Its large establishment at Main and Fannin Streets has sixty-five thousand square feet of floor space and ample switching facilities aid materially in the handling of both inbound and outbound freight.

A large cold storage plant is maintained and the company owns and operates its own coffee roasting plant. Besides staple groceries the company has a large business in fruits and produce.

The expansion of the company during the quarter of a century it has been in existence has necessitated the opening of branch houses at various places where stocks are concentrated for the purpose of affording faster and better service to the trade. Branches of the company are now maintained at Oakdale and DeRidder, Louisiana, and at Port Arthur, Nacogdoches, Jasper and Hemphill, Texas. It has a capital and surplus of \$1,000,000.00. T. N. Whitehurst is secretary and treasurer of the company.



**MRS. E. O. WEISSINGER** for more than a decade has been one of the leading business women of Beaumont, and is one of the best known and most successful women florists in the Lone Star State.

Mrs. Weissinger is the owner of the Beaumont Floral Company and Gift Shop, a business she established in this city in 1911, in a small way, and which she has developed along progressive lines, until it is a business of which Beaumont is justly proud. As a florist she has been successful. She has one of the largest greenhouses in the city. Mrs. Weissinger cuts more than five thousand roses daily from her stock, and has more than half an acre under glass. She sells cut flowers, ferns and palms and caters to the highest class of trade. Since opening the downtown office, at 301 Orleans Street, Mrs. Weissinger has met the demand for gifts and novelties through the opening of a gift shop in connection with the floral business, and has one of the most expensive stocks of any gift shop in the state.

Mrs. Weissinger was born in Texas, daughter of Dr. James R. Oldham, one of the old and prominent residents of the state.

Mrs. Weissinger came to Beaumont in 1911 and began the growing of flowers in a small way, in a greenhouse at her home, where she has continued to reside. She has given horticulture her entire interest and has become one of the best known women in the state engaged in the floral business. Her success in this work has been entirely through her own efforts and her intense interest in her business, and Beaumont is justly proud of her achievement in the business world.





**HENRY FRANK TRIPLETT** has for around two decades held a place as one of the most prominent and successful educators at Beaumont, and is known and valued as an enthusiastic and progressive representative of the pedagogic profession in the Lone Star State. Mr. Triplett held the position of superintendent of the Beaumont public schools for a period of sixteen years, during that time building up a public school system that is recognized as one of the finest in the state, and stressing educational ideals that are the ripened result of many years spent in educational work. Since resigning as superintendent, Mr. Triplett has continued his interest in educational advancement, serving as chairman of the County Board of School Trustees. He has also written a number of articles of educational and literary importance, a sociologic novel and a community civics. His new history of Texas is at once interesting as well as authoritative and is an important addition to historical documents concerning the state. While primarily an educator, Mr. Triplett has taken a deep interest in business activities in a general way, and is well informed along general business lines, showing in this field the same discrimination and ability that has marked his career as an educator. He owns much city property at Beaumont, and several thousand acres of land in this section of the state. Mr. Triplett has for many years taken a constructive interest in politics, and since his resignation as superintendent of the public schools at Beaumont, he has definitely turned his attention to this field of activity. The high esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens and his unusual qualifications for the office have recently resulted in his election to the state Senate from this district by a large vote, and he is dispatching the duties this office involves with the same enthusiasm and devotion to the best interests of his community that distinguished his educational work. Just prior to his election to this office, he figured as the candidate in the mayoralty race as the result of a situation unprecedented in the history of local politics.

Mr. Triplett was born in Lowden County, Virginia, the fifth of January, 1854, the son of Thomas Mason Triplett, a farmer of that state and well known director of musical conventions, and Viana Reed (Silcott) Triplett. He received his early instruction in the public schools of Virginia, and after completing his high school work entered the Missouri Teachers College, where he was a student for four years, taking the B. S. D. degree from that institution. He later took special work at the University of Missouri and the Medical College of Illinois, after which he went to Fort Worth University where he took his master degree in science in 1903, having had the bachelor degree conferred on him in 1900. He then entered educational work, becoming superintendent of the schools at Beaumont in 1903, and holding that position until 1919. He had previously, from 1893 until 1903, held the position of superintendent of the public schools of Ennis.

Mr. Triplett was married in Missouri, in 1882, to Miss Amanda Virginia Wheeler, daughter of Johnson Wheeler, a farmer, stock raiser and land owner of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Triplett reside at 593 Pennsylvania Avenue, and have four children, Mrs. Lena Milam, Mrs. Marion Brock, Mrs. Ray C. Pinney, and Mason F. Triplett. The family attend the

Methodist Church, where Mr. Triplett has been on the board of stewards for many years. He is a director of the City National Bank and of the San Jacinto Life Insurance Company. He is prominently identified with Masonic work, and is a thirty-third degree Mason and Knight Templar and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He is a member of the Lions Club, of which he is a past president, and is a member of the Texas State Teachers Association, of which he is a past president and has served for twelve years on the executive board and also a member of the National Educators Association. His educational activities have brought him a recognition that is more than local, and his prestige in this field is a distinct asset to the city wherein he resides.



**HARRISON W. POTTER**, one of the honored pioneers of Jefferson County, and for more than half a century a resident of Beaumont, who has contributed constructively to every forward movement, has been particularly active in the development of the timber resources of this section and is one of the real pioneers in the lumber business in the Lone Star State. Mr. Potter came to Beaumont in 1860, a young man, bringing with him an enthusiastic outlook on life and an energy and business ability which resulted in a business success far above the average. In the then undeveloped timber resources of Southeast Texas he saw the nucleus of a great industry and one which was materially to affect the prosperity of this section, and set to work to develop this resource, laying the foundation of one of the largest lumber businesses of the early days. During the years which have followed he has watched the lumber industry develop, until the state produces more than a billion and a half feet of lumber annually, and has watched Beaumont develop with the industry until it has become one of the best known inland ports in the country through which a large part of the timber produced in the state passes. In all this development Mr. Potter has taken a prominent and interested part. While Beaumont has claimed him as a citizen the influence of his activities in the lumber industry has been felt throughout the timber belt of Southeast Texas, and he is generally regarded as one of the vanguard of sturdy pioneers, who have made the industry what it is today.

Harrison W. Potter is a native of New York State, born in Wayne County, the second day of December, 1836, the son of Woodruff Potter, a farmer and land owner of that state. Mr. Potter spent his boyhood in Wayne County, on his father's farm, and attended the schools near his home. At the age of nineteen he left New York, going to Wisconsin in 1855, where he spent the next five years engaged in farming. In 1860 he became attracted to Texas, which at that time was making a wide appeal to the adventurous and ambitious young men of the nation, as a country which offered a great future. The result was that he came to Beaumont in the same year, and in partnership with Mark Wiess, established a saw mill here which they continued to operate until the Civil War intervened. In March, 1862, Mr. Potter enlisted in the Confederate Army, joining a company recruited in the southeast part of the state, and saw service until the close of the war, when he was discharged in 1865, ranking as corporal. He served in Captain Geo. W. O'Brien's



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Company of Company E, 21st Texas Regiment. After the war he returned to Beaumont and shortly established, with his associates, the Reliance Lumber Company, which he operated until 1900, when he disposed of his lumber interests to William Wiess. The Reliance Lumber Company was established in a small way, and under the guidance of Mr. Potter kept pace with the development of Beaumont, until at the time of its sale it was one of the largest and best organized lumber businesses in this locality. Since 1900 Mr. Potter has not re-entered business in an active way, but has continued to take an interest in the development of Beaumont, and in activities of a civic nature.

On November 11, 1896, Mr. Potter was united in marriage with Miss Alice E. Cate, a native of Wisconsin. Both families of Mr. and Mrs. Potter date back in this country to 1630. Mrs. Potter is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the First Methodist Church.

Mr. Potter makes his home at 958 Calder Avenue, which has for many years been the family home, and is an honored member of the Masonic lodge, and for years has served as a member of the Board of Stewards of the First Methodist Church. Although nearing his ninetieth birthday, he retains all his faculties, and is active as most men some twenty years his junior. He is one of the oldest residents of Beaumont and this city can boast no truer, more generous, citizen than this splendid man, who has given so generously of his time and means for the development of its resources. It is given to few men to live through and take part in more vital times in the life of a community, and he has accounted well for himself in the world, and his life is an inspiration to all who know him.

**M**ANNING TILLERY, pioneer rice farmer of the Lone Star State, whose quarter of a century of progressive association with the development of this industry has done much to forward rice growing in the coastal district, has spent two decades in Jefferson County, and has been a resident of Beaumont for the greater part of this time, contributing to the advancement of this city. Mr. Tillery has one of the best improved rice farms in Jefferson County, owning one thousand acres of rice land, over six hundred acres of which is cultivated each year. He gives his exclusive attention to this crop, and is, without question, one of the most successful rice farmers in this part of the state. Mr. Tillery himself supervises all farming operations, and with his expert knowledge of rice culture, his farm is one of the most carefully and scientifically managed in Jefferson County, and he is considered a real authority on all questions concerning the growing of this product.

Manning Tillery was born at Centerville, Mississippi, the seventeenth of July, 1878, the son of D. W. and Martha Tillery. His father, for many years a druggist in Mississippi, died the twelfth of December, 1923, at the age of eighty-four years. Mr. Tillery was educated in the schools of his native state, and after leaving school worked in a general mercantile store, and later in a drug store in that state. He came to Texas the seventeenth of December, 1899, locating first in Chambers County, where he engaged in rice farming for four years, after which he came to Jefferson County, continu-

ing as an exclusive rice farmer.

Mr. Tillery was married at Galveston, Texas, the sixteenth of December, 1903, to Miss Veda Davison, of Clinton, Missouri, and the daughter of W. M. Davison, who now makes his home in California. Mr. and Mrs. Tillery have made their home in Beaumont for around a decade and a half residing at 2020 Franklin Street. They have five children, Manning Eugene, at Texas A. and M. College, Katherine, Annette, Lillian and Margaret. Mr. Tillery is a member of the Beaumont Country Club and the Neches Club and is a director of the Texas National Bank. Thoroughly familiar with the most progressive agricultural methods, as applied to rice growing, Mr. Tillery has taken a leading part in the development of this industry, and is widely known for his activities in this field.



**LEVI HOMER MABRY**, business man and manufacturer, has been a resident of Beaumont for more than two decades, having come to this city some twenty-four years ago when Beaumont was experiencing the first thrill of a real oil boom in Texas. After engaging in various lines of work for a number of years, Mabry brothers established the Mabry Manufacturing and Lumber Company some five years ago, and L. H. Mabry became vice president and general manager of the company. C. A. Mabry is president.

The plant and offices of the Mabry Company are located at Crockett and Goliad Streets, a convenient and ideal location for a manufacturing establishment of this kind. The company has a splendid, well equipped plant with machinery for doing the very best of all kinds of mill work. In the fixture department the company is prepared to build complete show cases and store fixtures of every character. Doors, windows and interior house wood work add to the extensive business built up by the Mabry Company during the past three years. The plant is equipped with the latest improved machinery in every department and twenty employees are required in the various branches of the business.

L. H. Mabry was born at Utah, Alabama, on August 8, 1877, a son of Chas. M. and Racheal (Mas-singill) Mabry. His father was a well known cotton planter of Alabama and Mr. Mabry attended the public and high schools of his native state. After leaving schools he engaged in various lines of work for several years and made a close study of engineering and the handling of all kinds of machinery. For some years he was employed as chief engineer at the city water works.

In 1912 he entered the dairy business at Beaumont and was very successful. He had one of the largest dairy establishments in this section and supplied milk and milk products to a large number of Beaumont people. His present business was established in 1920 and has enjoyed a steady and consistent growth.

In 1921 Mr. Mabry was married at Beaumont to Miss Inez Carter, daughter of J. W. Carter, music merchant and the oldest piano dealer in Texas.

Mr. Mabry is actively interested in civic affairs and is a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Young Men's Business League, the Beaumont Chamber Commerce and other civic organizations. He is a communicant of the Methodist Episcopal Church South.



**H**ERMAN WEBER, whose name for two decades has been of significance in construction activities at Beaumont, has during this time handled much business in this city, and has attained the reputation of a careful, conservative building contractor, well equipped for his work in this field. Mr. Weber gives particular attention to the larger contracts, his work being principally office buildings, factories, warehouses, churches, schools, and other public buildings and high class residence work. Mr. Weber handles contracts in Beaumont only, and has complete equipment for handling construction work on a large scale. His reputation for careful and reliable work is well known, and he has been awarded many contracts where his bid has been the highest, because of the recognized quality of his work. Among the recent buildings completed by Mr. Weber are the new High School Building, the Court House, the Annex to the San Jacinto Building, Temple Emanuel Synagogue, the Jackson Motor Company Building, the French High School and the new City Market. He also built the Liberty, Palace and Tivoli Theaters. Mr. Weber has his office in the Perlstein Building.

Mr. Weber is a native of Germany, where his birth occurred the thirteenth of August, 1883. His parents, William and Anna Weber, came to America in 1891, going to Chicago, where his father was a brick layer. Mr. Weber attended the schools of Chicago, and after finishing there, engaged in clerical work in the mercantile business for five years. He then came to Beaumont, in 1903, and with his brother began in the contracting business. In 1906, his brother's death occurred, and he has since continued in the construction business alone.

Mr. Weber was married at Beaumont, in 1908, to Miss Hanna Hofman, whose parents live in Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Weber have an attractive home at 2045 Magnolia Avenue, and are the parents of three children, Bertha Elizabeth, Chester Herman, and Arthur Ray. Mr. Weber is a member of the Beaumont Club and the Rotary Club, and fraternally he is a Mason, York Rite, and member of El Mina Temple Shrine, and also belongs to the Dokies and Knights of Pythias. Mr. Weber takes a deep interest in all civic development, particularly in the upbuilding and beautification of the city, and his work in these lines is worthy of notice. His position as one of the foremost builders here has often made it possible for him to secure advantages for the city in this field, and he has suggested many things that have made for a more beautiful, more progressive city. Mr. Weber has the highest regard of his associates, both in his business and his private life, and has many friends here to whom his advancement has given real pleasure.

**S.** MOREY, well known in hotel circles in Texas and Louisiana, began his career in the hotel business as a very young man with the old Queen Hotel at Beeville, Texas, and is well and favorably known to the traveling public. He has devoted his entire business life to the hotel industry, and after his first experience at Beeville went to Chicago and for a period of three years was associated with the Morrison Hotel of that city, after which he returned to Texas and went with the Hotel Galvez at Galveston and remained for one year with that well known coast hotel. He

then became associated with the Biltmore Hotel at Manhattan, where he remained for three years, and left this hostelry in order to enter the World War. Mr. Morey enlisted on April 18th, 1917, as a private and was assigned to the 165th Infantry, Machine Gun Company of the Forty-second Division in New York, which was later made into the Rainbow Division, and he was active in this division until he was wounded on July 19th, 1918, and was forced to remain in the hospital until the close of the war. Mr. Morey was discharged on January 25th, 1919, and immediately went with the William Penn Hotel at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he remained for one year and then returned to Texas and became associated with the Rice Hotel at Houston, where he remained for one year, after which he went with the Bender Hotel of that city, which is operated by the Daley-Moffatt Company. He remained for two years with the Hotel Bender, when he came to Beaumont as manager of the Hotel Crosby for the same company. He then was assigned by this company to open the Virginia Hotel at Monroe, Louisiana, in November, 1925. He is now manager of this hotel.

Mr. Morey was married at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on June 16th, 1920, to Miss Ann McLaughlin, a member of a well known Pennsylvania family. They have one daughter, Josephine. Mr. Morey is popular in the business and social circles in Texas and Louisiana where he has made a host of friends.

**R**OLAND MILLER PYRON, for the past two decades has been associated with industrial activities at Beaumont and has recently become a factor in developing the oil fields of this section through the establishment of a machinery supply company that keeps pace with active development and is a distinct industrial and civic asset to the community. Mr. Pyron is vice president and general manager of the Gulf Coast Machinery & Supply Company, a firm established in 1919. The company, located in the center of a great oil district, supplies the needs of the operator on short notice, and gives a service that is no small factor in the fields. The company makes oil well specialties, and general supplies, also special pipe line tools, and refinery equipment. Mr. Pyron has designed and manufactures the Gulfcro Core Drill, Banner Brand Bits, Gulfcro Crown and Traveling Blocks and many others too numerous to mention. The products are known as the Gulfcro Brand. The company has made rapid progress since its establishment, handling an unusually large volume of business, and after a few years of operation found it necessary to enlarge the floor space and equipment. The shops are located on two railroads, facilitating transportation. The company owns a site of four and a half acres, which they may develop in the near future to a new and modern plant. A large forge and machine shop are an integral part of the plant, a business that furnishes employment to a force to fifty people. J. D. Butler, president, and S. O. Hampil, secretary and treasurer, are the other officers of the company.

Mr. Pyron was born at Charlotte, North Carolina, the twenty-seventh of November, 1883, the son of Tinsley Pyron, an old settler of that place, and now retired, and Helen (Festerman) Pyron. Mr. Pyron received his elementary education in the public schools of Charlotte, and graduated from the high school at Paris, Texas. He then began in the





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machine shops of the Frisco Railroad, at Hugo, Oklahoma, and spent two years there, following this with two years at Paris, handling machinery for a cotton oil company. He then came to Beaumont in 1903, and went in the machine shop of the Gulf Pipe Line Company, remaining there until 1919, the last seven years as general superintendent of all shops, and the last year as chief designing engineer. Mr. Pyron left the Gulf Company to establish his present business.

Mr. Pyron was married at Beaumont, in 1910, to Miss Dolly Johnson. They have one child, Roland Miller Pyron, Jr., and reside at 2443 Broadway. Mr. Pyron is a member of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce, the Port Arthur Tarpon Club, the Elks at Beaumont, and is a Mason. In addition to his other interests he is one of the organizers of the Diamond Foundry and Machine Company in 1923, and of the Tex-Mex Candelilla Wax Company in 1925. Familiar not only with the definite needs of the oil field worker, but an expert designer and a machinist of many years practical experience, Mr. Pyron has made an unusual success of his business, and established a record for service and considerate treatment to his patrons that any firm would be proud to claim.



**MARTIN BUCKLEY RIGGS**, well known business man, has been connected with the commercial activities of Beaumont for nearly a quarter of a century, having come here in 1900. He is now president, treasurer and general manager of the Bernard Manufacturing Company, with offices in the Threadneedle Building.

The Bernard Manufacturing Company was established by Mr. Riggs in 1922 and is engaged in the manufacture of box springs, mattresses, pillows, etc. It has a large factory and is the only concern of this kind operating here. The business has experienced a steady and consistent growth since its organization and its products are in wide demand. A retail furniture business is also conducted by the Bernard Company at 890 Franklin Street. A complete line of furniture is carried at the Franklin Street store. Other officers of the Bernard Manufacturing Company besides Mr. Riggs are Felix H. Saunders, vice president, and W. C. Bartlett, secretary. Mr. Riggs is a stockholder in Riggs Furniture Company, stockholder in Security State Bank and Trust Company and secretary and treasurer of the Duke Hotel Company.

A native of Texas, Mr. Riggs was born in Lavaca County on January 26, 1879. He is a son of J. J. and Addie (Buckley) Riggs. His father was a well known farmer and cattle man and Mr. Riggs received his education in the public and high schools at Yoakum. He later attended a business college at Houston and upon completing his studies there engaged in railroad clerical work. After two years in the railroad offices he removed to Beaumont and from 1900 until 1906 was engaged in the dry goods and grocery business here. He then went with the French Market, remaining until 1918, when he became connected with B. Deutser. He still handles the office work for Mr. Deutser in connection with the Bernard Company.

Mr. Riggs has devoted most of his business life to clerical work and office management. He is an expert bookkeeper and accountant and a master of

all office detail.

In 1903 Mr. Riggs was married in Beaumont to Miss Mavette Waite, member of a well known Beaumont family. They have one son, Lloyd, twenty years of age. The family home is at 2390 Park Street.

A thorough going business man, Mr. Riggs is a tireless worker and is always on the job. Besides the management of the Bernard Manufacturing Company, he is vice president of the B. Deutser Furniture Company and secretary of the San Bernard Oil Company.

Mr. Riggs has always been keenly interested in the development of Beaumont and its trade territory. His long acquaintance here has given him a splendid grasp of city affairs and he is ready at all times to aid in any movement that is for the best interest of the city as a whole. He is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce and gives freely of his time to the work of this organization.



**THOMAS JAMES LAMB**, for upwards of three decades has been a factor in the industrial advancement of Beaumont, a city wherein he has spent practically his entire life, and where his activities as one of the leading exponents of the printing business have brought him in touch with many phases of life. Mr. Lamb is the owner of the Lamb Printing and Stationery Company, which he established in 1908, and which has since met with a consistent and well deserved growth. Mr. Lamb occupies a large and modern plant, at 239 Bowie Street, where he has all modern equipment and a force of ten employees. Mr. Lamb gives special attention to commercial job printing, and also carries a good line of office supplies. He has an unusually large stock and is prepared to fill any order, either large or small, promptly and efficiently.

Mr. Lamb was born in East India, the eleventh of December, 1874, the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Lamb. His father was an indigo planter in East India for a number of years, later, when the subject of this sketch was an infant, coming to Beaumont. He was educated in the schools of Beaumont, and at the age of twelve had his first experience in the printing business, with the Beaumont Enterprise. He was with this paper from 1887 until 1893, leaving to go with the Beaumont Journal, where he remained until 1896, when he went in business for himself. He established the Lamb Printing and Stationery Company, with which he is now connected, in 1908, and has built up one of the largest and most progressive printing businesses in the city.

Mr. Lamb was married at Beaumont, in 1896, to Miss Carrie Clapp, from Columbus, Texas. They reside at 2187 Franklin Street and have two children—Mrs. Roy Britton, and T. Kelsey Lamb. Mr. Lamb is a member of the Rotary Club, the Beaumont Club, the Round Table Club, and fraternally is a Knight of Pythias and an Elk. He has for many years taken a deep interest in civic work and was a member of the city council from 1912 until 1916, and served as city commissioner from 1920 until 1922. During these years he advocated every forward movement, and has since continued to show his interest in the development of the city, contributing in every way to the support and success of the various civic movements which have been organized to advance Beaumont.





**B. SHEPARD**, 311 Temperance Building, is one of the best known real estate men in Beaumont, and has been actively connected with development projects in the city for a number of years. During recent years Mr. Shepard has confined his activities largely to the handling of his own properties and those of his mother, who has extensive realty holdings in Beaumont and vicinity, of both improved and unimproved character. Recently plans were made by Mr. Shepard for putting on two large additions to the City of Beaumont on tracts of land he has owned for some time.

Coming to Beaumont first in 1901 during the early days of the Spindletop oil boom, Mr. Shepard has lived here continuously since that time with the exception of one year at Jennings, Louisiana, and a similar period in Oklahoma. Upon his return here in 1911 he became engaged in the real estate business and has continued in this line since. His good judgment and knowledge of values has enabled him to render splendid service to his clients and his foresight made possible the acquisition of valuable holdings for his own estate.

A native of Texas, Mr. Shepard was born in Washington County on April 8th, 1873, a son of Dr. Frank A. and Ida (Holland) Shepard. His father for many years was one of the best known physicians and surgeons in that section of the State and did a wonderful work in the pioneer days when knowledge and skill, and not hospital facilities, counted in the race of the physician against the grim reaper.

After studying in the Baylor University at Independence, Mr. Shepard attended the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College for two years and later was a student in business colleges at Dallas and Waco. After completing his studies Mr. Shepard worked in a mercantile establishment for a while, and then became identified with the Cow Creek Tram Company, fifty miles north of Beaumont, remaining with this concern for eight years. After coming to Beaumont in 1901 Mr. Shepard operated a grocery store for a year. His years of experience in the lumber business gave him a splendid knowledge of this industry.

In June, 1921, Mr. Shepard was married at Beaumont to Miss Pearl Bradley, daughter of Judge Silas Bradley, for many years a well known jurist and attorney of Knox County. Mr. Shepard takes an active interest in civic affairs, and is a member of the Hoo Hoo's, and Beaumont Club, Knights of Pythias, Chamber of Commerce and director in the City National Bank, and a stockholder in a number of local companies.



**KOELEMAY**, pioneer resident of Nederland, and a factor in the development of this community, has for a quarter of a century been engaged in vital commercial and civic activities here, and is one of the best known dairymen in this locality. Mr. Koelemay is postmaster at Nederland, directing the local post-office in a capable and efficient manner. He also operates a large wholesale and retail grain business, and while not financially interested in the Koelemay Dairy, he is still interested in the operation and maintenance of the high standards set at its organization, which has for more than a quarter of a century been operated by the Koelemay

family, and acts as purchasing agent for the Co-operative Dairymen's Association.

K. Koelemay was born in Holland, the first of March, 1882, the son of Martin Koelemay, a native of that country, who brought his family to Nederland in 1898, when there were only two houses and one hotel in the town and began in the dairy business, in which he was active until his death, and Anna DeJong Koelemay, also a native of Holland, and now deceased. Mr. Koelemay received his education in the schools of Holland, and after coming to this country, as a boy of sixteen, engaged in the dairy business with his father. Since the death of the elder Mr. Koelemay he has continued to take a directing interest in this dairy, one of the oldest in this section, which is still operated by the family.

Mr. Koelemay was married at Nederland, the thirty-first of August, 1904, to Miss Nellie Rienstra, whose brother, George Rienstra, was the first to make his home in Nederland, and who still resides here, operating a dairy near the city. Mr. and Mrs. Koelemay make their home at Nederland, and have three children: Anna, Katherina, and Carl John Koelemay. Mr. Koelemay is a Woodman of the World, degree of honor, and takes an active interest in the order. He has for many years been active in the work of the Co-operative Dairymen's Association, of which he is a member, and has been purchasing agent for that organization for a number of years. He also takes an active part in civic affairs, and is particularly interested in any movement that has for its objective the development of this city.

Note: Since this sketch was written Mr. Koelemay moved to Winnie, Texas.



**F RANK GARDINER** came to Beaumont, Texas, from Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, during the oil boom days of this city, and brought with him the progressive ideas and business methods of the Keystone State. Mr. Gardiner is the sole owner of the millinery establishment located at 592 Pearl Street and known as The Specialty Store, which is an innovation in the millinery business in this city and Southeast Texas. He first started this store at 555 Pearl Street, and during the early part of 1924 removed to his present, splendid location. The Specialty Store specializes in ladies' hats which sell at \$5.00 and \$7.50, these prices being the standard in prices at Mr. Gardiner's Emporium. This store, which handles lady's hats only, is very exclusive and carries a full and complete line of high class goods. Nine experienced people are employed by Mr. Gardiner, who are trained in the art of pleasing and making the purchaser feel at home in this store. He has completed plans and arrangements for opening a millinery factory for the making of hats for this store. Mr. Gardiner began his career in the business world as a young man in the millinery stores of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and with an innate liking for the millinery business continued in this line of endeavor, and when he read of the big oil boom at Beaumont, Texas, he decided to come to this city and engage in business. This was the thought that culminated in The Specialty Store of this city which has grown to large proportions, and is known to all the ladies of Southeast Texas. He has succeeded during the high prices, in keeping standard, high





C. B. Shepard





*Guy S. Anderson.*

class hats at a comparatively low price, and sells thousands of hats each season.

Mr. Gardiner was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on October 25th, 1882. His parents, also natives of Pennsylvania, were members of well known families. His education was obtained in the public schools of Pittsburg.

Mr. Gardiner was married at Beaumont, Texas, on June 5th, 1912, to Miss Sadie Riley, a native of Centralia, Illinois, and a member of a prominent Illinois family, where she was reared and educated. Since locating at Beaumont, he has identified himself with the business and social life of this city, and is an enthusiastic booster for Beaumont, and Southeast Texas. He is optimistic as to the future of this city, which he expects to continue its steady, consistent growth, and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines. Although a young man, he is frequently called upon by his employees for counsel and advice in matters concerning their private affairs, and his advice is freely given to those faithful employees with whom he is directly and continuously associated.

**G**UY SANFORD ANDERSON, 301 Austin Street, has been closely identified with the commercial activities of Beaumont for the past three years or more and during his residence here has developed a large circle of friends and acquaintances, who have come to appreciate thoroughly his splendid business qualities and the manner in which he so whole-heartedly enters into the spirit which has done so much for the upbuilding of Beaumont.

Mr. Anderson is manager of the Beaumont branch of the Texas Creamery Company, which has its home office and principal business at Houston. The Beaumont branch, under the direction of Mr. Anderson, has developed into a large distributing point for the products of the firm he represents.

The Texas Creamery Company is one of the largest dairy concerns in Texas. It was organized in 1916. A. J. Smith of Houston is president of the company, which serves a large trade territory in South and Southeast Texas. The company manufactures the famous "Morning Glory" brand of butter and is also a large wholesale distributor of eggs, cheese and other dairy products. From a small beginning the Beaumont branch has increased its business until now three trucks are required for its local deliveries and at Orange and Port Arthur, the trade at these two points being served from the Beaumont house.

Mr. Anderson is a native of Tennessee and is a son of W. T. and Josie (Sanford) Anderson. He was born at Johnsonville, on April 1, 1888. His parents removed to Dickson, Tennessee, and it was there Mr. Anderson attended the public and high schools, and learned the details of the dairy business under his father. He remained with his father until 1910, and two years later came to Texas and located in Houston, where he continued to engage in the milk business, paying special attention to pasteurization and preservation of milk products. He knows thoroughly every detail of the dairy industry from the best methods of production on through the preservation and distribution of the products. In 1914 he became identified with the Texas Creamery Company and worked in various departments at Houston before being assigned as manager of

the branch house at Beaumont.

On September 28th, 1908, Mr. Anderson was married at Decatur, Georgia, to Miss Lucy Moredock, member of a well known Georgia family. They have four children—Lucille, Wilma and Corinne, daughters, and one son, Guy S., Jr. The family home is at 2855 Neches Street.

A man of pleasing personality, Mr. Anderson is known and liked by an ever-increasing circle of friends. His courteous manner and agreeable disposition has done much toward the establishment of his company in its present commanding position in trade circles of Beaumont.



**N**EWELL E. WIEDEMANN, one of the recent recruits to the professional world at Beaumont, and whose work as an architect has won the recognition of his confreres, has in the several years of his residence at Beaumont, taken an active part in the development and beautification of the city. Mr. Wiedemann is a member of the firm of Livesay and Wiedemann, which was established in 1921, and which has since its organization handled an unusually large volume of business. The firm occupies a well appointed suite of offices in the San Jacinto Life Insurance Building, and has a very efficient office force. Mr. Wiedemann has had exceptional professional training, and his work shows an individuality, and at the same time a conformity to recognized architectural standards that distinguishes it. They have been architects for a large number of beautiful homes, churches, schools and business buildings. They are giving special attention to fine residence work, although by no means limiting their work to this class. Newell E. Wiedemann was born at Harrisburg, Illinois, the sixteenth of March, 1895, the son of Charles W. Wiedemann, a banker of that city, and one of the old residents, and Lucy Wiedemann, also of that place. Mr. Wiedemann received his elementary education in the public schools of Harrisburg, and after graduating from the high school, entered the University of Illinois, attending that institution for five years. He then took a two year architectural course at the University of Kansas, and received the degree of B. S. in architecture from the University of Illinois. He was also assistant professor in the University of Kansas. After leaving the university, Mr. Wiedemann spent a season in Bordeaux, France, doing special work in architecture. The fifth of December, 1917, he volunteered in the Artillery Band, and was assistant leader at Camp Pike, Arkansas, for the ensuing eight months. He was then sent overseas, spending six months in France and England. Returning to America, he was discharged in March, 1919, several months later coming to Beaumont, where he established his present business.

Mr. Wiedemann was married in Arkansas, in 1921, to Miss Virginia Winstead, daughter of the Rev. W. S. Winstead, of Fulton, Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Wiedemann reside at Cartwright Terrace. Mr. Wiedemann is a member of the Neches Club, the Kiwanis Club, and is a member of the American Institute of Architects. Fraternally he is a Mason, Scottish and York Rites, and a member of Abdella Temple Shrine of Leavenworth, Kansas. Mr. Wiedemann has taken a deep interest in the civic advancement of Beaumont, and has made many friends in this city who regard him as one of the outstanding men in the field of architecture here.





**WILLIAM M. REID** has for a number of years been active in the industrial development of Orange, where he is a factor in the manufacturing and milling business, and where he takes a prominent part in all civic affairs. Mr. Reid is secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Orange Rice Milling Company, one of the largest rice mills in the Lone Star State and one of the most important business enterprises of Orange, contributing materially to the general prosperity of this city. The plant occupies an industrial site on the channel, with six hundred and twenty-five feet railroad trackage, and with five hundred feet of ship channel frontage. The mill is completely equipped with the highest type of machinery, and has a capacity of one hundred barrels of rice per hour, with a storage capacity of one hundred thousand barrels of rice. The mill also manufactures various rice products and by-products and furnishes employment to around sixty operatives. All rice milled by the Orange Rice Milling Company is grown in East Texas and Southwest Louisiana, and is shipped all over the world, the export percentage running around eighty per cent of the entire mill output. The officers of the Orange Rice Milling Company are: W. H. Stark, president; E. W. Brown, vice president; Joe Miller, vice president, and William M. Reid, secretary and treasurer.

William M. Reid was born at Starkville, Mississippi, the eighteenth of August, 1891. His father, E. L. Reid, a native of Missouri, came to Galveston as a young man, later going to Mississippi, and still later coming to Orange where he was engaged in the rice business for many years prior to his death. His son, William M. Reid, the subject of this sketch, attended the schools of Orange. From the high school here he entered preparatory school in Virginia. After two years in Virginia he attended Southwestern University of Tennessee, later returning to Orange. He went with the Orange Rice Milling Company, as shipping clerk, in 1909, and in 1914 was made secretary and assistant manager, and in 1917 made secretary, treasurer and general manager. With the exception of three months with the First National Bank just after high school, Mr. Reid has been associated with the Orange Rice Milling Company throughout his business career.

Mr. Reid was married at Orange, Texas, the twenty-ninth of January, 1912, to Miss Sadie Pearce, daughter of Dr. Alanson G. Pearce, one of the most prominent physicians of Orange. Mr. and Mrs. Reid have two children, Mary Eloise and Elizabeth. They reside at 1002 Pine Street. Mr. Reid is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Orange, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Reid is vice president of the Rice Millers Association. He belongs to the Country Club and the Golf Club, and is a member of the Rotary Club, and one of the directors of the Orange Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Orange Wharf and Dock Commission, working with these organizations for the development of the city.



**ERNEST L. BRUCE**, attorney at law, and member of the well known law firm of Adams and Bruce of Orange, Texas, has during more than a score of years practiced his profession before the Texas bar, and is a recog-

nized leader of the legal fraternity. The firm of Adams and Bruce, with offices in the Petty Building, are engaged in a general law practice, which is large and they number among their clientele many of the largest business concerns, oil companies and leading citizens of this portion of the state. Judge Bruce was admitted to the bar in 1898 and began the practice of his profession at Mineola, Texas, with Judge Horace M. Cate under the firm name of Cate and Bruce. Later Mr. Henry C. Geddie (now of Kerrville, Texas), joined the firm and the name was changed to Cate, Geddie and Bruce, and became one of the leading law firms of Southeast Texas. He continued with this firm until the big Lucas oil well came in in Jefferson County, and he foresaw the great future for a young lawyer in locating at the city of Orange, which at that time was beginning to reap the harvest of the oil boom. Since locating here he has not only been very successful as an attorney, but has been active in the development of the oil industry of this portion of the state. When Judge Bruce began his practice of law in this city he was first associated with R. L. Robertson, and later became a partner of J. B. Bisland. After the death of J. B. Bisland and upon the retirement of Judge J. T. Adams as district judge, the firm of Adams and Bruce was organized, and this firm is the leader in the legal circles of Orange County. Mr. Bruce has been the recipient of many positions of honor and trust at the hands of his fellow men, and was county attorney of Orange County for two terms. He was a member of the state legislature for two terms, being a member of the thirty-third and thirty-fourth terms of this body, where he fathered many important measures for the good of his state. He was special district judge for one term, and was chairman of the exemption board of Orange during the World War. Judge Bruce has also identified himself with the business institutions of the city and is a director of the Guarantee Bond Bank and Trust Company, and has served in this capacity since the organization of this bank and is one of the organizers of this institution. With J. N. Parker, he was the first in this part of the state to lease for oil and drill in the river channel of Cow Bayou, which arrangement gives the state one-eighth of all royalties in oil, the same as an individual owning the land in fee.

A native Texan, Judge Bruce was born in Wood County, on September 23rd, 1876. His father, S. R. Bruce, a native of Vermont, came to Texas in the late '40s and settled first in Gonzales County, where he became a well known educator. He joined the Terry Rangers and served throughout the Civil War. After the end of the war he returned to Texas and removed to Wood County, where for many years he was one of the leading merchants of East Texas, and died in 1900. His mother was Miss Katherine Reeves, a native of Georgia, and is now a resident of Mineola, Texas. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Mineola, where he graduated from the latter, and entered the A. and M. College of Texas and graduated therefrom in 1894, and at that time was not sixteen years old. He thereafter attended the University of Texas. He was admitted to the bar in 1898, when he immediately began the practice of his profession.

Judge Bruce was married at Mineola, Texas, on



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*A. M. White*

December 29th, 1903, to Miss Evelyn Graham, a native Texan and a daughter of L. R. Graham, well known in the business circles of Mineola. They have three children, Katherine, now attending college in Sweet Briar, Virginia; Eleanor, a student of the Orange high school, and Graham Bruce. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce reside at 503 Eighth Street. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Mineola Blue Lodge, No. 502, and is a member of the Beaumont Commandery, and a Shriner of El Mina Temple of Galveston. He is also a member of the Rotary Club. Judge Bruce is active in all matters having to do with the civic improvement of his city, and is president of the school board in which he takes a keen interest, and is president of the Orange County Boy Scout Council. He is an ardent worker for the progress and advancement of his city and state, and is regarded as one of Texas' most able attorneys and loyal citizens.

**S**OL M. WHITE, for about two decades a factor in the business world at Orange, where he has interests of wide scope, influencing commercial prosperity to a marked degree, has been active in the work for the upbuilding of the municipality. In November, 1923, Mr. White was appointed to fill out an unexpired term as mayor of Orange, and has brought to bear, in directing the municipal affairs of Orange, the characteristic energy that has significantly marked his career as a business man, and his administration has been marked by advancement in public improvements. Orange is regarded, and rightly, as one of the most beautiful of the smaller towns of Texas, and is the richest town of any in the state three times its size. It is a city of fine homes, fine streets, fine churches and buildings, and under Mr. White's administration as mayor has given special consideration to those elements which make for civic beauty. New streets have been paved, utilities have been brought to a high state of service, and the functioning of the city government has been developed along highly efficient lines. There are now some twenty-five city employees, each working as a part of a clearly outlined department, and with a definite work.

Sol M. White was born at Gatesville, Texas, the twenty-eighth of July, 1877. His father, William White, a native of California, moved to Gatesville in 1875, residing there until 1882, when he went to McGregor, Texas, where he remained until 1910, when he moved to Orange, where he now makes his home, and directs the management of his farming interests. William White was married to Miss Ada Pollard, a native of Arkansas. Sol M. White was educated in the schools of McLennan County, and McGregor, Texas, and after leaving school went with a threshing machine company as demonstrator and repair man. This work took him all over Texas, and brought him to Orange County, where he saw an unusually promising future. The result was that he came here in 1902, at which time he began as a rice farmer in the northern part of the county, remaining there until 1908. In that year he removed to Orange, entering the hardware and implement business, and establishing the business now known as the White Hardware Company, of which he is president. Mr. White is also a director of the Orange National Bank, and is president of the Orange Car and Steel Company. He owns several

large farms in Orange County, and has recently taken over the Adams Bayou Canal Company, a concern which had been idle for several years, and has developed this interest until it is one of the largest rice farms and canal systems in Texas, with thousands of acres of rice under cultivation.

Mr. White was married at Maryville, Missouri, the eighteenth of November, 1915, to Miss Inez Bainum, a native of Missouri. They have one child, Sol M. White, Jr., and live at 610 Eighth Street. Mr. White is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Orange, Scottish Rite at Galveston, Commandery at Beaumont, and El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. White is also an Odd Fellow and a Woodman of the World. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and is a business man who has taken a prominent and important part in the development of his city.



**EDWARD E. MCFARLAND**, whose name for more than a quarter of a century has been of significance in the business and financial affairs of Orange, is one of a group of bankers who have taken a leading part in commercial circles. Mr. McFarland is cashier and director of the First National Bank of Orange, one of the large financial institutions of the city, and one that has contributed a constructive banking service for more than a quarter of a century. Mr. McFarland came with the bank in 1897, and in 1909 was made assistant cashier, after having worked in every department in the bank. He became a director in 1912, and in January, 1919, was made cashier, which office he now holds, and which is one of the most important executive positions in the bank. The First National Bank of Orange is capitalized for one hundred thousand dollars, with a surplus of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and undivided profits of more than seventy-five thousand dollars. The total resources are more than five and one-half million dollars, and the bank has on its directorate some of the leading business men and capitalists of Orange, with W. H. Stark, president; J. O. Sims, active vice president; H. J. L. Stark and F. H. Farwell, vice presidents; Edward E. McFarland, cashier, and L. Well, W. A. Sims and A. M. Wilson, assistant cashiers and officers.

Edward E. McFarland was born in Newton County, Texas, the thirteenth of September, 1878. His father, R. E. McFarland, also a native of Newton County, later removed to Orange County, where he engaged in real estate until his retirement. His mother, who was before her marriage Miss Missouri Elizabeth Windham, is a native of Alabama. Edward E. McFarland was educated in the schools of Orange, and after graduating from high school began with the Leader Printing Shop, remaining there one year. The following year he spent in the post-office, and at the expiration of that time went with the First National Bank of Orange, with which he has since been actively connected.

Mr. McFarland was married at Calvert, Texas, the twenty-sixth of June, 1907, to Miss May McCrary, a native of that city. They make their home in Orange at 710 Orange Street. Mr. McFarland is a member of the Orange Country Club and the Rotary Club, and fraternally is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Chapter at Orange. He is held in high esteem in Orange for his many activities in behalf of the welfare of the city and occupies a position of leadership among Orange business men.





**H**UNTER BEATY, for about two decades a resident of Orange, and a factor in the industrial world here, has been active for many years in the development of one of the large industrial enterprises of the city, and is regarded as an authority on paper manufacture. Mr. Beaty is manager of the Yellow Pine Paper Mill Company, manufacturers of Kraft paper from Southern pine, and one of the largest paper mills in Texas. This large mill was established at Orange in 1906, since which time it has been developed along constructive lines, at the present time occupying an industrial site of some thirteen acres on which is located the large and modern buildings housing the industry. The plant manufactures thirty-five tons of paper daily, all of which is made from the yellow pine lumber cut in this section. A force of around two hundred and sixty people are employed in the mill, and the industry is one of which Orange may well be proud. The officers of the company are: W. H. Stark, president; R. A. Moore, vice president; H. L. Brown, acting vice president; Hunter Beaty, general manager; E. W. Brown, Jr., secretary and treasurer, and W. J. Meyer, sales manager.

Hunter Beaty was born in Milam County, Texas, the sixth of October, 1886, the son of H. C. Beaty, a native Texan, and a farmer of that county for many years. He was educated in the schools near his home, spending his boyhood on his father's farm. At the age of sixteen years he came to Orange and began with the Yellow Pine Paper Mill Company, starting in at the bottom in 1906, at the time the mill was established. Since that time he has worked through all departments, advancing to superintendent of pulp, and later, when George S. Holmes, the former general manager, went to Louisiana, becoming general manager, the position he now holds.

Mr. Beaty was married at Orange, in 1909, to Miss Nora Reese, a native of Texas. They have two children, Curtis and Fannie, and reside at 1308 Orange Street. Mr. Beaty is a Rotarian, and takes a deep interest in the civic advancement of Orange, as well as its industrial development. His position in the industrial world represents an achievement, entirely by his own efforts, and through his ability, and is the concrete result of many years spent in the study of paper manufacture as well as years of practical experience in this field.



**H. V. GUDGER**, one of the recent recruits to the business world at Orange, has found this city ripe in opportunities, and has entered heartily into all activities whose purpose has been the civic advancement of Orange, at the same time establishing an enviable reputation for his progressive business building methods in the field of automotive merchandising. Mr. Gudger is vice president and general manager of the Orange Motor Company, Incorporated, authorized Ford dealers at Orange, selling Fords, Fordsons and Lincolns. The firm was established in February, 1923, during the first year selling more than three hundred new cars, with an additional three hundred used cars, establishing a record which has been bettered each year. The Orange Motor Company operates as a complete Ford, Fordson and Lincoln agency, the parts and service departments co-operating with the sales department to give the kind of service that makes for satisfied car own-

ership. The company occupies a modern building, seventy-five by one hundred and forty-five feet, planned especially for an automobile building, and completed in 1918. Officers of the Orange Motor Company are: L. A. MacDonald of Houston, president, and H. V. Gudger, vice president.

H. V. Gudger was born in Grimes County, Texas, the twenty-third of November, 1882, the son of J. H. Gudger, a native of North Carolina, who came to Texas and Grimes County in 1871. Mr. Gudger was educated in the public schools of Grimes County, and as a young man began his business career as a traveling salesman, covering Central and Southeast Texas. He was with the Houston Packing Company for a number of years and went in the automobile business in 1918, with the Overland Houston Company and then was with the Armor Auto Company for one year. He remained with that firm until the first of 1923, when he came to Orange.

Mr. Gudger was married at Navasota, Texas, the twenty-third of November, 1904, to Miss Louise Boone, a native of the Lone Star State. They have three children, Henry, Gordon and Jack, and reside in Orange at 707 Park Street. Mr. Gudger is a member of the Country Club, the Rotary Club, the Orange Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is a Mason, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. Since coming to Orange he has been a leader among the business men of the city, giving generously both of his time and means to secure the advancement of the city along commercial and civic lines.



**ABE SOKOLSKI**, for three decades a factor in the mercantile business at Orange, has given his time not alone to the development of his private business interests, but for the advancement of his city, and has been for many years a leader in all civic work. Mr. Sokolski is president and manager of Abe's, Inc., which he established in 1916, and which is one of the most complete and modern men's furnishing stores in the city. Abe's, Inc., is located at 512 Front Street, at the corner of Fifth, where a modern store building with thirty-two by eighty-five feet of floor space is occupied. Mr. Sokolski has an unusually large stock, featuring the better grades of men's furnishings, and represents a number of the better known manufacturers. He has a force of six employees who co-operate with him in maintaining the high standards he has set for the store, and has built up a very large trade, especially among men who appreciate the best merchandise. Mr. Sokolski has installed unusually attractive fixtures in his store, in keeping with the high class of business he caters to, and Abe's, Inc., is a merchandising establishment that is a real asset to Orange.

Abe Sokolski was born at Evansville, Indiana, the twelfth of November, 1875. His father, H. Sokolski, for a number of years a resident of Evansville, died in that city when his son was a small boy, and Mrs. Sokolski, with her son, came to Orange, where she established a dry goods store which she has operated for around three decades. This store under her management has grown to be one of the leading dry goods establishments of the city, and continues to be one of the important commercial enterprises of Orange. Mr. Sokolski, who was educated in the public schools, was with his mother in this business for many years, assisting



her in its management until the establishment of Abe's, Inc., in 1916.

Mr. Sokolski was married in 1904 to Miss Lola Bayer, a native of St. Louis, Missouri. He is a member of the Lions Club, and throughout his residence at Orange has been active in all civic work. He has been particularly active in the development of this city along progressive lines, and in securing commercial and civic advantages contributory to growth. Among the younger business men he has occupied a place of leadership, and has made many friends, all of whom hold him in highest esteem.



**JOE ARONSON**, one of the progressive business men of Orange, has for a number of years been a factor in the mercantile world, and is highly esteemed not only for his business activities, but for his deep interest in the development of the city. Mr. Aronson is secretary, treasurer and general manager of Aronson Brothers, grocers, a business established by Goodman Aronson a number of years ago, and which has since been one of the leading grocery houses in the city. Some time after the establishment of this business Goodman Aronson turned his attention to the oil business, making a fortune in that field, and sold the grocery business to his brother, Joe Aronson, the subject of this sketch, and who has since operated the store alone. He has built up a very large business, occupying a modern store, thirty by one hundred and fifty feet, well located on Fifth Street. Mr. Aronson handles both staple and fancy groceries, making a specialty of the better class of goods, and his is known as the highest class grocery store in Orange. He also has a store on Front Street, selling wholesale flour, Purina Feed and Sprague and Warner products. Goodman Aronson is president of Aronson Brothers, grocers, and L. L. Block is vice president, in addition to Joe Aronson as secretary and treasurer.

Joe Aronson was born in Russia the tenth of May, 1885, his parents dying in that country. Later his brother, Goodman Aronson, came to the United States, and a few years later sent for the brother, Joe, where he put him in school at Orange, when he was eleven years old. After finishing his work in the Orange schools Mr. Aronson went to New York, attending school there, and returned to Texas to begin his business career as a tobacco salesman in New York. Three years later he returned to Orange and joined his brother in the grocery business here, buying out the major part of the stock of Aronson Brothers, grocers, in 1921.

Mr. Aronson was married at Houston, Texas, the eighth of October, 1912, to Miss Sadie Block, a native of Houston, and the daughter of B. Block of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Aronson reside at 712 Fourth Street, and have one son, Arnold Aronson. Mr. Aronson is a Mason, Orange Blue Lodge, thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He belongs to the Elks Club, the Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Young Men's Business League, and is on the finance committee of the Orange Boy Scouts, taking a deep interest in scout work and in the boys of Orange. He is also active in all civic work and has contributed to the success of the various movements organized for the advancement of Orange.



**WEBER OGDEN**, one of the most progressive of the younger business men of Orange, has exerted a constructive influence on activities here, building up a large insurance business, and taking a definite part in the civic program at Orange, especially in Chamber of Commerce and Boy Scout work. Mr. Ogden is a member of the firm of Sims and Company, in which business he is associated as a partner with James N. Sims and Lee Woodworth. The company handles a general insurance business, writing all classes of policies, and representing many of the strong companies. Mr. Ogden also has oil interests in the oil fields of the coastal district. He takes a prominent part in civic work, and in 1924 was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce at Orange, directing the activities of this organization in a way consistent with civic development. In the same year he was also elected president of the Boy Scouts of Orange, and has built up a fine organization, doing an excellent work among the boys of the city. Mr. Ogden is also a director of the Young Men's Business League and takes an active part in the work being done by this association for the business advancement of Orange.

Weber Ogden was born at Orange, the twenty-seventh of October, 1895. His father, W. H. Ogden, a native of Illinois, has been a resident of Texas for more than four decades, making his home at Beaumont and later at Orange, where he now resides. Weber Ogden's mother was, prior to her marriage, Miss Julia Baumgartner. Mr. Ogden was educated in the Orange public schools, later attending high school at Beaumont, and graduating there. He has also done a large amount of research work for many years. As a young man he entered upon his business career as a salesman, working out of San Antonio, Houston, Fort Worth, El Paso and Beaumont, making the last named city his home. He continued this work until the thirtieth of June, 1917, when he enlisted in military service, joining the army at El Paso, with Company A, 141st Infantry, Thirty-sixth Division, and being commissioned second lieutenant. He was transferred from the 141st Infantry to the 142nd, and later to Company D, 132nd Machine Gun Company, Thirty-sixth Division, with which division he went overseas, going through the war, and while on duty in France being made first lieutenant. He returned to the States and was discharged at Fort Worth the third of July, 1919. He then went to Arizona, where he engaged in the brokerage business for six months, after which he came to Orange where he has since been a business and civic leader.

Mr. Ogden was married at Atlanta, Georgia, the twenty-sixth of June, 1923, to Mrs. Dolce Simpson Green, a native of Tennessee. They reside at 802 B. Fifteenth Street, and have one child, Taylor. Mr. Ogden is a Mason, Orange Blue Lodge, thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston, and of the Arabia Temple degree team. He belongs to the American Legion, the Young Men's Business League, of which he is a director, the Chamber of Commerce, of which he is president, the Orange Rotary Club, and is active in all civic and welfare work.

Mr. Ogden has relinquished his insurance business and now gives his entire time to the oil business.





**EDGAR N. DICKENS** of Beaumont, Texas, selected the grocery business as his vocation and has spent his entire business life in this field of activity. Mr. Dickens is president of the E. N. Dickens and Company, which is one of the finest grocery houses in this city. This company was organized in October, 1922, and has had a steady growth since that time, carries a full and complete line of staple and fancy groceries, meats, fruits and vegetables. In this splendid grocery store, located at the corner of Crockett and Main Streets, the most exacting housewife can find everything for her table. The watchword of the E. N. Dickens and Company is cleanliness, sanitation and fresh goods. Ten careful and trained people are employed in the operation of this store. Mr. Dickens makes the delivery service a feature of the establishment and small orders receive the same care as large ones. Other officers of the E. N. Dickens and Company are G. W. Grigsby, active vice president, and H. F. Walker, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Dickens came to Beaumont as a very young man and entered the employ of S. L. Adams and Company, grocers, and worked in every department, beginning as a clerk. He served in the various lines of promotion until he became president of this firm. He continued as the executive head of S. L. Adams and Company until he sold his interest in that company and organized the E. N. Dickens and Company.

A native Texan, Mr. Dickens was born at Woodville on January 29th, 1886. His father, Jim Dickens, came to Woodville more than half a century ago and was engaged in farming in Tyler County practically all his life. His education was obtained in the public schools of Woodville, Texas.

Mr. Dickens was married at Beaumont, Texas, on November 11th, 1913, to Miss Elizabeth Hargraves, a native of Beaumont and a member of a well known family of Jefferson County. Mr. and Mrs. Dickens reside at 590 Roberts Street. Mr. Dickens is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Beaumont Lodge No. 286. He is also a member of the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce and is active in this organization. He is also a member of the following fraternal organizations: Macabees and the K. of P. Mr. Dickens is popular in the business and social circles of Beaumont, where he is regarded as one of the city's most enterprising citizens. He is ambitious for his city and his firm and works hard for the progress and advancement of both. Mr. Dickens is an example of what concentration and application in business will accomplish. He is an advocate of efficiency, promptness and punctuality and no detail in his business life and affairs is too small to receive his close personal attention.



**R. BEAMAN**, during his period of residence at Beaumont has attained a commendable reputation in the community for his activity in mercantile circles and is one of the best known druggists of this city. Mr. Beaman is secretary, treasurer and manager of the Orleans Drug Store, one of the principal pharmacies of the city, located at the corner of Orleans and Bowie Streets. The business was established in 1911, and Mr. Beaman has been with the company since that time, taking an active part in the devel-

opment of the business. The store is well located in the down-town district, and has built up a very large trade. The fixtures are of the best quality and a very complete stock is carried. A force of nine employees assist Mr. Beaman in rendering the kind of service for which the store is famed, and are a factor in the smooth functioning of the business. O. B. Sawyer, well known business man of Beaumont, is president of the Orleans Drug Store.

Mr. Beaman was born at Paris, Texas, the twenty-sixth of August, 1892, the son of C. A. Beaman, formerly one of the well known saw milling men of the state, but now retired. He came to Beaumont in 1905, and has since resided in this city. Mr. Beaman was educated in the schools of Beaumont, and after graduating from the high school here went in the drug business. He was first with Grimes & Hurst, and later with the Postoffice Drug Company, and still later bought an interest in this business, and has been active in the management of the store for many years.

Mr. Beaman was married at Beaumont, in 1913, to Miss Winnie Davis Francis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Francis. Mr. Francis was a well known architect of New Iberia, La. Mr. and Mrs. Beaman reside at 750 Willow Street, and have two children, Dorothy and Helen. Mr. Beaman belongs to the Beaumont Business Men's Club and the Lions Club, and fraternally is a Mason, York Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He has taken an active interest in all civic work, especially in the advancement of Beaumont as a commercial center, and is one of the best known druggists in this city.



**THOMAS H. HUNTER, Jr.**, for many years one of the young business men of Beaumont, and a factor in the commercial advancement of this city, is regarded as one of the best informed lumbermen of this city, and one who, through his many years activity in this field is qualified to speak with authority on questions concerning the manufacture and sale of lumber. Mr. Hunter is secretary and sales manager of the Keith Lumber Company, one of the oldest lumber companies of Beaumont, and one which has met with a steady and gratifying growth since its establishment. The Keith Lumber Company is one of the largest lumber companies here, and handles a general lumber wholesale jobbing and exporting business. General offices are maintained in the Keith Building, and the officers are W. C. Keith, president and general manager; B. R. Norvell, vice president and treasurer; and Thomas Harbert Hunter, Jr., the subject of this sketch, secretary and sales manager.

Mr. Hunter was born at Houston, the fourth of December, 1884, the son of Thomas Harbert Hunter, a lumberman of that city and now associated with the Kirby Lumber Company, of Houston. He was educated in the public schools of Houston and after completing his education entered the railroad business, remaining in Houston where he was active in railroad work from 1901 until 1904, at which time he went with the Kirby Lumber Company, remaining with that organization until 1907, at the mills and in the sales department. From 1907 until 1910 he was cashier of the Silsbee State Bank, after which he came to Beaumont, and was with the Beaumont Lumber Company for one year, leaving that



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*F. J. Balhoun.*

company to take his present position with the Keith Lumber Company.

Mr. Hunter was married at Houston, in 1907, to Miss Annie Edmonston, daughter of W. E. Edmonston, a cotton man of that city. They have five children, Francis, Thomas Harbert III, Mary Louise, Marjorie and Alice Carroll and reside at 2620 South Street. Mr. Hunter is a member of the Beaumont Club, Hoo Hoo Club, and the Round Table Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, York Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Hunter takes an active interest in all civic advancement, and has contributed generously to all constructive movements. He has many friends in Beaumont, and among the lumbermen of the state, and takes an active part in the development of this industry.



**FRANK J. CALHOUN**, 2409 Magnolia Avenue, is one of the best known contractors of Beaumont and for a number of years has been actively identified with the program of building and construction work that has placed this city in the front rank of those in this section of the country. Mr. Calhoun has been a resident of Beaumont for more than a score of years, having come here in 1901. For nearly ten years now he has devoted his entire time to building and contracting work, in which he has been very successful. Devoting special attention to residences, Mr. Calhoun has erected some of the most beautiful homes in Beaumont as well as hundreds of the less pretentious places. While his principal work has been in the construction of residences, he has engaged in a general contracting business and has been connected with a number of important building jobs.

Mr. Calhoun maintains a complete organization and by keeping his work contracted well ahead, is able to maintain his organization at a high state of efficiency. This eliminates the necessity of organizing a new force with the commencement of each new job, as is usually the case with the small contractor. Mr. Calhoun personally supervises his work and is a stickler for the best of workmanship on every job, whether large or small.

A native Texan, Mr. Calhoun was born at Chireno on October 1, 1878, a son of B. A. and Josephine (Tucker) Calhoun. His father operated a farm and also engaged in the sawmill and building business and the younger Calhoun began life, after completing his studies in the public and high schools of Nacogdoches County, as a carpenter. He followed the carpenter's trade for a number of years and then was superintendent of construction for some of the leading firms of this section before engaging in the contracting business on his own account. Following the entry of the United States into the World War in 1917, Mr. Calhoun assisted in the building of ships for the government and was connected with the McBride and Law Shipbuilding Company at Beaumont.

In 1906 Mr. Calhoun was married at Ashland, Kentucky, to Miss Eleanor A. Druery, member of a well known Illinois family. Their home is at 2409 Magnolia Avenue.

Mr. Calhoun has always maintained the principles of the Golden Rule in his business relations and has never stooped to take the slightest unfair advantage of a client. It is largely to this that he

attributes the success he has achieved in a business way.

Maintaining an active interest in civic affairs, Mr. Calhoun is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Beaumont Kiwanis Club.



**A. McDONALD**, for the past decade has been a factor in the filling station business at Beaumont, and also has taken an active part in civic affairs. Mr. McDonald is president and manager of the McDonald Tire Service Co., the largest filling station in the city, and one that has many unusual features. The business was established in 1915, and occupies an excellent location. The building is unusually attractive, and represents the highest type of filling station architecture, the building itself being sixty by one hundred and twenty feet. A modern filling station, selling high grade gasoline and oil, is operated, and the company also sells tires, tubes and accessories. One feature that is especially good is the use of electric fans for the benefit of patrons sitting in cars while getting tires repaired. Mr. McDonald also gives special attention to giving his patrons real service, and sells only the best quality of merchandise. His business is the largest of its kind in Beaumont.

Mr. McDonald was born at Bastrop, Texas, the twenty-seventh of May, 1881, son of J. T. McDonald, received his elementary education at Bastrop, later attending school at San Antonio. He first entered the lumber business and worked in various positions in the manufacturing end of this industry for twelve years, and was in Southeast Texas during this time, for many years being with the Olive Sternenberg Lumber Company. He then moved to Beaumont, in 1913, and was in the lumber business here for two years, after which he established the McDonald Tire and Service Co., which he has since operated.

Mr. McDonald was married at Natchitoches, Louisiana, in 1904, to Miss Corine Small, daughter of G. W. Small, Marthaville, Louisiana, a general merchant of that city, and Sarah Small. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald have three children, H. A., Jr., a popular high school student, and one of the finest athletes in the city, being a star on the first football team at his school, and two daughters, Ella Berta and Mabel. The family live at 1315 Avenue A, and attend the Baptist Church. Mr. McDonald is a member of the Rotary Club, and is a Mason, York and Scottish Rites, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Since coming to Beaumont Mr. McDonald has taken a prominent part in all civic activities, and has invested in numerous enterprises here. He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Industrial Investment Company, a director of the South Texas Fair, a director of the Roberts Undertaking Company, and is interested in other enterprises. He served as a member of the city council, acting as mayor pro-tem for two years. Mr. McDonald was also chairman of the campaign committee that put over the two million dollar campaign to build a half a million dollar bridge across the Neches River, and to build concrete roads throughout the county. These, and other civic improvements, have been actively sponsored by McDonald, and there are few citizens of Beaumont have done more in a material way for the advancement of this city.





**W. FEULNER** opened his first drug store in Houston in 1920 and since that time has established himself firmly in the drug circles of the city, where he now owns and operates three splendid drug establishments that are among the most up-to-date in the city. The three stores are the Palace Drug Store, located at 1202 Texas Avenue, established by Mr. Feulner in 1920 and has eight employees; Store No. 2, the North Side Community Drug Store, located at the corner of Terry and Lorraine Streets, where five people are employed, and Store No. 3, Hamilton Street Pharmacy, located at 62 Hamilton Street, and has three employees. Each of these drug stores carries a full and complete line of drugs and druggist's sundries, toilet articles, school supplies, cigars, etc. They also maintain thoroughly reliable prescription departments, presided over by competent registered pharmacists and sanitary soda fountains where ice creams and iced drinks of all kinds are served. Each year Mr. Feulner has been in this business has seen an increase over the previous year.

A native of Alabama, Mr. Feulner was born at Montgomery in 1891. His father, P. S. Feulner, a native of Germany, came to America when a young man, in company with his brother, John A. Feulner. His mother was Miss Alma Miller, a member of a well known family of Alabama. His early education was obtained in the county schools of Alabama, after which he devoted himself diligently to home study, and through this method of self-help was admitted to the medical department of the University of Alabama, and after attending the University for a period of six months, was able to pass the examination required by the State Pharmacy Board of Alabama.

Mr. Feulner joined the United States Army in 1909 as a private and served four years. He was discharged in 1913 as a sergeant, first class. After leaving the army, Mr. Feulner engaged in the drug business in Montgomery, Alabama, where he remained for three years. He then came to Galveston, Texas, and remained there for one and one-half years, then went to Dallas for a short time and then came to Houston where he entered the employ of the Kiesling Drug Store, and remained there until entering the service of the United States Government in the Public Health Service Department. After the close of the war, Mr. Feulner returned to Houston and was associated with the Cash Drug Store until he started his present business.

He is also part owner of the Community Garage at 1506 Lorraine Street. Mr. S. E. Fondren is his partner in the enterprise, which is considered to be one of the best of its kind in the city. Mr. Fondren is a skilled automobile engineer, having had many years' experience in the Packard factory. Mr. Feulner is an enthusiastic automobile racer, owning and racing his own cars, and is to a great extent responsible for the successful automobile racing tournament held in Houston. Mr. Feulner is a member of the A. F. & A. M., with membership in Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 176 of Montgomery, Alabama. He is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite, and a Knight Templar of this organization, and a Shriner of Arabia Temple, Houston. He is also a member of the B. P. O. E., the Knights of Pythias and the Dokeys. Mr. Feulner is deeply interested in all agencies working for the greater development and

civic improvement of Houston, where he is regarded as one of the city's leading business men of the younger generation with an assured future in his chosen field.



**H. LATIMER**, although a recent addition to the oil and business circles of Houston, has been identified with the oil activities for several years in Texas. Mr. Latimer came to Houston in February, 1923, from Chicago and is secretary and treasurer of the Peer Oil Corporation, and has offices on the second floor of the Humble building. The Peer Oil Corporation is the result of the consolidation of the Kansas and Gulf, Monarch Oil and Refining Company, and the Southern Petroleum Company, and have a settled production of more than four thousand barrels daily. They are drilling on their acreage in the Smackover field and in May, 1923, brought in a ten thousand barrel well there, and are actively engaged in drilling more wells in this field. They have acreage in various fields of the Mid-Continent area, and have one hundred and fifty men in their organization. The Peer Oil Corporation, of which Mr. R. L. Young is the president, contract all their drilling, and this has been the policy of the company since its organization, believing as many of the large oil companies do, that the best results, with a smaller outlay of money, are obtained in this manner.

Mr. Latimer was born in New York City on May 20th, 1868. His father, E. H. Latimer, was a well known journalist of New York, and died when Mr. Latimer was a youth. His mother was Miss Esther Cannon, a native of New York State and a member of a prominent family there. His education was obtained in the New York City public schools.

Mr. Latimer has had a wide and varied business career, which he began in the railroad business in Chicago and New York, after which he entered the stock and bond business in Chicago and remained in this from 1905 to 1917. In 1917, he entered the oil business as secretary of the Kansas and Gulf with headquarters in Chicago, where he remained until coming here in February, 1923, as secretary and treasurer of the Peer Oil Corporation. Mr. Latimer and his family have been coming to Houston each summer for seven or eight years, and had grown to like the South Texas country. Mr. Latimer was married in Chicago in 1894 to Miss Elizabeth Dolezel, a member of a well known Chicago family. They have three children—Merle D. Latimer, who is engaged in the oil business in Arkansas; Melville E., who resides in Chicago and is a member of the Board of Trade of Chicago, and Albert C., who is a student of Northwestern University. One son, Walter H. Latimer, Jr., twenty-eight years of age, died in service at Camp Grant during the World War. Mr. Latimer is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason of Oriental Lodge, Chicago, also the Blue Lodge, and a member of Medina Temple Shrine. He is also a member of the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and the Tulsa Club of Tulsa, Okla.

Mr. Latimer is already a booster for Houston and is enthusiastic as to the future of this city, and while only a recent resident here, he has through his annual visits to the Lone Star State kept up with the conditions existing here, not only in oil matters, but in business as well and it is his belief that Houston will soon become the leading city of the Southwest.



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*Munger F. Ball.*



**MUNGER T. BALL**, for about a quarter of a century has been a factor in navigation activities at Port Arthur, and during this time has attained a position of importance in the shipping world, particularly in the towing business, and is known along this coast as an expert in this line. Mr. Ball is president and manager of the Sabine Towing Company, Inc., a firm doing general harbor, coastwise and ocean towing, and employing seventy men. Other officers are: R. P. Smith, A. S. Hansen and A. T. Eddington, vice presidents; L. L. Abshire, secretary, and H. M. Fredricksen, treasurer. The company recently completed three successful towing trips to South America and another trip when completed to California, covering 10,500 miles, will probably be a record for any American towboat company. Mr. Ball is also president and general manager of the Sabine Ice, Water and Towing Company, Inc. This company furnishes ice and fresh water for ships coming into the harbor, and does a general towing business. His companies have five ocean-going tugs, one ocean lighter-barge, six motor tugs, and fifteen lighters. He is president of the Basin Supply Company, a firm doing a wholesale business in bunker coal for coal-ing ships, and operating one steam collier. A. T. Eddington is vice president of this company, and L. L. Abshire, secretary, and H. M. Fredricksen, treasurer. Mr. Ball is vice president and general manager of the Adams-Eddington Company, a firm handling a general export and freight business, and operating one twelve hundred ton vessel and one four hundred and fifty ton vessel. John R. Adams is president, and Captain A. S. Hansen, secretary and treasurer. These companies employ about 80 people.

Mr. Ball was born at Elm Creek, Nebraska, the fourteenth of January, 1885, son of T. J. Ball, and Gussie E. Ball. The family came to Texas in 1892, going to Fort Worth, where the elder Mr. Ball was in the coal business, coming to Port Arthur in 1896. After coming to this city he again engaged in the coal business, operating a large wholesale and retail business. He is now with the Gulf Refining Company. Munger T. Ball received his elementary education in the public schools of Fort Worth and Sabine, Texas. He later entered Southwestern University in Louisiana, where he graduated in 1902, and after which he returned to Port Arthur, and in 1904 became connected with the shipping industry. He organized his first towing business in 1910, and has since developed an organization that is the leader in its field and has the most efficient fleet on the Gulf Coast. Mr. Ball is a director of the First National Bank, a director of the Home Agency Insurance Company, a director of the Jefferson County Building and Loan Association, and is vice president and director of the Neches Shipyard at Beaumont.

Mr. Ball was married at Sabine, Texas, the 10th of January, 1911, to Miss Kate Harper, a native of that city. They reside in Port Arthur at 346 Marshall Avenue, and have two children, Leslie Munger, and Dorothy Bell. Mr. Ball is a Mason, Cosmopolitan Blue Lodge, Port Arthur Chapter, Texas Consistory, No. 1, Port Arthur Commandery, No. 73, is potentate of El Mina Temple Shrine, of Galveston, and is a Port Arthur Eastern Star. He is a member of the Port Arthur Shrine Club, the Rotary Club,

the Port Arthur Country Club, the Beaumont Club, the Port Arthur Rod and Gun Club, the Port Arthur Tarpon Club, Aziola Club of Galveston, and is a director of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ball has taken an active part in civic work, and has done much to make Port Arthur one of the leading Gulf Coast cities, encouraging and aiding in all harbor and channel development work.



**WALLACE B. LIVESAY**, in the several years since he came to Beaumont, has established an enviable record in the field of architecture, and is one of the younger business men to take an active part in the civic advancement of this city. Mr. Livesay is a member of the firm of Livesay and Wiedemann, Architects, a partnership composed of himself and Newell E. Wiedemann, and organized in 1921. The firm has offices in the San Jacinto Life Insurance Building, and employs a force of trained men to assist them in their work. Mr. Livesay is the type of architect who instinctively wants to develop and improve, replacing crude construction with beautiful homes and fine business and public buildings, and is not only technically equipped for this work, but is by temperament essentially a builder. Since the establishment of the firm of which he is a member, a gratifying business has been handled, and Mr. Livesay has personally secured a number of important clients. Among the buildings that they have been architects for are a large number of beautiful homes, churches, schools and business buildings.

Wallace Livesay was born at Frankford, West Virginia, the twentieth of January, 1886. His father, John G. Livesay, was for many years a farmer and land owner of that section, later removing to Staunton, Virginia, and has taken an active part in its agricultural development. His mother's maiden name was Miss Emma Robison. Mr. Livesay attended the public schools of West Virginia, and after finishing high school entered Virginia Polytechnic Institute, where he spent five years, in the engineering department, taking the B. S. degree. He then entered the University of Illinois, taking the post-graduate course in civil engineering, and after two years there had the A. E. degree conferred on him. He went with the Virginia Bridge and Iron Company, at Roanoke, Virginia, and spent the three years from 1909 until 1912 with that company, as designing and estimating engineer. He then went with the Pyrites Company, Ltd., and for the ensuing two years had charge of all engineering work. He later spent one year at the University of Illinois, as instructor in architectural engineering, after which he went with The Texas Company, at Port Neches, and was with that company three years, as chief draughtsman, in the engineering department, after which he came to Beaumont and established his present business.

Mr. Livesay was married at Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1917, to Miss Julia Payne Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Bryan, of Indianapolis, and formerly of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Livesay have one child, Margaret Tyler, and reside at 2580 South Street. They attend the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Livesay is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and is a licensed architect in Louisiana. He has won the highest esteem of all who know him at Beaumont, and is one of the sterling citizens of this community.



**G**EORGE M. CRAIG, of Port Arthur, Texas, has, since coming to this city on January 1st, 1898, participated in a most substantial and active manner in all moves and enterprises that had for their object the upbuilding of Port Arthur and its citizenship. Mr. Craig is president of the Merchants National Bank of Port Arthur, which was organized in 1912, when he and his associates purchased the Merchants State Bank, which had been in operation for two years, and increased the capital from \$25,000.00 to \$50,000.00, and in June of 1918 increased the capital from \$50,000.00 to \$65,000.00, and in June, 1919, the capital was again increased to \$100,000.00. In 1921 this institution became a National Bank, but Mr. Craig has been the chief executive since its organization. During 1913, this bank erected its own building, which is modern in every detail, and was built at a cost of more than \$50,000.00. Prior to the organization of the Merchants National Bank, Mr. Craig was president of the First National Bank of Port Arthur, and was the head of this institution from 1900 to 1910. The Merchants National Bank, with a capital of \$100,000.00, had at the close of business in June, 1924, surplus and undivided profits of \$135,500.00, and deposits of \$1,930,152.31. This institution has since its organization closely identified itself with the business interests of Port Arthur and this district, supplying a complete banking service on the highest plane, keeping pace with the requirements of its community and anticipating them. It is a progressive bank, though a thoroughly conservative one, and a friendly bank, always ready to work with and for its customers. Other officers of the Merchants National Bank of Port Arthur are: John W. Tryon and M. J. Painton, vice presidents, and E. P. Tucker, cashier. Prior to coming to this city Mr. Craig was associated with the land department of the Kansas City Southern Railroad and came to Port Arthur for this department; they being the owner of the Port Arthur Land and Townsite Company, of which Mr. Craig was manager here. He has helped locate the many big plants here, and has had a very important part in the building of Port Arthur, and is probably the only man living today in the city who knows from first hand knowledge the history and building of his city from the beginning. Among his many activities is the organizing of the Ice, Light and Power Company here, of which he was president for several years. For more than a decade he looked after the John W. Gates interests here, and built many of the leading buildings in this city, which will ever stand as a silent monument to this progressive and public spirited citizen, who is beloved by the entire citizenship of Port Arthur and its environs.

Mr. Craig was born at Bentonville, Arkansas, on September 16th, 1863. His father, J. T. Craig, also a native of Arkansas, was for many years engaged in the mercantile business at Bentonville. His education was obtained in the public schools of Bentonville, where he entered the business world at the age of eighteen years, and engaged in the mercantile business at Bentonville, and remained there in that line of endeavor for twelve years.

Mr. Craig was married at Bentonville, Arkansas, in 1888 to Miss Jane Taliaferro, a member of a prominent Arkansas family. They have three children, Bennette, now the wife of E. B. Germain,

manager of the Dunlop Tire Company of Buffalo, New York; Louise, now the wife of E. D. Dorchester, Jr., of Port Arthur, and George T. Craig, who, until the time of his death on May 31st, 1924, was active vice president of the Merchants National Bank of Port Arthur, and one of the most progressive young business men of this city. Mr. Craig is a member of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, is active in this organization and for many years was its president. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias. Mr. Craig has built up a very strong banking institution which is growing rapidly, and is considered the pioneer citizen of this city, of which he is one of the builders. He has one hobby—hunting and fishing, and is regarded as one of the leading sportsmen of this portion of the state. Mr. Craig is a man of sterling qualities, loved by those who know him, and intuitively esteemed by those who have had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Endowed with vigorous intellectual powers, lofty ideals of commercial and civic virtue, a personality energetic, strong, magnetic, gracious in its high sense of honor and probity, Mr. Craig has throughout his residence in this city of more than a quarter of a century occupied a place of leadership in the business and civic life of his city on which, indelibly, he has impressed the seal of his goodness and usefulness, to his city and state.

**H**ARRY F. BANKER, for many years one of a group of business men whose names have been of special significance at Port Arthur, has given his time not alone to his private business interests, and the development of one of the finest abstract plants in the city, but has been foremost in civic achievement, and one of the most progressive men who have ever served as president of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Banker is a member of the firm of the Port Arthur Abstract Company, a partnership composed of himself and Robert L. Rutan. The business dates back to the early days of Port Arthur, when, in 1897, Robert L. Rutan's father began abstracting land records, and organized a firm for the abstracting of land titles and conveyances. The business has continued in operation since that time, Harry F. Banker and Robert L. Rutan coming into the firm in 1910. The Port Arthur Abstract Company now has a complete index to all lands in Jefferson County, and owns one of the most complete plants at Port Arthur. Mr. Banker is an expert authority in land title and county record matters, and is considered one of the best title officers in this section. The business is well organized in every department, and has a force of eight employees all of whom are experienced abstractors.

Harry F. Banker was born at Douglas, Kansas, the first of January, 1878, the son of J. P. and Mary Fager Banker, of Pennsylvania. J. P. Banker moved to Kansas from Pennsylvania in 1868, and was a contractor there for many years, later becoming a farmer, and holding public office in that state. He retired in 1908 and he and Mrs. Banker now make their home in Colorado Springs. Mr. Banker was educated in the public schools of Douglas County, and at Lawrence, Kansas, and later took a commercial course at a business college in that state. When he attained his majority he entered the retail lumber business at Douglas, Kansas, and



after a number of years there came to Louisiana as manager of his uncle's estate at Denton, Louisiana. He remained there for ten years, gaining a wide business experience, especially in land titles and conveyances. In 1910 Mr. Banker came to Port Arthur, to go in his present business, and has since made this city his home.

Mr. Banker was married in Kansas the twenty-fourth of December, 1922, to Miss Florence Badger, a native of Pennsylvania, and the daughter of the late E. W. Badger, a resident of Kansas for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Banker reside at 1100 Fifth Street, and have one child, Mary Frances. Mr. Banker is a director of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, and served as vice president in 1922, and as president in 1923. He is a director of the Merchants National Bank of Port Arthur, and president of the Port Arthur Investment Company. Mr. Banker is a member of the various civic organizations, and is president of the Rotary Club, and president of the Boy Scouts of Port Arthur. Mr. Banker has been chairman of the board of trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for a decade, and for the latter half of that time has been on the building committee. He is a Blue Lodge Mason, Port Arthur, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Banker's activities as president of the Chamber of Commerce, and his intense interest in Port Arthur's development, has been one of the factors of the remarkable growth that this city has undergone in the last few years. The Chamber of Commerce has, under Mr. Banker's direction, been active in securing new industries and businesses for this city, and has encouraged a constant expansion and extension of the various utilities and like improvements. This organization has also been active in broadcasting the advantages Port Arthur has to offer as one of the fastest growing cities in the state, and has been instrumental in placing much publicity of this kind. While working with this organization, Mr. Banker has not neglected to take an interest, as an individual, in his city, and he is allied with all the various movements whose purpose has been the advancement of Port Arthur. He is a man with those qualities of leadership, and of unselfish devotion to his city and its high development, who make possible civic growth, and it would be hard to estimate how much Port Arthur owes to him the place it occupies as a city, and its present state of development.



**PERRY PACE** has for more than a decade been held in high esteem for his work in the development of Port Arthur, and has for the past several years been associated with merchandising activities. Mr. Pace is secretary, treasurer and manager of the Vaughan-Pace Hardware and Furniture Company, one of the leading hardware and furniture houses in the city, and one that has more than doubled its business in the several years of its organization. The business was organized in June, 1921, with the "Store Ahead" for its slogan, and an earnest desire to give real service, and to combine low prices with high quality. This policy has been largely reflected in the rapid growth of the company, and the business has met with a well deserved patronage. The house-furnishings department, complete in every detail, offers to the citizens of Port Arthur the highest grade

of furniture and the lowest prices consistent with quality, and has been especially popular with residents of the city. In this department the management has taken into consideration the fact that the purchase of furniture for the home, either of a single piece, or a complete outfit, is no small matter, and that proper selection requires deep thought, and a careful consideration of the question of harmony, as well as quilty and economy. Here the trained sales force is ready to aid the customer, assisting him in every possible way to make selections that will prove a source of pleasure. This service has been a means of trade building that has been one of the factors in the success of the department, and makes the store distinctive. In the hardware department the same policy of service, quality and price that has governed the furniture department prevails, and this feature of the business has likewise found favor with the public, and has been patronized to a gratifying extent. Every article that belongs in the best stocked hardware store is to be found at Vaughan-Pace and this department is unusually complete. The business is located in the heart of the business district, at 617-619 Procter Street, and occupies a modern, well equipped building. Dr. E. W. Vaughan is president; W. O. Vaughan, vice president, and Perry Pace is secretary, treasurer and manager of the company.

Mr. Pace was born at Farmersville, Union Parish, Louisiana, the fourth of July, 1886, the son of A. L. Pace, and Clara (Marony) Pace, both natives of Louisiana, where they now reside in the same home they have occupied for more than fifty years. Mr. Pace spent his boyhood in Louisiana, attending the schools of Farmersville, and after finishing school was employed in various mercantile establishments in Louisiana for a time. He came to Texas in 1911, and went with the McAshan Lumber Company, in East Texas, remaining with that firm for six years, in their mercantile store. He then came to Port Arthur, a city of which he had heard much, and began with the Crowell-Gifford Company. He was buyer for that company for the ensuing six years, resigning that position to organize the present company.

Mr. Pace was married at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, the second of October, 1913, to Miss Eva Chenault, then a student of Louisiana State University, a native of Rayville, Louisiana, and the daughter of C. C. Chenault, of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Pace have three children, Perry, Jr., Gordon Lane, and Ingram Chenault Pace. They reside at 3437 Seventh Street, Model addition. Fraternally Mr. Pace is a Mason, being affiliated with Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 872, Port Arthur Chapter, R. A. M., No. 250. He takes an active interest in all Masonic work, and is secretary of the Masonic Building Company at Port Arthur. He is a director of the Young Men's Business League, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and president of the Lions Club, a member of the school board and works with these organizations for the civic advancement of the city. Mr. Pace is also vice president of the Retail Merchants Association, and is active in the field of merchandising, encouraging the highest business standards. There have been few civic movements of recent years with which he has not been affiliated, and he has been an indefatigable worker where the future of Port Arthur has been concerned.





**P. WOOD**, well known Texas banker, has since coming to Port Arthur, Texas, in September, 1922, been an active figure in the financial circles of this city. As vice president of the Seaboard State Bank and Trust Company, he has had an important part in shaping the destinies of this institution. Mr. Wood has devoted his entire life to the various branches of the banking business, in which he is widely known as a careful and conservative banker, and has the confidence of the public in the different portions of the Lone Star State. Since Mr. Wood became associated with this institution the deposits have more than doubled, and he is rapidly building up his bank in every way, and the rapid growth of this institution is marked and unusual. Mr. Wood has become one of the most popular business men of Port Arthur, and he belongs in the class of the modern school of up-to-date bankers. He began his business career, which was also his career in the banking business, in 1909 with the Planters National Bank at Honey Grove, Texas, and remained with this institution until 1912. He then went to Fort Worth, and for two years was associated with the Texas State Bank at that place. In 1914 he removed to Hawkins, Texas, where he opened a private bank and remained at Hawkins and continued in the private banking business until 1917, when he went with the First National Bank at Paducah, Texas. He remained with this North Texas institution until 1918 as cashier, when he resigned in order to accept the position of State Bank Examiner. He then became general liquidating agent for the banking department of the State of Texas and remained in this important position until 1922, when he came to his present position with the Seaboard State Bank of this city.

A native Texan, Mr. Wood was born at Honey Grove on November 1st, 1888. His father, W. W. Wood (deceased since 1910), was brought to Texas by his parents from Kentucky when fifteen months of age. The family removed to Texas in 1846, where Mr. Wood remained until his death. He was educated in Texas and for many years was one of the leading wholesale and retail grocery merchants of that section, and was engaged in this business at Honey Grove, where he was known as one of the most progressive and highly esteemed citizens of Fannin County. His mother was Miss Mary Joanna Pierce, a native of Tennessee, and a member of a prominent family of that state. She came to Texas in the early '40s and was one of the pioneers of this state. Mr. Wood's early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Honey Grove, Texas, where he graduated from the latter. He then entered Southwestern University at Georgetown, and remained for some time in that institution, after which he became a student at the Eastman Business College of Poughkeepsie, New York, where he graduated, and later took a course at the Metropolitan Business College of Dallas, Texas, where he pursued the various courses which would be of benefit to him in his career as a banker.

Mr. Wood was married at Honey Grove, Texas, on June 15th, 1911, to Miss Bobbie Lala Fielding, a native of Honey Grove and a daughter of J. M. Fielding, a well known farmer and land owner of Fannin County. They have two children: F. P. Wood, Jr., and Mary Ann. Mr. Wood is a director

of the Y. M. B. L., a member of the A. F. and A. M., the Lions Club, the Tarpon Club, and the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the finance committee of the last named organization. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Since coming to Port Arthur, Mr. Wood has identified himself with the business life of this city, and is popular in the business and social circles. He is regarded as a progressive and wide-awake citizen, ambitious for his bank and his city, and lends his best efforts to the upbuilding of both. Mr. Wood's executive skill has been developed by having spent practically all of his life in the atmosphere of the banking business. He is a leader in the profession of banking and is a steadfast exponent of its highest standards. Throughout his career as a banker, Mr. Wood has proven his value as a man of sound judgment, fully competent to handle the important positions he has held, and the responsibilities involved. During his association with the Seaboard State Bank and Trust Company of Port Arthur, the bank has become one of the substantial institutions of the city.



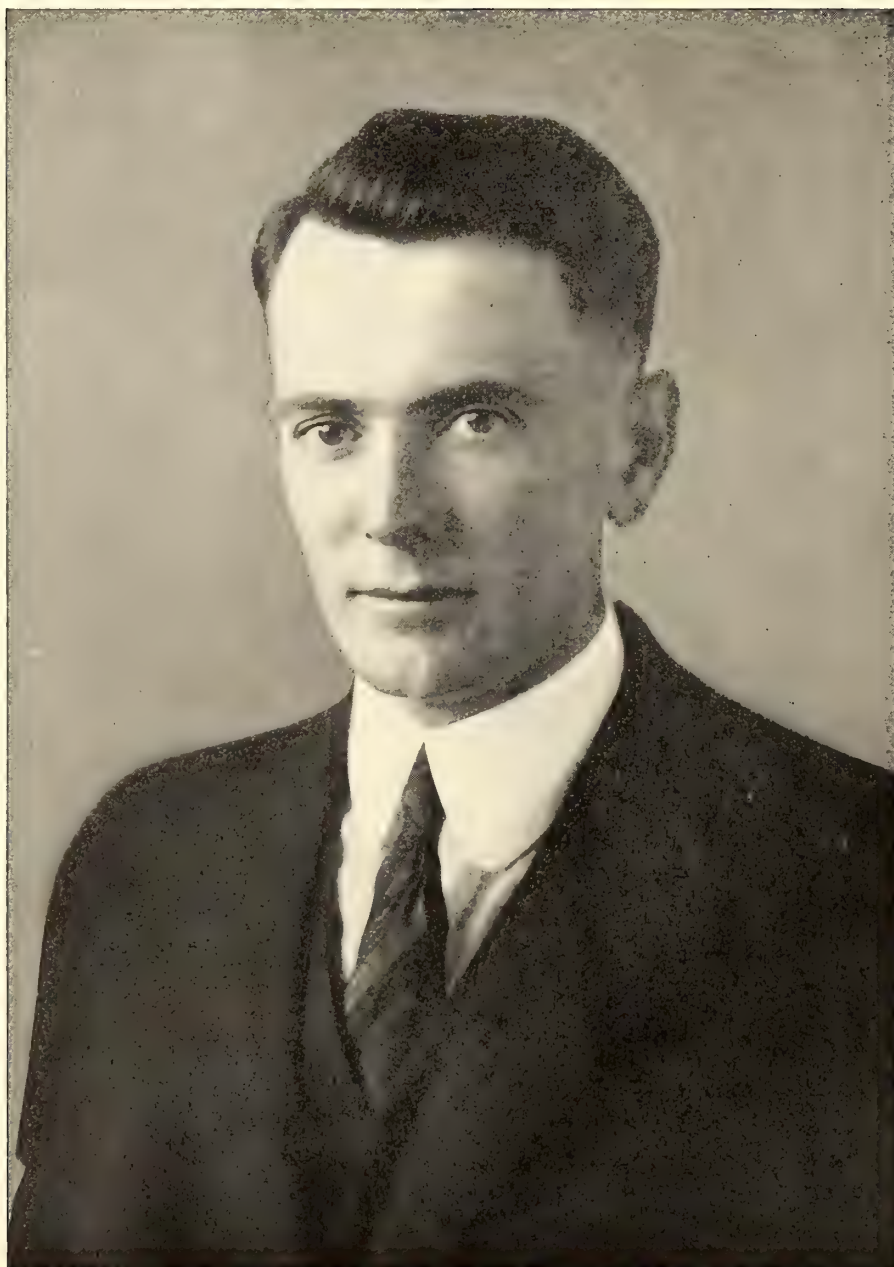
**JOE S. PARK** has for the decade of his residence at Port Arthur been actively identified with banking affairs, and has taken an interest in the commercial and civic advancement of this city. Mr. Park is active vice president of the First National Bank of Port Arthur, one of the strongest financial institutions in this section of the state. The First National Bank was founded by John W. Gates and his associates in 1900, two years after the founding of Port Arthur. Later the institution was taken over by R. H. Woodworth, a banker of conservative banking policies, and was operated by him and the present directorate until Mr. Woodworth's death in 1923. The year immediately following his death, until the election of Travis Holland as president, the bank was under the direct executive direction of Joe S. Park, and D. P. Sheeks, active vice presidents. The First National Bank of Port Arthur has, from the first days of its existence to the present time, furnished, uninterrupted, constructive banking service to this city. The bank has the reputation for taking an interest in each depositor as an individual, and is known locally as the "Bank of Hospitality." The bank, enjoying at all times the highest confidence of depositors and the public in general, has met with a steady consistent growth, the deposits, from around one hundred and forty thousand dollars in 1900, mounting upward until in June, 1924, they had reached nearly four million dollars. The bank owns its own home, a substantial brick structure that is a distinct addition to the business center, and has the strongest board of directors of any bank in South Texas. These men, all business leaders in this section of the state, are: G. N. Bliss, vice president; D. P. Sheeks, active vice president; Joe S. Park, active vice president; A. C. Reichle, cashier; W. L. Weatherall, assistant cashier; E. L. Canada, assistant cashier, with M. T. Ball, G. N. Bliss, Dr. W. E. Crumpler, R. C. Holmes, M. R. Kleas, F. T. Manley, Joe S. Park, D. P. Sheeks, W. C. Tyrrell, J. W. Williams and Mrs. R. H. Woodworth as directors.

Joe S. Park was born in Iowa, the son of W. P. Park, a native of that state, who moved to Port Arthur in 1897, and began in the retail grocery busi-



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*J. P. Logan*

ness. Later he went in the grain and feed business, and later, in 1910, was appointed postmaster, which position he held until 1914, during which time he greatly increased the efficiency of the local office, and took an active part in civic advancement. In 1914 he retired from active life, and has since made Port Arthur his home. Mr. Park's mother, before her marriage Miss Sadie Peach, is also a resident of Port Arthur. Mr. Park was educated in the public schools of Iowa, and later of Port Arthur. He then went to Chicago, where he took a business course, and after which he spent several years there with Fairbanks-Morse Company, in charge of clerical work in the office. In 1910 he returned to Port Arthur, and assisted his father in the postoffice during his administration as postmaster. In 1914 he went with the First National Bank, in the savings department, and later, in 1916, was made trust officer. He held that position until 1918, when he became cashier. He was made vice president in 1919, still holding that position.

Mr. Park was married to Miss Edith Hemingway, a native of Iowa, the ninth of September, 1914. Mrs. Park is the daughter of W. E. Hemingway, a retired furniture manufacturer of Clinton, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Park have two children, Bobbie and Betty. They own their home at 3400 Seventh Street. Mr. Park is a member of the Rotary Club, the Elks Club, the Port Arthur Country Club, and has been since 1920 chairman of the board of the Sabine Pilots Commission.



**JAMES P. LOGAN**, mayor of Port Arthur, has brought to bear in the direction of the municipal affairs of the city the characteristic energy that has significantly marked his career as a business man, and his administration has shown a marked advancement in public improvements. These have included the extension of water and sewer mains, the paving of business and residence streets, the improvement of the police and fire departments, and a thorough systematization of every department of the municipal government. It is given to few men holding a public office to so meet with public approval as has Mayor Logan, and few men in the public eye have been so generally liked and admired. Port Arthur has been with him, and for him, in every forward looking step he has taken, and has helped him in his ambition to make this city one of the best governed, most modern and most prosperous in the state. Few cities of the population of Port Arthur can boast of better or more loyal police and fire departments, but Mayor Logan has not neglected the more utilitarian side of civic advancement, and has urged the paving of streets, the extension of all public utilities, and keeping pace with the rapid growth of the city in the matter of supplying these conveniences.

James P. Logan was born in Grand Chenier, Louisiana, the seventh of June, 1890, the son of J. B. Logan, a native of Texas, who later moved to Louisiana, and came from there to Port Arthur, which is now his home, and Virginia (Sweeney) Logan, a native of Louisiana, and now a resident of Port Arthur. Mayor Logan was educated in the public schools of Port Arthur, later attending Port Arthur College, the leading business college in the South, where he equipped himself for his commercial career. He began with the Phelan Josey Grocery

Company in 1912 as salesman, and later became sales manager, resigning this position in order to become a candidate for the mayoralty, to which office he was elected by a large majority.

Mayor Logan was married in Beaumont, November 26th, 1911, to Miss Achsah Campbell, a native of the Lone Star State, and the daughter of R. B. Campbell of Kyle, Texas. Mayor and Mrs. Logan have two children: Harry B. and Virginia Ray, and reside at 311 Mobile Avenue. Mayor Logan is a director of the Seaboard State Bank and Trust Company, a financial institution which he helped to organize, and which has contributed a constructive banking service to the community for many years. Fraternally he is a Mason, being affiliated with Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 872, Port Arthur Chapter, No. 250, R. A. M., Port Arthur Commandery, No. 73, K. T., and El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He is also a member of the Shrine Club of Port Arthur, the U. C. T., and a director of the Lions Club. Mayor Logan as a public man has been faithful to the trust imposed in him, and has been steadfast to his duty to the community. He has worked indefatigably for the development of Port Arthur, and is one of the best liked and most admired public officials the city has ever had.



**ALBERT N. PECKHAM** for around a decade has been a factor in navigation and shipping activities at Port Arthur, and has been instrumental in the development of one of the largest towing and marine contracting businesses on the Gulf Coast. Mr. Peckham is vice president and manager of D. M. Picton and Company, Inc. This business, established in 1898 by D. M. Picton, has been in operation since that time, and has engaged in a general marine contracting and towing business. For many years the business was operated under Mr. Picton's name, but since its incorporation several years ago has been known as D. M. Picton and Company, Inc. The business has grown rapidly, especially since the development of the ship channel and waterway, and the subsequent increase in shipping, and is one of the largest of its class along the coast. The company operates tugs, and a number of barges, and maintains a force of employees numbering around one hundred. The company also handles a large volume of breakwater, jetty and all other classes of marine construction work throughout the Gulf Coast region. The office of D. M. Picton and Company, Inc., is in the Realty Building at Port Arthur. The officers are: D. M. Picton of San Antonio, president; Albert N. Peckham, vice president and manager; R. P. Clark, vice president, Miami, and D. M. Picton, Jr., of Houston, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Peckham is a native of Canada, the son of J. R. Peckham, of Canada, who moved to Detroit during the son's boyhood. He was educated in the schools of Canada and Detroit, and came to Texas as a young man. Mr. Peckham has lived in the Lone Star State for around a quarter of a century, and spent many years at Galveston prior to coming to Port Arthur. Fraternally he is a Mason, being affiliated with Tucker Lodge, No. 297 of Galveston. He is also a member of the Rotary Club, Chamber of Commerce, the Port Arthur Country Club, the Tarponia Club, Y. M. B. L., and the Beaumont Club, and has been especially interested in all work centering on the development of the waterways.



**W**ILLIAM T. HOOKER, for many years engaged in various lines of business in Texas, came to Port Arthur in 1915, and since that time has been a prominent figure in the business circles of this city. Mr. Hooker is president and general manager of the Corner Drug Company, Inc., a closed corporation which is owned by Mr. Hooker and his son, Guy B. Hooker, who is the vice president of the company, and the store is located in the Merchants National Bank Building. This drug store, which is one of the leading establishments of its kind in Port Arthur, was established in 1911 and purchased by the present owners in 1915. It carries a large and complete line of drugs and druggists' sundries, toilet articles, school supplies, tobaccos, cigars, and in fact everything that is to be found in a modern store of this kind. It also has a prescription department, where prescriptions are filled night and day by careful and accurate pharmacists, and the service in this, as in all of the other departments of the Corner Drug Company, is of the best. Twelve experienced people are employed at the Corner Drug Company's store. The fixtures in this establishment are modern and ornate, and the interior, as well as the exterior, has a very inviting appearance. Mr. Hooker started his business career at Chester, Texas, with U. G. Fagin, and remained in his store for four years. He then went to Silsbee, Texas, with the Texas Pine Land Association, and was in charge of the mercantile store of this association for two years, after which he served them for three years as bookkeeper. He later went to Jasper County and with his brother opened the Hooker Bros. Mercantile Store, and remained in this business for two years, then with his brother built a saw mill at Roginville, which was known as the Roginville Lumber Company, and they operated this mill until January, 1902, when they sold it to the Kirby Lumber Company. Mr. Hooker, then became associated with the Kirby Lumber Company, with headquarters at Houston and was in charge of the stumpage department until September, 1907, when he went to Silsbee as operating manager for the Kirby interests. In 1908 the mill was destroyed by fire and Mr. Hooker was transferred to Call, Texas, as operating manager, for four years. He was then placed in charge of operations at the Brown dell mill. While with the Kirby Lumber Company, Mr. Hooker had acquired an interest in the Silsbee Drug Company. When he left them in 1914, he disposed of this store and began to look over the state for a location, and foreseeing the great future of Port Arthur, located here, where he has built up a splendid business.

A native Texan, Mr. Hooker was born at Moscow, Texas, on August 1st, 1867. His father, Leroy B. Hooker, a native of Mississippi, was brought to Texas by his parents when a small boy and the family settled in East Texas and were among the pioneers of that portion of the state. His mother was Miss Mary A. Stokes, a native of Mississippi, and a member of a well known family of that state. His education was obtained in the public schools of Polk County, Texas, and at the Nacogdoches Business College.

Mr. Hooker was married at Chester, Texas, on October 7th, 1892, to Miss Alice Burch, a native Texan and a niece of John H. Kirby of Houston, one

of the leading lumber men of the United States. They have two children, Guy B. Hooker, associated with his father in business, and Ettie, now the wife of James W. Carroll. Mr. Hooker is a director of the Jefferson Drug Company, wholesale druggists at Beaumont, the Port Arthur Building and Loan Association and the Consumers Ice and Coal Company of this city. Mr. Hooker is a member of the B. P. O. E., and the Knights of Columbus and has attained to the 4th degree in the latter organization. Since locating in Port Arthur, Mr. Hooker has been active in the business, social and general community life of this city, and is enthusiastic as to the future of Port Arthur, and believes that it will become one of the leading ports of the Southwest.

**J**OHAN L. BANGARD, for a decade and a half a factor in the field of drug merchandising at Port Arthur, has taken an active part in trade development, and is one of the progressive business men of the city. Mr. Bangard is owner of the Owl Drug Store, one of the finest and most complete pharmacies in the city, and one that has met with the approval of the public, as attested by the large patronage that has been given the store. Mr. Bangard established the Owl Drug Store in 1915, at 111 Procter Street, where it has since been located. The drug store occupies a modern building, twenty-six by one hundred feet, in the business district, and is equipped throughout with the finest fixtures. The stock is exceptionally complete, and a full line of drugs, of absolute purity, proprietary medicines and drug sundries is carried. The line of candies and toilet articles stocked has been selected to meet the requirements of the most exacting trade, as have the other items, and the Owl Drug Store caters to the highest class of trade. A force of five operatives assist Mr. Bangard in giving a service that has been no small factor of the store's success, and the patrons are assured prompt, efficient and courteous treatment. The store has no fountain, but deals exclusively in drugs and drug sundries. Mr. Bangard was the first druggist in Port Arthur to take this step. The prescription department is under the direction of W. H. Jones, a registered pharmacist, and the oldest pharmacist in Port Arthur.

Mr. Bangard was born at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the seventeenth of October, 1876. His father, L. Bangard, also a native of Bay St. Louis, was street commissioner there for forty years before his death. He came to Port Arthur in 1922, and his death occurred in this city in June of that year. Mr. Bangard's mother, prior to her marriage, Miss Madeline Fayard, was also a native of Mississippi, her death occurring in her native state in 1915. Mr. Bangard was educated in the public schools of Bay St. Louis, graduating from high school there, after which he went on the road as traveling salesman, traveling in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, selling flour and grain. He came to Port Arthur in 1915, after a tour of various Texas cities, to open the Owl Drug Store, which he has since operated. Mr. Bangard is also active in various financial and business enterprises, and was one of the organizers and is a director of the Seaboard State Bank and Trust Company, and was also an organizer, and is a principal stockholder of the Jefferson Drug Company of Beaumont.



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Mr. Bangard was married at Port Arthur the twenty-second of December, 1914, to Mrs. Emma Shepard Skaggs, widow of the late W. J. Skaggs. They make their home at 414 Houston Avenue. Mr. Bangard is a member of various fraternal orders, and is an Elk, an Eagle, a Woodman of the World, and an Odd Fellow. He belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, the Civitan Club, the Retail Merchants Association, and has been for many years a member of the Port Arthur Improvement and Park Board, taking an active part in all educational and civic affairs.

**JOHN MITCHELL JARRATT**, pioneer resident of Port Arthur, and one of the first builders to become associated with this community, through his activities in this field has been instrumental in making Port Arthur a city of beautiful homes, and has contributed materially to the development of the city through his interest in construction work. Mr. Jarratt came to Port Arthur in June of 1901, and since that time has been a general contractor and builder, specializing in the building of real homes. During his years in this city he has built more than five hundred homes, including in this number many of the finest residences in Port Arthur, and he has also built many other buildings, including business buildings and public buildings. He has also bought, developed and sold a great deal of property in Port Arthur, and has taken a constructive interest in the general development of the city. Mr. Jarratt enjoys the distinction of being the oldest active contractor in the city, and in point of homes built, and high standards for work, is one of the leading contractors here.

Mr. Jarratt was born at Middleton, Tennessee, the sixth of December, 1853, the son of James Archer Jarratt, a native of that state who came to Texas, locating at Seguin, in 1875, and was engaged in stock raising and farming in this state thereafter until his death, which occurred in Gonzales County, and Caroline (Johnson) Jarratt, also of Tennessee. Mr. Jarratt was educated in the schools of his native state, and as a young man came to Texas with his father. After a few years spent in farming, during which time he also built most of the houses, gins, stores and like structures in his locality, he removed to Leesville, Texas, to give his entire time to construction work. Four years later he went to Luling, where he spent eighteen years, later going to Beaumont to act as foreman on a large building under construction there. Concluding this work some five months later he came to Port Arthur, at that time offering unusual opportunities to the contractor and builder interested in development work and home building, and began here as a general contractor. At that time he bought the tract of land, then in the country, where his home now stands, in the center of a fine residence district, and has lived for a decade and a half at this location, recently occupying a new home here.

Mr. Jarratt was married at Leesville, Texas, the fourth of December, 1882, to Jane Elizabeth Pruett, a native of Alabama, and the daughter of James Pruett, whose death occurred when she was a small child. Her mother, now deceased, removed to Texas after her husband's death. Mr. and Mrs. Jarratt reside at 718 Galveston Avenue, and have had a family of six children, four of whom are living.

These are: Margaret, wife of Edward Tanner of Port Arthur, and who has three children; John A. Jarratt, of New Orleans, Louisiana; Dennis M. Jarratt, a civil engineering student at Texas A. and M. College, and Benjamin Franklin Jarratt. Two children are deceased, Walter James Jarratt, who died in service during the World War shortly after going overseas as a special duty man, and Minnie, who was the wife of R. L. Dixon, and who left three children. The family attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mr. Jarratt formerly belonged to various civic organizations and fraternities, but has recently resigned from these organizations, however not relinquishing his interest in the development of Port Arthur.

**LEONARD W. HANNEMAN**, during the period of his residence at Port Arthur, has attained a commendable reputation in the community for his activity in mercantile circles, and has for many years been one of the leading representatives of the drug trade. Mr. Hanneman is president and general manager of the Hart Drug Company, Inc., which was established in 1909, and taken over by the present owners in 1916. The store is the leading drug store of Port Arthur, located in the business district, and occupying a modern building, twenty-five by sixty feet, at 448 Procter Street. A complete line of drugs, drug sundries, and candies, toilet articles, etc., is carried, and the store is well organized and carefully operated. Special attention is given the compounding of prescriptions, and an excellent fountain trade has been built up, as well as a good business in each department. Dr. W. E. Crumpler is vice president of the corporation, and G. L. Moore, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Hanneman is also president and manager of the Service Drug Company, organized in 1923, and located in the Deutser Building. This store is modern in every respect, and is a complete drug store. Other officers are: Dr. A. R. Autrey, vice president, and Dr. Frank D. Mabry, secretary and treasurer.

Leonard W. Hanneman was born at Winchester, Wisconsin, the thirteenth of December, 1880, the son of Fred and Bertha Hanneman. He attended the public schools of his native state, graduating from high school. He then entered Northwestern University, receiving his Ph. G. degree from that institution. Following his graduation, Mr. Hanneman went to Arlington Heights, Illinois, where he went in the drug business and for the ensuing seven years operated a drug store there. At that time his health failed and he came to Port Arthur, to rest and regain his health, and liked this city so well that he decided to remain here, making Port Arthur his permanent home. He shortly went in the drug business, and has since been one of the leading druggists of the city.

Mr. Hanneman was married in Winnebago County, Wisconsin, to Miss Helga Gottsleben, a native of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Hanneman reside in Port Arthur, at 2148 Procter Street, and have two children, Gordon and Helen. He is a member of the Lions Club and fraternally is a Mason, being affiliated with Cosmopolitan Blue Lodge, No. 872, and Port Arthur Chapter. Mr. Hanneman is active in all work for the commercial and civic advancement of Port Arthur, and is in every way a well liked, substantial resident of this city.





**R. LEONARD POWER** is president of the Port Arthur College, one of the most complete business colleges in the South, an institution founded in 1909, and the gift of the city of Port Arthur, which gave the land, and John W. Gates, who built the buildings. The institution, the only one of its kind in the United States, was the inspiration of John W. Gates, the builder of Port Arthur, and was designed to prepare young men and women for the better class of commercial positions. The school is operated the year round, with the exception of a few holidays, and students may be admitted at the opening of any term. A night school and correspondence courses are also maintained for those unable to take advantage of the regular school, and the enrollment in these departments is especially gratifying. The school is operated under the scholarship plan, and while the average time for completion of a course is from nine months to one year, the student may take as long as he chooses to complete his course. Courses are offered in public accounting and auditing, and in salesmanship, in addition to the regular bookkeeping, secretarial and stenographic courses. Special attention is also given to athletics and sports, and the regular teams representing the school each year on the gridiron, diamond and court are well able to hold their own against any competitors. The buildings are unusually attractive, and every provision is made for the students' comfort as well as their scholastic advancement. The faculty and corps of instructors are selected with discrimination, and high standards of scholarship maintained. Although the school is under the direct supervision of the Methodist Episcopal Church, it is non-sectarian in atmosphere, with at the same time a distinct religious influence. Port Arthur College operates under the policies stipulated by Mr. Gates at the time of founding the institution. It must see how well it can prepare young people for the business world, and it must not be operated for profit. These are sufficient guarantees to insure a maximum of attendance with a minimum of expense, and to rank the college as one of the leading business institutions in the South.

Leonard Power was born at Chicago, Illinois, the fourteenth of March, 1891, son of J. L. Power, a native of Virginia, who came to Chicago as a young man and was with the Chicago Tribune many years, and Julia M. (Leonard) Power, a native of LaSalle, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Power have made their home at Joplin, Missouri, since Mr. Power's retirement from the newspaper business. His son, Leonard Power, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools of Joplin, Missouri, later attending the Normal College at Warrensburg, where he took his B.S. degree. This was followed with post-graduate work at the University of Chicago School of Education, where he spent several summers. His first position was at Odessa, Missouri, where he was acting superintendent of public school for one-half year. He then went to Linn Creek, Missouri, and was superintendent of the schools there for one year. At the conclusion of that year he started to California. Upon stopping off at Waco, Texas, to visit his wife's parents, he liked the state so well that he decided to remain here. He took work at the University of Texas, after which he went to Ferris, and was principal of the high school there for the 1913-1914

term, after which he went to Hillsboro, as principal of the grammar school for three years. The following three years he was principal of the Austin School at Dallas, and in 1920 came to Port Arthur, where he was principal of the Franklin School, the largest public school in the state, for three years. He was elected president of the Port Arthur College in 1923, and now holds that position.

Mr. Power was married at Licking, Missouri, the twentieth of May, 1912, to Miss Nora Mae Craven, daughter of Asburry J. and Mary (Beeler) Craven, natives of Missouri, who later moved to Texas, and now make their home at Waco. Mr. and Mrs. Power have two children, John and Phoebe, and reside at 1605 Lake Shore Drive. Mr. Power belongs to various college fraternities, and was president of the Department of Elementary School Principals of the National Education Association for two years. He is a member of the Texas State Teachers Association, and of the National Education Association. Mr. Power served at the University of Texas as special lecturer on Methods of Teaching in Elementary schools for five summers. He has been lecturing and conducting teachers' institutes for several years and is widely known as an expert on questions of school methods. With his family he attends the Methodist Church, and is a steward of the church. His leadership and influence in support of better educational measures has been of vital importance to Port Arthur, and he is one of the recognized leaders of educational work in this city, and a factor in all civic development.



**AMES R. DENNEY**, one of the forceful and progressive business men of Port Arthur, has in the several years of his residence here been a factor in the commercial life of the community, and has given his energies not alone to his private business interests, but for the advancement of his community, and has been identified with all movements that have insured the prosperity and welfare of the city. Mr. Denney is secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Hodges Company, Inc., one of the leading dry goods stores of Port Arthur, and an establishment that has added much to the prestige of the city as a shopping center. The business was established in 1916, since which time it has enjoyed a large patronage, and has filled a long-felt want in the community for a merchandising establishment that made quality and correct style essentials. The Hodges Company is an unusually complete dry goods store, with carefully planned departments in all lines of dry goods, notions, shoes and ready-to-wear. Patrons of this store are assured the same correct and exclusive styles that they would find in much larger cities, and shop at this store with absolute confidence. Plans are now drawn and contracts let for the construction of a new store which will be much larger, more complete, and have some new departments and all the old ones will be expanded. The stock carried will be larger and fixtures will be the finest obtainable and of the latest type. This will be completed and ready early in 1926. Mr. Denney is a close student of modern merchandising methods, and has built an exceptionally successful establishment through the application of these methods to the business here. He is a man of executive ability, well equipped to meet the diverse problems of a large merchandising business, and as a merchant



has exerted a wide influence on the business life of the city.

James R. Denney was born at Sulphur Springs, Texas, the sixth of October, 1893, the son of George W. Denney, a cotton buyer of the Lone Star State for many years, and Sallie (Minter) Denney, both of whom are now residents of Winnsboro. Mr. Denney attended the public schools of Winnsboro, and after finishing school went to California, and began work in the oil fields of that state. He was in Bakersfield when that field was attracting widespread attention in 1910, and remained there until 1912, when he returned to the Lone Star State. He went to Winnsboro, where he engaged in the drug business for a time, later going to Palestine, where he became associated with the Hodges Company, of which D. M. Hodges is president, and W. E. Barrett, vice president. Mr. Denney was sent to Port Arthur in 1917 as manager, and later, in 1920, was made secretary and treasurer, in recognition of his merchandising ability.

Mr. Denney was married at Caro, Texas, the fourteenth of October, 1915, to Miss Dorris Whiteman, a native of the Lone Star State, and the daughter of W. T. Whiteman and Sallie (Decker) Whiteman. Her father, formerly a lumberman of East Texas, is now a lumber manufacturer of Louisiana, and makes his home in that state. Mr. and Mrs. Denney have two children, George Whiteman Denney, and James R. Denney, Jr. The family reside at 3041 Procter Street, and attend the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of which Mr. Denney is a steward. He is president of the Chamber of Commerce, past president of the Lions Club, and a member of the Young Men's Business League. Mr. Denney has taken an active part in all civic work, and a history of Port Arthur would be incomplete without mention of the important part he has played in that development. He was one of the prime factors of the success of the recent Twenty-fifth Birthday Jubilee, held in Port Arthur, and which attracted nation-wide attention, that was of vast importance to the city, in that it called the attention of the nation to the progress Port Arthur has made in the twenty-five years of its existence. Mr. Denney is past president of the Retail Merchants Credit Rating Association, and is vice president of the Port Arthur and Port Neches Bus Line Company, all enterprises of importance to the commercial advancement of the city. Mr. Denney is also a leader in all civic work, and is one of the men who have, through their unselfish interest, made possible the Port Arthur of today, that is one of the fastest growing cities of the state.



**EDWARD F. LOHMAN**, business man of Port Arthur for a quarter of a century, and one of the most progressive laundry owners of the Lone Star State, has built up a commercial laundry in this city that is a distinct advantage to the community. Mr. Lohman is manager of the Home Laundry, and also a member of the firm, with Henry Lohman, the founder of the laundry, as the other member. This laundry, dating back to 1904, when it was established in a small way, employing six people, and using one wagon for delivery purposes, is now one of the finest equipped laundries in the state, and represents an investment of some two hundred thousand dollars. The modern

plant, on Procter Street, is quite in contrast to the first small building occupied back in 1904, and is a large two-story brick structure, with seventy-five foot frontage, and running back one hundred and forty feet. A fleet of thirteen delivery trucks cover Port Arthur and give the housewives of this city a service that is second to none. A force of more than one hundred operatives are in the plant, all working under ideal conditions, and turning out the class of work that only modern equipment and skill can give. In equipping the new plant Mr. Lohman gave special attention to his choice of equipment, taking into consideration local conditions, and the fact that it is impossible to do modern work without modern laundry equipment. For instance, he has installed a machine that gives pure rain-soft water, a piece of machinery that is particularly necessary to Port Arthur. Then there are the machines that dry the clothes, regardless of weather, other machines for ironing shirts, and still others that give the correct turn to the cuffs and collars. With this equipment the Home Laundry is prepared to offer the housewife a complete laundry service, and offer a choice of the several services, namely: damp wash, dry wash, rough dry and family finish. In addition to the regular laundry department there is a department where cleaning and pressing is made an art, and that handles efficiently men's clothing, including hats and fine neckwear, women's clothing, children's wear, and such household articles as comforts, blankets, rugs, curtains, draperies and pillows. The Home Laundry, thus equipped, offers to Port Arthur an unsurpassed service.

Edward F. Lohman is a native of Sedan, Kansas, where he was born the thirtieth of August, 1889, the son of George F. and Elizabeth Lohman, who came to Port Arthur in the early days. The elder Mr. Lohman was a factor in the business life of the community until his retirement, a number of years prior to his death. As a boy Mr. Edward F. Lohman attended the public schools of Port Arthur, and is a graduate of the high school here. He was the industrious type of boy who begins working before finishing school, and while yet a school boy business men of the city recognized in him a future business man of more than average ability. After his graduation from high school he began with the Home Laundry, which Henry Lohman had already established, and from wagon driver worked up to plant manager in a period of five years, and has been in charge of the plant for more than a decade.

Mr. Lohman was married at Port Arthur in 1910 to Miss Mattie Vought, a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Lohman have two children, George L. and Mary, and reside at 2715 Procter Street. Mr. Lohman is a member of the Lions Club, a director of the Retail Merchants Association, and a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Chamber of Commerce. He is that sterling type of business man who forms the backbone of any community, and there has ever been associated with his name an integrity that is an asset to the community in which he lives. In his ambition to give Port Arthur a laundry service the equal of that to be found anywhere in the South he has admirably succeeded, and may well be proud of the modern plant that he has built up. Mr. Lohman is at all times interested in the future of Port Arthur, and has been active in civic work for many years.



**W**ILLIAM H. GILLILAND, one of the independent oil operators in the coastal fields, has been a factor in the petroleum world at Port Arthur for the past several years, and prior to that was a prominent figure in the shipping world, and has been active in all civic work here for many years, taking an important part in the upbuilding of the city. Mr. Gilliland is an independent operator, and is not associated with any company, confining his activities to a few friends and associates. He holds leases in most of the principal pools of the Lone Star State, and in Arkansas, and his operations form an interesting chapter in the history of the petroleum industry, and represent the achievement of a man who has studied the situation closely, and has had the nerve to back his judgments.

Mr. Gilliland was born in Jefferson County, Texas, the 16th of October, 1867. His father, J. J. F. Gilliland, a native of Gettysburg, Pa., came to Texas in 1853, and taught school in Palestine, and later at Beaumont. He then opened a drug store at Beaumont and was also in the drug business at Sabine Pass in the pioneer days. Upon his retirement from active business he came to Port Arthur, where his death occurred in 1906. His mother, Annie (Crapster) Gilliland, a native of Maryland, died there in 1872. As a boy Mr. Gilliland was taken back to Maryland and attended the public schools of that state, and of Pennsylvania. He later attended Trinity University at Tehuacana in Limestone County, one of the early colleges of the Lone Star State which is now located at Weatherford. Leaving that institution he joined his father at Sabine Pass and was associated with him in the drug and ship Chandler business. In 1899, Mr. Gilliland began in the shipping business as steamship agent, and loaded the first steamer out of Port Arthur. He was Mexican vice consul from 1903 until 1910. He was city commissioner of Port Arthur from 1911 to 1915, during the administration of Geo. N. Bliss as mayor. He was active as a stevedore contractor and shipper, until 1917, handling stevedoring for foreign shipping companies. In that year the entrance of the United States into the World War materially affected foreign shipping, and Mr. Gilliland turned his activities to the oil industry, leasing oil lands, and at present is an independent operator. He is also consul for Panama, and is the local agent for Lloyds.

Mr. Gilliland was married at Sabine Pass, the 24th of January, 1900, to Miss Clara Broussard, daughter of Moise Broussard, one of the real pioneers of Jefferson County. Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland have their home at 404 Fourth Street. Mr. Gilliland is a charter member, organizer and past exalted ruler of the Elks Club, and is a Woodman of the World. He is a man who has achieved distinction in more than one line, and whose success has been reflected in a general way in the prosperity of his city. He has been very active in all civic work, and is one of the builders of Port Arthur.

**G**EORGE N. BLISS, for around two decades associated with the petroleum industry at Port Arthur, and a marine expert whose years of experience qualify him to speak with authority on shipping problems, has taken an active part in the development of this city, and is

interested in enterprises of wide scope and important bearing on community prosperity. Mr. Bliss is agent for the marine department of the Gulf Refining Company, a position he has held since 1902, when he began with the Gulf Refining Company. At that time the company was a small organization, and in the two decades and more that have passed since that time he has watched the company develop until it is one of the major oil companies of the country, and known wherever petroleum products are used. Mr. Bliss has charge of all shipping and ships of the Gulf Company in the South, a position that entails heavy responsibilities and calls for unusual versatility. He maintains his offices in the Gulf Building at the Gulf Refining Company, has thirty employees under him in the Port Arthur department, not including the many ships and men on the water and responsible to him.

Mr. Bliss came to Port Arthur in 1902, after a railroad experience covering many years, and in addition to his position with the Gulf Company has taken an active part in the development of this city, and has acquired many and varied interests here. He has been vice president and a director of the First National Bank of Port Arthur for many years. From 1911 until 1915 he served as mayor of Port Arthur, and under his administration the city saw a wonderful advance in civic improvement and the extension of public utilities and service that was reflected in rapid civic growth. From 1908 until 1910 he was president of the school board, taking a great interest in securing the advancement of the educational facilities, and in improving the public school system. He served as president of the Chamber of Commerce for several years, and while in that office urged the development of Port Arthur and sponsored all forward movements. He has for several years been chairman of the deep-water committee of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce and Shipping, and was one of the prime factors in securing thirty feet of water for Port Arthur. He made several trips to Washington to secure government aid for the project, and no man, since John W. Gates, has done more for the advancement and development of the city.

George N. Bliss was born at Compton, Canada, in the Province of Quebec, the fifteenth of January, 1866. His father, a native Canadian, spent his entire life in that country, and was engaged in railroad construction. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Elizabeth Cullen, was also a Canadian. Both are deceased. Mr. Bliss was educated in different colleges of Canada, receiving an exceptional commercial education, and began his business career in that country, with the Grand Trunk Railroad. He was later with that road in Portland, Maine, remaining with the organization until coming to Texas three decades ago. The first years he spent in this state he was also engaged in railroad work.

Mr. Bliss was married at Port Arthur, the thirtieth of October, 1901, to Miss Mina Baker, a native of this city, and the daughter of William Baker, also a native of this section, and a member of one of the real pioneer families of Southeast Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Bliss had two children, a son, Anson, a graduate of the Port Arthur high school, and a student at Stanton Military College, at Stanton, Virginia, at the time of his death, during the influenza epidemic in 1920. He was at that time



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seventeen years of age, and a student whose brilliance gave every promise of a career of distinction. The daughter, Ada, is a student in the school of Port Arthur. The family reside at 2947 Procter Street, and have one of the fine homes of the city. Mr. Bliss is a member of the Elks Club, the Rotary Club, and is identified with every civic movement. He was a great friend of John W. Gates, and like him, has been active in all development here since the early days of the city's history. It is stated that Mr. Bliss has more friends here than any other two men, and these friends are from every walk of life, rich and poor alike. He is interested in the welfare of the entire city, contributing to all benevolent organizations with a fine unostentation, and will do anything in his power to secure the advancement of Port Arthur.

**F**RED H. DRUNAGEL, whose career for the past quarter of a century has been closely allied with the progress of Port Arthur, has influenced the prosperity of this city to a marked degree, and has taken an active part in its development. Mr. Drunagel, as a building contractor, planned and built many of the business buildings of the city, and although now retired from active business life, has many interests here, including business and residence property. Mr. Drunagel came to Port Arthur in January, 1900, just a few years after the township was laid out, and began his career as a building contractor. In the years that followed, he built the Realty Building, the Linn Motor Company Building, the Tyrrel Building, Stock Building, Brinkmann Building, the Lutheran Church building, the American Express Company Building, the Telephone Building and many others, very few of the contracts for larger buildings going to any other concern. He also built many homes here, among them twenty-three residences that he owns. Mr. Drunagel has made many real estate investments in Port Arthur, the first building he purchased being the Telephone Building, and has the record of never having sold a piece of property that he has bought, holding all residence and business properties as one of the best investments he could make.

Mr. Drunagel was born at Hannibal, Missouri, the fifteenth of October, 1871. His father, Henry Drunagel, a native of Ohio, and later a resident of Pittsburg, Kansas, retired and came to Texas in 1900, his death occurring on September 16th, 1923, at the age of eighty-two years. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Mary Steghemper, was also a native of Ohio, and now makes her home at Port Arthur. Mr. Drunagel was educated in the schools of Pittsburg, Kansas, and in his teens learned the carpenter's trade, following that line in Pittsburg until he came to Texas. He came to this state and to Port Arthur in 1901, because his father was anxious to retire and escape the Northern winters, but would not come South unless his son came with him. After coming to Port Arthur Mr. Drunagel began as a building contractor, specializing in large buildings, and has built more brick buildings in this city than any other contractor, perhaps more than all the others combined.

Mr. Drunagel was married on June 16th, 1908, to Miss Anna Rodenburg, a native of Kansas. Four children have been born to the couple, two, Franklin and Fred, Jr., surviving, and two, Elsie and Anna

Marie, being deceased. The family reside at 3100 Procter Street; this fine brick home, located on a beautiful ten-acre estate having been built in 1918. He is a director of the Port Arthur Building and Loan Association and of the Port Arthur Country Club, and a member of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Drunagel is very much interested in his home, preferring the comradeship of his family to clubs and organizations. His family are affiliated with the Lutheran Church. He is one of the sterling residents of Port Arthur, and through his interest in the development of this city has been a factor in its upbuilding.

**S**YDNEY C. COLLIN has been identified with shipping enterprises at Port Arthur for the past decade and a half, and is an authority on all phases of ocean transportation, particularly from the standpoint of the steamship agent and broker. Mr. Collin is owner of the firm of Sydney C. Collin and Company, a business established by him at Port Arthur in 1915, and which he has since directed. This company is foremost in the shipping field and Mr. Collin represents some twenty-five of the leading steamship companies of the world. He maintains a suite of offices in the Merchants National Bank Building, at Port Arthur, and has a force of four assistants who look after the routine of the business, leaving to him executive matters, and questions of major importance. Mr. Collin is also a partner in the firm of Collin and Conover, one of the principal freight brokerage concerns of Houston, handling a general freight brokerage business, with Mr. Conover in charge of the Houston office.

Mr. Collin was born at Newcastle on Tyne, England, the twenty-sixth of February, 1880. His father, Thomas Collin, who was also born at Newcastle on Tyne, has spent his entire life there, retiring several years ago after sixty years with Sir W. G. Armstrong-Whitworth and Company, Ltd., one of the largest shipbuilding and engineering concerns in the world. Mr. Collin's mother, before her marriage, Miss Lydie Porter, is deceased. Mr. Collin was educated in England, at Rutherford College, and after finishing his education went with the Employers Association in England, a concern interested in shipping and engineering. He was with them from 1905, when through the influence of his brother, T. J. Collin, who had been a resident of Port Arthur several years, he left England, coming to the United States and going to New Orleans, where he was held up on account of yellow fever. He had to go by way of St. Louis to get to Port Arthur, arriving in this city in 1905. He has been connected with the export and shipping business since that time, and is one of the leading shippers of this city.

Mr. Collin was married at Port Arthur, the twenty-fifth of September, 1907, to Miss Cora Reid, a native of the Lone Star State, and the daughter of Dr. D. S. Reid, for many years one of the most prominent members of the medical fraternity of the Lone Star State, but who is now an invalid, and makes his home with Mr. and Mrs. Collin, at 640 Stillwell Boulevard. Mr. Collin is a director of the Rotary Club, and a past president of that organization, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and a real civic leader, taking an active part in all development work in the city and port.





**HENRY E. BRINKMANN**, although associated with the development of Port Arthur from the early days of the city's history, has been a resident here less than a decade, during which time his activities have largely influenced civic progress. Mr. Brinkmann owns much property here, some of which he bought as early as 1896, and as he has never disposed of any of the property he has acquired, his interests have mounted until he is one of the largest property owners here. He built the Brinkmann Building, one of the most important of the earlier structures, in 1906, and the New Brinkmann Building, one of the finest buildings in Port Arthur, and an important addition to the business center, in 1914. He was one of the organizers of the Seaboard State Bank of Port Arthur, one of the strong and capably directed financial institutions of this city, and is vice president of the bank. Although he has not engaged actively in business here, looking after his extensive interests, he has been a factor of prime importance in the development of the city, and is one of the most constructive business men here.

Henry E. Brinkmann was born at St. Louis, Missouri, the seventeenth of May, 1863, the son of Fred Brinkmann, a planter of Missouri throughout his lifetime. As a boy Mr. Brinkmann attended the Lutheran school at St. Louis, and remained on the farm with his father until he was twenty-four years old. At that time he moved to Pittsburg, Kansas, and went in the truck farming business, engaging in truck farming on a large scale for twenty-eight years. In 1896 he began investing in Port Arthur property, while it was cheap, and his interests here have increased many times in value, and are bringing in large rental returns.

Mr. Brinkmann was married at Pittsburg, Kansas, in 1890, to Miss Minnie Wehmyer (deceased since 1916), a native of St. Louis, whom he met and married in Kansas. They have three children, George, a director of the Seaboard State Bank of Port Arthur, and a truck farmer, who is married and has one child; Amanda, who lives with her father, and Louis H. Brinkmann of the Brinkmann Auto Company, dealers in Port Arthur for Willys-Knight and Overland cars. The Brinkmann home, at 3500 Procter Street, one of the finest homes in the city, was built by Mr. Brinkmann in 1916 at the time he came to Port Arthur to make this city his home. The home is located on a beautifully planned and cared for tract of five acres, and is one of the most attractive houses here. Mr. Brinkmann finds his chief interest in his family and home, and has never cared to join clubs or other organizations. He is interested in Port Arthur's development, aiding in civic work, and contributing generously to the general welfare of the community.



**PETER C. PFEIFFER**, one of the most progressive business men of Port Arthur, and one of the largest contracting stevedores in this section of the coast, has been a factor in the shipping business here for many years, and has taken an active part in the development of Port Arthur. Mr. Pfeiffer is the exclusive owner of P. C. Pfeiffer Company, stevedore contractors for Port Arthur, Beaumont, Orange, Port Neches and Sabine, and has one of the largest stevedore contracting businesses in the gulf water. He

maintains his headquarters at Port Arthur, where he has offices in the Barnes Building, and directs operations from this city. Mr. Pfeiffer employs from twenty-five to seven hundred men, according to the ships in docks to be loaded. The business was first established by Mr. Pfeiffer and George Gute, and operated as a partnership until 1915, when Mr. Pfeiffer bought out Mr. Gute's interest and has since operated the business alone.

Mr. Pfeiffer was born at New Orleans, the sixth of May, 1880, son of J. P. J. Pfeiffer, a resident of Louisiana for many years, and whose death occurred there. Mr. Pfeiffer attended the public schools of New Orleans, and is a graduate of the high school there. After finishing school he began work for the Southern Pacific Railroad at New Orleans, and after some time with that road went with the Texas and Pacific, also at New Orleans, and still later went with the International and Great Northern at New Orleans. His railroad experience covered a period of five years, spent in the operating department. In 1901 he went to Houston and was with the International and Great Northern there for almost a year, and then went to Palestine, also with that road, remaining in that city for two years. He was then sent to New Orleans, where he remained seven months, after which he was transferred to Galveston. He remained in Galveston only a short time, and then came to Port Arthur, and in 1908 was elected mayor of Port Arthur, holding this office until 1911, and making many municipal improvements during his administration. After his term of office expired he, with George Gute, established the contracting stevedore business, in which he has since been active, and of which he has been exclusive owner since 1915.

Mr. Pfeiffer was married at Palestine, Texas, in 1902 to Miss Buna Brown, a Texas girl. Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer have one child, Louise, a graduate of the Port Arthur schools and a Ward-Belmont student, class of 1924. The family reside at 1835 Procter Street. Mr. Pfeiffer is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and fraternally is an Elk. He is a thoroughly public spirited citizen, intensely interested in the growth and development of Port Arthur, and active in all public work.



**ESSE J. COOK**, although a resident of Port Arthur but a few years, has become firmly established as one of the most progressive business men of the city, and has taken a deep interest in civic activities. Mr. Cook is the proprietor and lessee of the Central Hotel, the leading hotel at Port Arthur. This modern hostelry, built in 1917, occupies a fine five-story brick building, with a large lobby, and approximately one hundred modern rooms, assuring the visitor in Port Arthur with adequate and comfortable hotel accommodations. Mr. Cook took over the hotel in 1923, in June, and since that time has made a number of improvements in the hotel, and in the management. He is an experienced hotel man, known throughout the state for the modern and up-to-date hotels in which he has been, or is now interested, among the latter being the Little Texas Hotel, at Mexia.

Mr. Cook was born at Leona, in Leon County, Texas, the eighteenth of October, 1885. His father, D. J. Cook, a retired Baptist minister, and now a resident of Madisonville, Texas, was a native



of Alabama, coming to Texas as a young man. Mr. Cook's mother, whose maiden name was Miss Mary Spann, is deceased. Mr. Cook received his education in the public schools of East Texas, and after leaving school began with the Kirby Lumber Company in 1902, remaining with that organization until 1915, in the lumber mills of East Texas. In that year he entered the hotel business, going to Mineral Wells, where he operated a hotel for three years. He then went to Graham, Texas, where he operated a hotel for eighteen months, afterward going to Mexia, where he built the Little Texas Hotel, managing that until coming to Port Arthur in 1923.

Mr. Cook was married the twenty-ninth of April, 1913, to Miss Ada Boyette, a native of East Texas, and a member of a pioneer Texas family. Mrs. Cook has taken an active interest in her husband's business, assisting him in the management of his hotel interests, and is a real partner in the business. They reside at the hotel and have one child, Jessie Marie. Fraternally Mr. Cook is a Mason, being affiliated with Bronson Blue Lodge No. 873, and Botts Chapter, No. 167, R. A. M.



**B**ENJAMIN LANATA, for the past several years a factor in the insurance business at Port Arthur, has built up one of the finest general agencies in this section, and is known to the insurance world as a real producer. Mr. Lanata is general agent for the Occidental Life Insurance Company, one of the strong American companies that has forged its way to the top, and has a large volume of insurance in force. Mr. Lanata has under his direction eight counties in this section of the state, with a local agent in each county, and has organized a well functioning organization. He is one of the outstanding producers of Port Arthur, and one of the most successful producers with the Occidental Life Insurance Company. His personal record shows that he has put a record volume of business on the books of the company since opening the Port Arthur office. His policies are constructive, and have been largely reflected in the building up of a star general agency. Mr. Lanata has his office in the New Brinkman Building, and has had charge of the agency here since 1916.

Mr. Lanata was born at New Orleans, Louisiana, the twenty-fourth of September, 1878. His father, the late E. B. Lanata, was also a native of New Orleans, and a factor in the life of his day. His mother, before her marriage Miss Henrietta DuBois, was a native of Louisiana. Mr. Lanata received his education in the public schools of New Orleans, and after finishing his education began his business career in that city. Until 1898 he was a salesman, in that year enlisting in Company L, Second Louisiana Regiment, during the Spanish-American War, and serving throughout that conflict. After the war he went to San Antonio and went in the grain business, and later in the life insurance business. He has been with the Occidental Life Insurance Company for more than a decade, first in San Antonio, then in Houston, as special agent, and coming to Port Arthur in 1916 to establish the general agency of which he is the head.

Mr. Lanata was married at San Antonio the twenty-ninth of November, 1908, to Miss Maye Taylor, a native of Northwest Texas, and the daughter of Thomas P. Taylor, who came to Texas from his native state of North Carolina as a young man, and

Celestine Truax Taylor, both of whom are deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Lanata have two children, Ione, wife of T. G. Cordua of Port Arthur, and Mrs. Fay Nell Jacobs. They reside at 1909 Thirteenth Street. Mr. Lanata is a member of the Retail Merchants Association, and fraternally is a Knight of Pythias and a Dokey. While primarily an insurance expert, and known to insurance men throughout the state, Mr. Lanata finds time to take an interest in all activities whose purpose is for the growth and advancement of the city, and he has done much for the development of Port Arthur.



**L**OUIS H. BRINKMANN, who came to Port Arthur around a decade ago and became identified with the automobile business, has since become one of the leading automobile dealers here, representing one of the better known manufacturers, and has found this city ripe in business advantages. Mr. Brinkmann is the owner of the Brinkmann Overland Company, which he established in 1923, and which has since had charge of the distribution of Willys-Knight and Overland cars in this city, and has done much to popularize these dependable automobiles here. At the time of opening the business Mr. Brinkmann occupied a modern new building, designed and built especially for the business, by Henry Brinkmann, his father, and owned by him. The building has a number of unusual features, including a most attractive show room, a complete and carefully designed parts department, and a service department that assures Willys-Knight and Overland owners in this section real service. Mr. Brinkmann has a force of five employees, each representing a highly trained type, and his sales force, under his direction, is of unusually high caliber, and made up of men who are real producers. Since the establishment of this business there has been a marked increase in the number of Willys-Knight and Overland cars to be seen on the streets here, and the business has been a success in every way.

Louis H. Brinkmann was born at Pittsburgh, Kansas, in 1897, the son of Henry Brinkmann, formerly of that city, and now of Port Arthur, where he is one of the foremost capitalists and bankers. He has done much to encourage civic growth here, building several business buildings of the best type of construction, and investing in enterprises of importance to the development of the city. His son, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the schools of Pittsburg, and received his early business training there under his father, looking after the sales end of his large truck farming interests. Mr. Brinkmann came to Port Arthur in 1916, at that time going into the automobile business, where he developed into one of the finest salesmen in the city. Later, in 1923, he established his present business, the Brinkmann Overland Company, capitalizing his sales ability, and his ability as an executive very successfully.

Mr. Brinkmann resides with his parents, at 3500 Procter Street, and takes an active part in the social life of the city. Among the younger business men he takes the lead in all progressive civic work, and he is known to the automotive business, both at Port Arthur and in trade circles elsewhere, as one of the most promising representatives of this business.





**JUDGE ANDREW W. DYCUS**, for the past decade one of the most interesting figures in the public life of Port Arthur, has in the two decades of his practice in the Lone Star State held a high place in the esteem of the bench and bar. Judge Dycus is senior member of the firm of Dycus and Shivers, one of the foremost legal firms of Port Arthur, and one that has proven itself most advanced in all civic improvement. Judge Dycus is also corporation judge of Port Arthur, and performs with distinction the judicial functions associated with this office. He has established a record as an authority on the various matters that have come before him for consideration in the course of his judgeship, and has won the approval alike of his associates and the public at large. In addition to dispatching the duties of this office, Judge Dycus handles a large private practice, and has been connected with some of the most important and hard fought legal battles to come up in the courts here in the past decade. Robert A. Shivers is junior member of the firm of Dycus and Shivers and offices are maintained at 418½ Procter Street.

Judge Dycus was born at Liberty Hill, Williamson County, Texas, the thirty-first of May, 1879, the son of T. L. Dycus, a native of North Carolina, and later a resident of Georgia, who came to Texas in 1868, and still makes his home in this state, and although well past his eightieth year is active. His mother, before her marriage was Miss Sarah Smith, a native of Tennessee, and a niece of Taylor Smith, one of the most historical characters of the United States, and one of the true pioneers of the country. As a boy Judge Dycus attended the country schools at Liberty Hill, and later studied law, and was admitted to the bar in Galveston, in 1908. He began his practice at Beaumont, and during that year was associated with H. G. Robertson. He came to Port Arthur in 1914, and in 1916 was elected city attorney, holding this office for five years, and is now corporation judge. Judge Dycus is also active in various enterprises, and is a director of the Seaboard Bank and Trust Company, vice president of the Texas Realty Company, vice president of the Model Realty Company, Inc., and has other business interests.

Judge Dycus was married at Beaumont, the fifth of November, 1907, to Miss Willie Neadham, a native of Cameron, Texas, and the daughter of W. S. Neadham, who came to Texas as a young man. Judge and Mrs. Dycus reside at 2248 Thomas Boulevard, and have two children, Lila Catherine, and A. W. Dycus, Jr. Judge Dycus is a member of the I. O. O. F., W. O. W., a charter member of the local Lions Club, which he helped organize, and is chairman of the board of deacons and the board of trustees of the First Baptist Church, and an active church worker. He is commander of the Dick Dowling Camp of the Sons of Confederate Veterans, and is active in all civic work. Judge Dycus is in every way an outstanding citizen of his community, whether as lawyer, civic worker, or private citizen, and few men have done more for the community than he.



**GEORGE M. SIMS** was appointed to the position of Superintendent of Public Instruction of the Public Schools of Port Arthur, Texas, in 1913, and the fact that this city has the finest school system of any city of its size in the state is largely due to the efforts of

Mr. Sims. The public schools of Port Arthur are of a character which reflects the progressive spirit of a superintendent having the welfare of the public schools at heart. At the present time there are five handsome and well equipped school buildings designed for the education of the white children of the city, and one equally pretentious building for the use of the colored students. These schools are conducted on a plane of higher education which has placed Port Arthur in the front rank among the progressive educational centers of the country. The white schools are divided into four grade schools and one high school. The grade schools are the Franklin, De Queen, Lamar and Griffin. The colored grade school is known as the Lincoln School. The buildings and grounds devoted to school purposes, and now in use are valued at \$1,600,000.00, \$700,000.00 of which was spent during the year 1923 on improvements of various kinds. There were enrolled during the 1923 scholastic year 6,800 pupils. A total of two hundred people are employed at the Port Arthur schools, one hundred and seventy of whom are teachers. The payroll each year amounts to more than \$200,000.00. Mr. Sims has devoted his entire life to educational matters, and began his career as a teacher in Brazos County in 1900, and at that time was at Baylor University. He later went to Johnson County and taught in that county for two years, after which he was for two years employed in teaching in Hamilton County. He was then made superintendent of the schools of San Marcos, Texas, and remained there in that important position for a period of five years. He was then appointed assistant superintendent of public instruction of the State of Texas, which position he held for one year and then came to Port Arthur in order to accept the position which he now holds. In addition to his many important duties as superintendent of public instruction here, Mr. Sims finds time for other matters for the good of the city and community. He is a former president of the Rotary Club, and is one of the founders and organizers of the Boy Scouts of Port Arthur, and has devoted much time to this organization, and is a recognized leader of the boys of this city.

A native Texan, Mr. Sims was born in Johnson County on July 5, 1875. His father, W. F. Sims, a native of Alabama, came to Texas in 1868, and was a farmer and stock man of Johnson County during the remainder of his life. His mother was Miss Emma Lenoir, a member of a well known family of Louisiana, and is now residing in Johnson County, Texas, on the Sims homestead.

His early education was obtained in the public schools of Johnson County, after which he attended Baylor University at Waco for several terms and then began teaching. He later attended the University of Texas, and in 1918 took a post-graduate course at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Sims was married at Waco, Texas, June 28th, 1905, to Miss Ruby Wemyss, a native Texan and a daughter of John Wemyss (deceased), well known business man of Central Texas. They have two children: Wilma and George M. Sims, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Sims reside at Griffin Residential Park, Port Arthur, Texas. Mr. Sims is popular, not only in the educational circles of Port Arthur, but in the business and social circles as well. Since coming to this city, he has made a host of friends and is one of



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the most highly esteemed citizens of Port Arthur, where he is regarded as one of the leading educators of the present day.

Mr. Sims feels that the teaching profession offers many opportunities for rendering service and improving the conditions of juvenile life. He has attempted to make active these two principles throughout the public school system of Port Arthur and his widespread popularity here is an indication of his success.



**W. WILLIAMS**, one of the attorneys of the Jefferson County bar, began the practice of his profession at Port Arthur, a quarter of a century ago, and has continued to follow his vocation here until the present time. Mr. Williams' practice is of a general civil nature, and he has devoted considerable attention to corporation law. He is retained by the First National Bank, the Eastern Texas Electric Company, and other large firms. Mr. Williams began his practice at Port Arthur in 1898, and in 1900 was elected city attorney, which office he held until 1910. Since that time he has devoted all his time to his private practice and he has one of the largest in the city.

Mr. Williams was born in Iowa County, Iowa, the fourteenth of February, 1874, the son of Evan E. Williams, who is now a resident of Iowa. Mr. Williams attended the public schools of his native state, later entering the State University of Iowa, where he received his LL.B. degree, in 1898. At that time he had read much of the development of Port Arthur, and the future that this city offered the professional man, and came here, established his practice, and has continued to make this city his home.

Mr. Williams was married in Kansas City the 26th of November, 1898, to Miss Ina M. Murchison, a native of Iowa, and the daughter of Adam S. Murchison. Mr. and Mrs. Williams reside at 1515 Procter Street, and have five children, Evan Murchison, Anna Elizabeth, Ina Josephine, wife of A. W. Walker, Jr., of Dallas, Texas; Irene Hwfa, and J. W., Jr. Mr. Williams is a director of the First National Bank, and president of the board of trustees of the Port Arthur Business College. Fraternally he is a Mason, being affiliated with Cosmopolitan Blue Lodge, No. 872, and belongs to the Elks Club and the Rotary Club. He is especially foremost in all civic work, taking a deep interest in the advancement of Port Arthur.



**M. BARRIER**, pioneer realtor of Port Arthur, has been for two decades associated with the development of this fast growing Gulf Coast city, and is that type of real estate man who is above all a city builder, and without whom cities could not be built. Mr. Barrier operates his business under his own name, and has his offices in the Barrier Building, at 425 Procter Street, occupying the same site that he opened in 1906. He constructed the first brick building in this block, some ten or twelve years ago, and later remodeled the building. Mr. Barrier enjoys the distinction of being the oldest real estate man in business in Port Arthur at the present time. Of the other old timers in the business, who were here when he first came to the city in 1906, some have moved away, and others have died, until he alone is left of those who took so important a part in

the development of the young city. Mr. Barrier has watched the development of Port Arthur from the time when lots in the business district could be bought for around three thousand dollars, to the present, when they would bring ten times that, if indeed, they should be placed on the market at all. Through his personal activities development has been encouraged, and he has advocated real estate investment in Port Arthur from the early days. The city is also indebted to him for real estate subdivision development, and he has encouraged the buying and developing of outlying tracts, cutting this undeveloped acreage into city lots, and making attractive residential sections that add much to the beauty of Port Arthur. Mr. Barrier has an accurate knowledge of land values in this section, and few men here are better informed as to land titles, conveyances and the ownership of various properties. Mr. Barrier also handles a general insurance business, and writes a large amount of insurance annually.

Mr. Barrier was born in Philadelphia, Mississippi, the fifteenth of November, 1869, the son of Foster Barrier, a native of Mississippi, and a member of a family whose history has been identified with that state for the past hundred and fifty years, and Fannie (Kelly) Barrier. Mr. Barrier attended the public schools of Mississippi for a time, later continuing his studies alone, and eventually became an educator, teaching school in Mississippi for a short time. He then became a railroad man, and for twelve years was associated with transportation activities. The next quarter of a century he was a merchant and saw mill operator of Mississippi and Louisiana. It was while engaged in those industries that he became attracted to Port Arthur, a city then in its infancy, and came here from Mississippi in 1904. He began with C. Flanagan, stevedore contractor, and was with him for around a year and a half, employed as bookkeeper, and handled real estate on the side. In 1906 he made the decision to open a real estate office, and secured a small building on Procter Street, that occupied the site of his present building. His partner in this undertaking was E. A. Lockland. In addition to his real estate business, Mr. Barrier has other business interests here, and owns city property, both business and residence.

Mr. Barrier was married at New Orleans the twenty-eighth of January, 1897, to Miss J. Eva Holden. Mr. and Mrs. Barrier have three children, N. M., Jr., associated with his father in business, Joseph McVea, a University of Texas graduate, and who has chosen law as his vocation, and Leona Mariam, a University of Texas student. Since coming to Port Arthur Mr. Barrier has taken an active interest in the development of the public school system, and was elected a member of the school board in 1905. He was then appointed and served five years as school tax assessor and collector, this office being filled from the board's membership. He has been active in all development work, and has taken a place of leadership in the business world. He is a member of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, one of the organizers of the Port Arthur Country Club, and a member of the First Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mr. Barrier is honored as one of the builders of Port Arthur, and is in every way a substantial resident of the city.





**MILAM R. KLEAS**, for almost two decades identified with business enterprises of commercial importance at Port Arthur, and for the past several years one of the most progressive automotive merchants of this city, has given his best energy to the business and civic advancement of the community, and has won the highest respect of all who know him. Mr. Kleas is vice president and manager of the Linn Motor Company, distributors in Port Arthur for America's two best known cars, the Ford and the Lincoln, and for the sturdy Fordson. The business was established and incorporated in 1921, in October of that year moving into their new home, at 846 Procter Street. This building, a modern structure, one hundred by one hundred and forty feet, is not only the finest automobile building in the city, but is one of the finest buildings in Port Arthur, and is a distinct asset to the business center. This building is well arranged, the attractive display rooms allowing ample room for the display of the popular Ford, and the Lincoln, and providing for them an environment that shows the cars to advantage. The parts department, which is kept open during the day and until nine o'clock at night for the convenience of the motoring public, and the repair shop, render a service distinctly in keeping with the service policy of the Ford Motor Company, and the local reputation of the Linn Motor Company. In these two departments every effort is made to give all patrons, and Ford and Lincoln drivers, a service that will eliminate any cause of friction, and make their ownership of these cars a pleasure. The company also handles Michelin and Seiberling tires, and is one of the most complete automobile merchandising businesses in the city. The officers of the Linn Motor Company are: Edward Linn, president; M. R. Kleas, vice president and manager; Harry Singletary, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Kleas is also part owner, and the founder of the Kleas Drug Company, a business that has been an integral part of Port Arthur for many years. This store, the finest in the city, was established in 1908, and has kept pace with the development of the city since that time, prospering as the city has prospered. The Kleas Drug Store is located at 506 Procter Street and is under the management of Richmond Kleas, son of Milam R. Kleas. Mr. Kleas is also a director of the First National Bank of Port Arthur, and has other interests here, including real estate and investments of like character.

Milam R. Kleas was born in Jackson County, Texas, the second of January, 1872, son of Philip and Julia (Raleigh) Kleas, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Arkansas, both of whom are now deceased. The elder Mr. Kleas was also in the drug business for many years, and was brought to America by his parents at the age of five years. Mr. M. R. Kleas attended the public schools of Jackson County, Texas, and worked in his father's drug store, later opening a store of his own, which he operated for a number of years. He then went on the road for the Southern Drug Company, representing that firm for one year. During this time he decided on Port Arthur, which he considered the fastest growing city in the state, as a business location, and came here in 1908, establishing the Kleas Drug Store in that year. From time to

time he has made other investments in the city, taking part in the organization of various enterprises, the Linn Motor Company, of which he is vice president and manager, being the last.

Mr. Kleas was married at Edna, in Jackson County, Texas, the tenth of May, 1893, to Miss Julia Sparks, a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Kleas have one child, a son, Richmond, who is manager of the Kleas Drug Store. The family reside at 1148 Procter Street. Mr. Kleas is a member of the Elks Club, of which he is also a trustee, is a Woodman of the World, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. He is one of the real business leaders of the city, and is active in all civic work. Mr. Kleas is a man of recognized success in the business world, and his influence, as a business man, has been used to secure many advantages for Port Arthur.



**FRANCIS G. McEWAN**, whose name for the past decade and more has been significantly associated with ship building activities at Port Arthur, has taken a leading part in the development of this industry, and is the only ship builder in this city and one of the foremost in the state. Mr. McEwan is the owner of the McEwan Ship Building and Repair Company, which he established at Port Arthur, in 1912. The ship building and repair plant, engaged in all classes of ship building, and handling a general ship repair business, is located at Port Arthur docks at the Turning Basin, while the main offices are in the Merchants National Bank Building. Mr. McEwan also does general boiler repair work. He has built a large number of boats since establishing his plant here, and has attained an enviable reputation for his work in this line. Mr. McEwan employs a force of efficient workmen, and has a modern plant, completely equipped.

Francis G. McEwan was born in Scotland the fifth of November, 1882. His father, William T. McEwan, and his mother, whose maiden name was Gibson, were members of Scottish families who could trace their ancestry back to the eleventh century. Both parents are now deceased. Mr. McEwan was educated in his native country and is a graduate marine and sanitary engineer and naval architect. He began his career with a ship yard of Scotland. After serving as engineer for some time in Chili, South America, he came to this country on a visit, stopping off on his way to South America, but not with the intention of remaining here. However, after three months in New York City, where he landed, he made the decision that this country offered a real future, and came to Port Arthur in 1911, going with the Texas Company, where he served in various capacities. After leaving that company he established his present business as ship builder, and has so continued to the present time.

Mr. McEwan was married at Port Arthur the nineteenth of October, 1916, to Miss Gertrude Hall, a native of Ohio. They have three children, Jean, Carol and Donald, and reside at 1248 Procter Street. Mr. McEwan is a member of the Board of Trade and the Rotary Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, belonging to that order in Scotland. Mr. McEwan has taken an active interest in all that concerns the future of Port Arthur since coming to this city, and is a leader in all civic work.





**WILLIAM F. WOHLT**, well known sign man of Houston, has for more than a decade influenced materially the commercial sign world in this city, and for several years past has operated one of the most successful sign companies in the outdoor advertising field. Schuler-Wohlt Company, a partnership composed of Mr. Wohlt and George A. Schuler, was established in May, 1919, is located at 308 Crawford Street, where they have an adequate space arranged to suit the requirements of their business, with commercial sign department, bulletin studio, executive offices and store room. They handle any sign work, big or little, and all classes of signs, either outside or inside. The enterprise has thrived from the beginning, their slogan, "Let George and Bill Do It," finding much favor with the advertisers of the city. The firm keeps in close touch with the outdoor advertising situation, and they are thoroughly skilled in every branch of this art of outdoor publicity, and in addition, decorative artistic indoor signs. They employ five trained men to assist them in handling this business in an efficient way.

William F. Wohlt was born at Patterson, Texas, in 1893, son of F. C. Wohlt, a native of the Lone Star State, and Christine Parker Wohlt, a native of Houston, and both members of pioneer Texas families. Mr. Wohlt was educated in the public schools of Houston, and after finishing his education began work in a sign shop at Houston. After an experience of fourteen years in various shops in this city he opened a business of his own, which he operated for five years prior to going into partnership with Mr. Schuler and establishing the present business.

Mr. Wohlt was married at Houston in 1912 to Miss Anne Boysen, a native of the Lone Star State. They have two children, LaVerne and William F., Junior, and make their home at 3010 Ada Street.



**CHARLES H. KING**, well known in the business circles of South Texas, where he has been engaged in the undertaking business for the past ten years, has recently opened a modern undertaking establishment at 2018 Caroline Street, Houston, in association with Mr. C. L. Morgan. Mr. King came to Houston from Humble, Texas, where he had been engaged in the undertaking business since 1916. He started in the undertaking business at San Antonio, Texas, soon after leaving school, and served in the undertaking parlors of that city in order to learn the various branches of the business. He also began the study of embalming and in 1914 obtained a State license to practice this art. He remained in San Antonio until 1916, when he came to Houston and became associated with the Sid Westheimer Undertaking establishment and remained with this firm until September of that year when he removed to Humble.

Mr. King was born at Steinpass, New Mexico, on May 3rd, 1892. His parents, Charles King and Susan E. King, were well known and highly esteemed citizens of New Mexico. His father, who died about twenty years ago, was throughout his life engaged in the railroad business. His mother, whose maiden name was King, a native of Mississippi, where she was a member of a prominent family, is now a resident of Houston. His education was obtained in the public schools of San Antonio, which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world.

Mr. King has been twice married. His first mar-

riage was to Miss Roselle White (deceased since March, 1923). Of this union one child was born, Welcome. His second marriage was on March 27th, 1924, to Miss Vivian Smith, a resident of Humble, and a daughter of R. E. Smith and Mrs. Phenie Smith, very prominent citizens of Humble and Harris County. Mr. King is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Humble Blue Lodge, and is also a Royal Arch Mason. He holds membership in the Knights of Pythias.



**WILLIAM C. ROSS**, with other business men of Port Arthur, Texas, organized and established the Milk Products Company, Inc. at Port Arthur in 1917. The business of this company increased rapidly and branch manufacturing plants were established at Beaumont and Orange, Texas. Mr. Ross came to Beaumont in 1919 as treasurer and general manager of the Milk Products Company, Inc. in this city, which has grown to be the largest of the three plants. This company manufactures Kewpie ice cream, and the Beaumont plant has a capacity of seven hundred and fifty gallons of ice cream per day, and the combined capacities of the Port Arthur and Orange plants are five hundred gallons per day. Twelve experienced people are employed in the operation of the plant at Beaumont, eight at Port Arthur and four at Orange. Other officers of the Milk Products Company, Inc. are D. Button, president (inactive), C. R. Stephenson, vice president (inactive), and R. C. Alis, secretary. All members of the firm, other than Mr. Ross, reside at Port Arthur, Texas. The Beaumont plant is conveniently located on the channel at the foot of Pearl Street, at the corner of Austin Street. Mr. Ross began his business career in the lumber industry of Mississippi, and was engaged in this field of activity prior to coming to Texas ten years ago. On his arrival in the Lone Star State, Mr. Ross began to travel over the state in search of a location in a town with a future, and after much time spent in looking over the various industries, and locations, he decided on Port Arthur. He became associated with the Gulf Refining Company of that city, and was in the storehouse department of this large company, which stores millions of dollars' worth of goods at all times. He severed his connection with this company in order to take charge of the Milk Products Company, Inc., which had been organized by Mr. Ross and his associates, at Port Arthur, Texas.

Mr. Ross was born at Brookhaven, Mississippi, on May 31st, 1891. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native state, which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world, where he has achieved success.

Mr. Ross is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Beaumont Blue Lodge, and has attained to Knight Templar degree in this order, and is a Shriner of El Mina Temple of Galveston, Texas. He is a member of the Lions Club of this city and is a director in this organization, and is also a director in the Wholesale Credit Men's Association. He is a director of the Texas Ice Cream Manufacturers Association, in which he takes an active interest. Mr. Ross is ambitious for his city and his company and has succeeded in making Kewpie ice cream a very popular product throughout South and Southeast Texas.





**WILLIAM H. RICHARDSON** for about a decade has been identified with the development of Port Arthur as a shipping point, and as the representative of two leading steamship lines, with a large forwarding and brokerage business, has taken a major part in transportation activities. Mr. Richardson is the head, and sole owner of a large forwarding and brokerage business, operated under his own name, which he established at Port Arthur in 1920. This serves to bring shipper and carrier together to the advantage of both. He keeps in close touch with the movements of all vessels docking at Port Arthur, providing these vessels with a cargo, and securing advantageous transportation facilities for the shippers of this section. As a forwarder Mr. Richardson combines the smaller shipments, contracting with the steamship companies for their dispatch, and thus secures for his patrons the benefits of low rates and good service. In addition to the forwarding and brokerage business, which is one of the leading ones of its kind in Port Arthur, Mr. Richardson also acts as agent for the Ward and Cunard steamship lines, looking after the local interests of these two major steamship companies in a competent and efficient manner. Mr. Richardson has his offices in the Deutser Building, and has an ample force to look after the details of the business in a manner that reflects credit on his firm.

Mr. Richardson was born in Canada, on April first, 1875. His father, Oliver Richardson, a native Canadian, came to Illinois a number of years ago, and later, after his retirement from active business life, removed to Niagara Falls, where he now resides. His mother's maiden name was Mary Ann Essery. Mr. Richardson was educated in the public schools of London, Ontario, graduating from the high school there, after which he went to Chicago, and went with the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1892, remaining with that road until it was merged with the Union Pacific in 1900. He then became traveling freight and passenger agent for the Mexican Central Railroad, holding that position until 1903, when he went to Galveston to take a position with the Mexican-American Steamship Company. He remained there until 1907, when he went to San Antonio as general agent for the Mexican Central Railroad, and a year later in 1908 was transferred to St. Louis, with that same road, and remained in that city until the road was merged, and became the National Railroad of Mexico. He acted as general agent of that road, with headquarters at St. Louis, until 1916, when he came to Port Arthur to take the position as secretary of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce. He had charge of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce from that date, until 1920, when he resigned to launch his present business, and during those years was active in every line of civic endeavor and did much to promote the growth and development of the city.

Mr. Richardson was married at San Antonio, Texas, the tenth of December, 1916, to Miss Elizabeth Denny, a native of Belton, Texas, and a graduate of Mount Eagle Seminary at Mount Eagle, Tenn. Mrs. Richardson was the daughter of Henry Clay Denny, for many years one of the most prominent bankers of the Lone Star State and active in the banking world until his death. Her mother is Mrs.

Harriet Denny. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson have made their home in Port Arthur since 1916, and have four children: Dorothy Elizabeth, Clara Mae, Laura Louise, and Mary Adelaide. Mr. Richardson is a Mason, being affiliated with Harmony Lodge No. 6, Texas Consistory, and El Mina Temple Shrine, all at Galveston. He belongs to the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce at Port Arthur, and is secretary and treasurer of the Seamen's Church Institute. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are members of the Episcopal Church, and he has been a vestryman of this church during his entire life in Port Arthur. During the recent war he was a leader in all patriotic movements, directing local war work, and was one of those citizens of Port Arthur carrying heavy burdens of responsibility. He is at all times deeply interested in the advancement of Port Arthur, and sees for this city a great future as one of the principal shipping points on the Gulf, and as the center of a great lumber, oil and refining district.



**JULIUS DEUTSER**, one of the real pioneers of Port Arthur, and for almost a quarter of a century a merchant of this city, has, while growing up with the community, and prospering as it has prospered, taken an important part in all civic and commercial development, and is one of the real builders of the city as it is today. Mr. Deutser is president of the Deutser Dry Goods Company, a closed corporation, with his wife, Mrs. Fay Deutser, as vice president, and J. W. Williams as secretary. This business dates back to 1909, when it was established by Mr. Deutser, in a small way, to meet the growing demand for a real high-class dry goods establishment. From the beginning, the firm met with rapid growth, and in 1922 the business was incorporated, and plans made for the fine new building the establishment now occupies. This new home, occupied in 1923, marks a progressive step in the history of Port Arthur, and gives this city an exclusive women's store in keeping with the spirit of the city. The building itself, a modern four-story structure, is the finest in the city, and an important addition to the business center. The dry goods store occupies the first two floors, while the third and fourth are arranged as an office building, and the suites are occupied by many of the leading professional and business men of the city. The Deutser Dry Goods Company is one of the most complete stores for women in this section of the country, and nothing has been left undone by the management to make this a store where shopping is a pleasure. They are prepared to serve their many customers in every possible way, and the store is a model for the entire Southeast Texas.

Julius Deutser was born in Germany, the twenty-ninth of August, 1883, the son of H. Deutser, now a resident of Texas. His mother is deceased. At the age of seventeen years Mr. Deutser came to the United States, going first to St. Louis, where he remained several years. In 1900 he came to Port Arthur, and began in the mercantile grocery business, with Deutser and Goldberg, the former being a cousin of his. He remained with them until 1903, when he went in the retail grocery business, operating a grocery store until 1909. He then opened the dry goods store that formed the nucleus of the present store, beginning in a small way, in a building twenty by sixty feet, and with one employee to





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assist him, but with a desire to give real service, incorporated in the business. In 1912 the business had grown to such proportions that the first store was inadequate, and Mr. Deutser moved to a larger building, more in keeping with the growing town, and his growing trade. This building was occupied until the recent move into the fine new home of the Deutser Dry Goods Company.

Mr. Deutser was married at Henderson, Texas, the first of August, 1911, to Miss Fay Marvil, the daughter of N. L. Marvil, for many years a resident of Henderson, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Deutser have two children, Alton and Marion. The family reside at 1819 Proctor Street. Mr. Deutser is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Retail Merchants Association. He belongs to the Port Arthur Tarpon Club, and is an enthusiastic tarpon fisher. He is affiliated with the various civic organizations, and is in every way a public spirited citizen, finding in the success of his city a satisfaction greater than any personal success. There have been few civic movements since the early days of Port Arthur, with which Mr. Deutser has not been associated, and in which he has not been an active worker. The establishment of his first store was a testimonial to his confidence in the city's growth, and this confidence he has never lost. To him the rapid growth of the past quarter of a century is but an indication of the progress that the coming quarter of a century will witness. Real estate investments have always appealed to Mr. Deutser, and from time to time he has invested his surplus funds in Port Arthur real estate, and is now one of the large property owners of the city. He is in every way a city builder, in spirit and in deed, and it is to him, and men like him, who have backed the city to the limit, that Port Arthur owes its achievement.



**JAMES L. BOYD**, for upwards of three decades associated with transportation activities in Texas, since coming to Beaumont, Sabine District, several years ago, has taken a leading part in shipping. For some time he held the position of manager of the Transmarine Corporation at Port Arthur, and during the time he held this position he worked out a program of efficient operation for this steamship line. After leaving this company he moved his headquarters to Beaumont, and then entered the shipping business on his own account, and is now at the head of the James Boyd Company which is among the leaders in the freight forwarding and ocean brokerage business in this section of the Gulf Coast.

James L. Boyd was born at Hope, Arkansas, the son of Thomas M. Boyd, a native of Virginia, who later went to Arkansas, where his death occurred eight years later, and Emma (Finley) Boyd, a native of Arkansas, and also deceased. Mr. Boyd attended the public schools of Hope, Arkansas, later attending business college at Kansas City, Missouri. He began his business career with the Rock Island Railroad, as mail clerk, later going with the Missouri Pacific Railroad, at Poplar Bluff, Missouri, and later to Hope, Arkansas, also with that road. He came to Terrell, Texas, in 1893, with the Texas and Pacific Railroad, later going to Longview, and from there to Dallas, then to Texas City, and then to Beaumont, after which he went to Port Arthur to become manager for the Transmarine Corporation, and then to

Beaumont again at the head of his own company. Mr. Boyd's entire business career has been in the railroad and steamship business, from the freight end, and he is thoroughly familiar with freight transportation, both inland and ocean.

Mr. Boyd was married at Hope, Arkansas, to Miss Camilla Barlow, a native of Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have two children: Thomas M., who married Miss Phyllis Bunker, a Texas girl, and has one child, and Helen Boyd, a student in the Beaumont schools. Since coming to Beaumont, Mr. Boyd has taken an interest in all public affairs, particularly those having to do with the growth of the city, and the improvement of the port and transportation facilities.



**BASCOM FUNCHESS**, for around a quarter of a century has been established as one of the leading printers in Beaumont, and has been held in high esteem for his work in this field, and for his interest in the development of the city. Mr. Funchess is president and general manager of the American Printing Company, a business established in 1906, and which was taken over by the present management in 1910. The American Printing Company is located at 229 Bowie Street, and does a general job printing business and blank book work. The plant represents an investment of around fifty thousand dollars, and is equipped with the latest and best types of motor-driven machinery, including automatic feed presses. A force of seventeen employees is maintained, and an unusually large volume of work is handled in the plant, which is the largest in Beaumont. The American Printing Company serves a trade territory which includes Southeast Texas and Southwest Louisiana, in addition to the large volume of local trade. The officers of the company are, H. Bascom Funchess, president and general manager, and H. B. Funchess, Jr., secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Funchess was born at Westville, Mississippi, the first of July, 1870, son of Dr. G. J. D. Funchess, a physician and surgeon of that place, and Mrs. L. A. Funchess. He spent his boyhood in Mississippi, attending the schools of that state, after which he entered the printing business, in which he has engaged throughout his business career. He bought the Garrison Signal, which newspaper he published for nine years, after which he went to Yoakum and bought the Daily Herald, which he published for two years. He then came to Beaumont in 1900 and was in the job printing business for four years, after which he organized his present company.

Mr. Funchess was married at Nacogdoches, in 1896, to Miss Fannie Simpson. They make their home in Beaumont, at 488 Franklin Street, and have two children—Bascom, a student at Texas University, and Rhoene. Mr. Funchess is a member of the Kiwanis Club and is a Mason, taking an active part in Masonic affairs. He belongs to both York and Scottish Rite, and is a Thirty-second degree Mason, K. C. C. H., and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Funchess has been actively interested in educational work for some years, serving as a member of the school board for a decade and a half, both during Mayor Fletcher's administration, and after an interval of four years is again a member. He is also interested in the advancement of Beaumont along commercial and civic lines and has done much to further the progress of this city.





**C**L. RUTT, city builder and well known business man, has been a resident of Beaumont since 1905. During this period he has been actively connected with the city's commercial and industrial activities and has contributed no small part to its growth and development.

At this time Mr. Rutt is manager and joint owner with L. L. Rutt of the Rutt Home Builders, with general offices at 547 Keith Building. The business was organized by Mr. Rutt in 1915 and since that time has built and sold more than seven hundred houses in Beaumont. Enjoying a steady growth since its organization, the company completed during 1923 a total of approximately seventy-five houses and in 1924 built about one-half that many. The financing and construction of the houses is all cared for by the Rutt Company and sales to owners are made on very easy terms of payment.

Mr. Rutt is a native of Illinois and was born at Dixon on September 23, 1876, a son of Abram R. and Maria (Landis) Rutt. His father was a well known farmer, land owner and merchant. Mr. Rutt attended the public schools of Illinois and later had a course of instruction at a commercial college. After leaving school, he was connected with a mercantile establishment at Sterling, Illinois, for a year and a half and then engaged in the lumber and fuel business. After that he was with lumber mills in Louisiana as manager and part owner from 1901 until 1904 and organized and operated the C. L. Rutt Lumber Company. Coming to Beaumont, he continued in the lumber business, organizing the Dayton Lumber Company the year following his removal here. He was secretary and treasurer of this company until 1914 when he disposed of his interest. The following year he organized the Rutt Home Builders. Mr. Rutt has taken a keen interest in politics and was a delegate from the Second Congressional District of Texas to the Republican National Convention, 1912 to 1924, and was chairman of the Jefferson County Republican Executive Committee from 1908 to 1920 and was chairman of the Republican Executive Committee, Second Congressional District, 1908 to 1918. From July 14, 1924, to February 19, 1925, he served as acting postmaster at Beaumont.

Mr. Rutt was married at Leesville, Louisiana, in 1905, to Miss Matilda Ferguson, daughter of William Ferguson, prominent lumber man and sheriff of Jasper County for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Rutt have three children, Forna Edith; C. L., Jr. and Gordon. The family reside at 2235 North Street.

Always taking an active interest and civic and fraternal matters, Mr. Rutt is a Mason, a member of the York Rite and of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is a past commander of Beaumont Commandery and has been prominent in Masonic work for a number of years. Mr. Rutt also is a member of the Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce, Young Men's Business League and the Hoo Hoos. His church affiliation is with the First Methodist Church, where he is a member of the board of stewards.

His years of experience in the lumber business admirably prepared Mr. Rutt for his work of building and selling homes and this, coupled with his unflinching honesty and integrity, has built a splendid business. He is a very active and popular man, interested in the growth and development of Beaumont and ready at all times to do his part in any movement looking to this end.



**B**URWELL BOYKIN, JR., whose name for two decades has been of special significance in the business world at Beaumont, is directing head of one of the largest manufacturing enterprises in this section, and has taken a prominent part in the industrial development of the city. Mr. Boykin is president and manager of the Boykin Machinery and Supply Company, one of the largest foundries in this territory, established in 1911, and specializing in the manufacture of grey iron castings and forgings, and also in rebuilt machinery and tested pipe. The Boykin Machinery and Supply Company is located at the corner of Laurel and Second Streets, the shops covering an entire city block, and an additional block being used for supply yards. The plant is complete in every detail, with every provision for efficient operation, and furnishes employment to more than one hundred operatives, more than one-third of whom are expert skilled machinists. All equipment used in the shops is the best and most modern obtainable, and includes specially designed lathes, presses, shakers, planes, trip hammers, and like equipment, installed at a cost of more than one hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Six modern pipe machines are in use in the pipe manufacturing shop, and turn out a large volume of the tested pipe in which the company specializes. One of the largest and most modern furnaces and foundries in this part of the state is used in the casting department, and castings, from the smallest, up to ten thousand pounds are turned out there. The company manufactures a line of oil well supplies, making rotary equipment only, and makes a complete line of crown blocks, traveling blocks, countershafts, swedge nipples, bull plugs, drill collars, and all kinds of rotary bits. They also make all kinds of special work, and do much work for the refineries in this district. The trade territory, however, is not localized, but extends throughout Old Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Louisiana. The trade name under which the leading products of the Boykin Machinery and Supply Company are marketed is "Greyhound" and this name is synonymous with quality wherever foundry products are used. The officers of the company are Burwell Boykin, Jr., president and manager; M. Guiterman, vice president, and E. L. Boykin, secretary and treasurer.

Burwell Boykin, Jr. was born at Montgomery, Alabama, the twenty-fourth of January, 1876, son of Burwell Boykin, a farmer and landowners of that state, and Fannie James Boykin. Mr. Boykin was educated in his native state, and after finishing school came to Beaumont, in 1894, and began in the foundry business with the Beaumont Iron Works, beginning at the bottom, and in a short time becoming superintendent. He remained with the Beaumont Iron Works for around a decade, after which he went with the Neches Iron Works, where he spent three years, and then went to Alexandria, Louisiana, where he went in business for himself, and remained three years. He then returned to Beaumont, starting his present business, which has grown to be one of the largest in the state.

Mr. Boykin was married at New Orleans, in 1908, to Miss Bella Fusich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fusich. Mr. Fusich has been in the wholesale fish and oyster business at New Orleans for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Boykin make their home at 2020



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Broadway, and have four children, Burwell Boykin the third, Elizabeth, Helen and Celeste. Mr. Boykin is a charter member of the Neches Club, and belongs to the Beaumont Club, and the Beaumont Country Club. Mr. Boykin's achievement in the industrial world has made him known not only locally but throughout the Lone Star State, and in adjoining states, and he is considered one of the best informed men in his field in this territory. While he is essentially a business man, he is also deeply interested in the advancement of Beaumont, and has done much to further the development of this city. He contributes liberally to all welfare work, and has for many years taken an interest in improving the conditions of industrial workers, a phase of welfare work in which he is especially interested. There have been few civic movements during his residence here that he has not actively supported, and Mr. Boykin may be truthfully said to be one of the most public spirited of Beaumont's citizens.

**S**AM FERTITTA, financier, real estate and insurance broker, has been actively identified with the commercial interests of the City of Beaumont for twenty-eight years and is one of the best known citizens of this fast growing Southeast Texas city. Mr. Fertitta maintains a suite of offices at 302-3 Temperance Building, where he is principally engaged in buying and selling real estate, loaning money and handling his large insurance brokerage business. Departments for the handling of practically every line of insurance are maintained, including life, health, accident, fire, tornado and casualty lines. Many thousands of dollars of business annually is written by the Fertitta agency.

Although he has been and is still interested in various other lines as well, Mr. Fertitta, for the past twelve or thirteen years, has devoted most of his personal time and attention to his large real estate business. A keen judge of values, Mr. Fertitta has been especially successful in this work. He has performed a highly valuable service for the people of Beaumont in financing and building homes, which he has sold to people of moderate means on easy terms.

A native of Italy, Mr. Fertitta was born at Cefalu, on November 2, 1883. He is a son of Chas. S. and Zula (Difatta) Fertitta, Sr. His father was for many years a well known merchant of Cefalu.

When twelve years of age Mr. Fertitta emigrated to America, settling first in New Orleans, where he remained for two years, and then going to Bowie, Louisiana. When fifteen years of age Mr. Fertitta moved to Beaumont, Texas, where he has resided since, and established a number of barber shops which are today among the largest and most up-to-date barber shops in Beaumont. He also established a retail grocery and fruit store in 1898 in which he was very successful.

In 1901 Mr. Fertitta was married at Beaumont to Miss Jennie Cuchia, daughter of G. and Antoinette Cuchia. Mr. Cuchia is a well known merchant of Beaumont. Mr. and Mrs. Fertitta are the parents of four children—Margaret, 19; Charles, 17; Julian, 14; and the baby, Sam, Jr., three years of age. The family home is at 1186 College Street.

For many years Mr. Fertitta has been recognized as one of the leaders of the Italian colony in Beau-

mont and his steady devotion to business and the principles of fair and square dealing have been an inspiration to others of his countrymen, who have sought greater opportunities and freedom of thought and action in America. He is a communicant of San Joseph Catholic Church and a member of the Knights of Columbus.



**LINTON LYTER SCHERER** of Beaumont, Texas, has established an enviable reputation as an engineer in South Texas, where he has successfully handled some of the largest projects requiring engineering skill and practical experience, which have been carried out in this portion of the state. In March, 1921, Mr. Scherer was appointed to the position of district drainage engineer for Jefferson County District No. 6, and the drainage work which he began in that year and finished in 1924, at a cost of \$1,000,000.00, was among the greatest achievements of this portion of the country, on account of the depths, which ranged from six feet to fifteen feet. Mr. Scherer completed the storm sewers in Beaumont, which cost more than \$260,000.00. He has complete charge and supervision of all drainage in this district, which extends about one hundred and forty miles. Owing to the careful and practical business methods used by Mr. Scherer about thirty-five more miles of work was completely finished than had been estimated. Mr. Scherer's office is located at 216 Temperance Building, Beaumont, where he gives his personal attention to the details of all work. Mr. Scherer has lived in this portion of the state all his life and the fact that he is entirely familiar with the conditions, gives him an added advantage in his work as an engineer here. Mr. Scherer was county surveyor of Chambers County for one year, after which he was with the Santa Fe Railroad in the engineering department, for two years. He then came to Beaumont in 1901 and was engaged in a general engineering practice until 1905, when he became city engineer and remained in this position until December 1st, 1919. In addition to practicing his profession, Mr. Scherer has since 1915 been engaged in rice farming on a large scale and in 1920 had seven hundred acres planted to rice.

A native Texan, Mr. Scherer was born at Turtle Bayou September 9th, 1874. His father, S. S. Scherer, was one of the pioneer settlers of that portion of Texas and throughout his life was engaged in cattle raising, ranching and farming. His mother was Miss Amelia Jane Barrow, a member of a well known and pioneer family of the Lone Star State. Mr. Scherer's education was obtained at the Coronal Institute, San Marcos, Texas, after which he became a student of the A. and M. College, where he remained for three years and graduated from that institution in the class of 1896 with the degrees of B. S. and C. E.

Mr. Scherer was married at San Marcos, Texas, in 1899 to Miss Irvy Robertine Fourquean (deceased since 1914) a native of Virginia. He has three children, Mrs. Emma Rubena De Bouy, Samuel Clinton Scherer, in the United States naval department, and Janey Octavia. The Scherer home is at 924 Sabine Pass Street. Mr. Scherer is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and the American Society of Civil Engineers, and is a consistent member of the Methodist Church.





**WALTER A. KAVANAUGH**, who has for a number of years figured as one of the sterling residents of Port Arthur, is one of the prime factors in the grain business in this city, and has taken an important part in the industrial development of the community. Mr. Kavanaugh is vice president and general manager of the Port Arthur Grain Company, one of Port Arthur's fastest growing business houses, and one of the largest grain businesses in this section of the state. The business was organized in 1910, in a small way, handling a local trade in hay, grain and flour. Today the business occupies a modern brick structure, covering a half city block, at 601 Houston Avenue, and handles all commodities accessory to the grain trade. The plant is one of the most modern in the southeastern part of the state, and includes modern cold storage rooms, with all latest machinery, and making Port Arthur independent of outside cities for their meat and produce supplies. In the cold storage department eight large cooling rooms are equipped to care for one hundred thousand pounds of meats, cheese and other cold storage products. In the huge flour warehouse, adequate provision is made for handling many carloads of flour per month. Other departments are given over to all kinds of grain, including mixed grains, and grain products, and hay and feedstuffs of all kinds. From a business employing two men this has grown to an organization requiring some twenty salesmen, and a group of officials to supervise their management. Mr. Kavanaugh, vice president and general manager, and the subject of this sketch, has been with the Port Arthur Grain Company since 1918, at which time the business of the concern was around eight thousand dollars per month. Under his direction, and largely as the result of his management, it has advanced to a fifty thousand dollar a month business, and is one of the fastest growing in Port Arthur. In September, 1923, a branch office and warehouse was built at Port Neches to take care of the business which had been built up in that section. It has a capacity of about eight carloads and enables the company to give quick service to their many customers in that section. J. E. Josey of Beaumont is president, and C. C. Chinski, secretary and treasurer of the Port Arthur Grain Company.

Mr. Kavanaugh was born at Auburn, New York, the fourth of February, 1882, son of D. J. Kavanaugh, a native of England, who came to Texas in 1891, and was in the contracting plumbing business at Dallas at the time of his death, in 1917, and Mrs. Mary (Hullahee) Kavanaugh, a native of Ireland. Mr. Kavanaugh was educated in the public schools of Dallas, graduating from the high school there, after which he entered directly upon his business career. He went first with the Armstrong Packing Company as salesman, and during the several years that he held that position was both city salesman and also on the road, representing that company to the trade in the Lone Star State. Later he was made sales manager, and at the time of leaving the Armstrong Packing Company to come to Port Arthur, he had under his direction a corps of forty-two salesmen, and has made a record in the field of salesmanship. While on the road for the Armstrong Company Mr. Kavanaugh made the decision to make Port Arthur his business headquar-

ters, and came to this city in 1918, as the result of that decision. He went with the Port Arthur Grain Company immediately after coming to Port Arthur, and has more than fulfilled predictions as to his business ability made at the beginning of his career, and has built up a business of which Port Arthur is proud.

Mr. Kavanaugh was married at Dallas, the twenty-third of November, 1904, to Miss Florence O'Mally, a native of Denison. Mr. and Mrs. Kavanaugh have six children, Frank, a graduate of the Port Arthur high school; Helen, Walter A., Jr., Frederick, Robert J., and Mary Susan. The family reside at 1625 Ninth Street. Mr. Kavanaugh is a Knight of Columbus, fourth degree, Port Arthur Lodge, a member of the Rotary Club, and of the Eagles. He is a leader in all commercial and industrial activities, and has taken a deep interest in the advancement of Port Arthur as an industrial center. He sees in this city, with its rail and water transportation facilities, an industrial location that offers unusual development opportunities to industrial firms, and has taken an active part in securing new business for the city. Mr. Kavanaugh is also interested in the civic welfare of the community, and has been associated with all civic movements of recent years.



**ERNEST E. WELLER** came to Port Arthur, Texas, in 1919, and since that time has been a factor in the business circles of this city. He is now engaged in the wholesale grocery business. In addition to his grocery interests Mr. Weller has greatly assisted in the development of Port Arthur. He has built many rent houses in this city and now has in course of construction a splendid two-story building at 417-425 Fifth Street, of reinforced concrete and brick construction, seventy-five feet by one hundred and thirty feet in size, which will be known as the Weller-Zeller Building, and will be a credit to the city of Port Arthur and to the builders. Mr. Weller began his business career with five years spent with the Heisig-Norvell Company as secretary to the president of that company, after which he became associated with his brother, George Weller, in the department store business at Beaumont. He remained in this field of activity for two years, when he sold his interest to his brother, and became associated with the Texas Pipe Line Company, and was for a period of three years connected with this company. He then came to Port Arthur in order to assist in the organizing of the Adams-Govin Company, and has remained here since that time. At the start he was treasurer and assistant manager, and later became vice president and general manager, after which he disposed of his interests with this company in order to become associated with T. S. Reed and Company, wholesale grocers, who took over the business May 1st, 1923. He left their employ May 1st, 1924, in order to organize his own business.

Mr. Weller was born at Russellville, Kentucky, on July 20th, 1893. His father, James Monroe Weller, was for many years a well known merchant of Kentucky, and came to Beaumont, Texas, in 1901, where he engaged in various lines of business, but is now partly retired from active business pursuits. His mother was prior to her marriage, Miss M. C. Dearing, a member of a prominent family of Glas-



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gow, Kentucky. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Beaumont, and his business training was secured at the Hall Business College.

Mr. Weller was married at Beaumont, June 27th, 1922, to Miss Gladys Lee Gray, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a pioneer family. They have one daughter, Helen Gray Weller. Mr. and Mrs. Weller reside at 2530 Procter Street. Mr. Weller comes of a progressive family, all members of which have made their marks in the business world. His brother, George Weller, is the sole owner of the Weller Department Store at Beaumont, which is the largest establishment of its kind in that city. Mr. Weller since coming to Port Arthur has identified himself with the growth and progress of this city, and among the younger business men of Port Arthur, who have sought their fortune in this city, there are none to whom the future seems more full of promise and prosperity.



**HENRY C. CRAWFORD**, for around a decade has been identified with manufacturing activities at Port Arthur, and has been closely associated with the advancement and development of the city during this time. Mr. Crawford is president and general manager of the Port Arthur Planing Mill Company, one of the largest industrial plants here of this kind, and an enterprise that has made rapid progress during the past few years. The Port Arthur Planing Mill was first established during the early days of Port Arthur's history, but after a period of operation was closed down, and remained inoperative until 1916, when Mr. Crawford came here to reopen the mill. He operated the mill until 1919 under the old management, in that year, however, effecting a reorganization of the business, and has since been president and manager, with Captain Jack Hanson as vice president, and Willard Davis as secretary and treasurer. Since that time the mill has been materially enlarged, and has more than doubled the output. The Port Arthur Planing Mill is located at the west end of Lake Shore Drive, on the canal, where a five-acre tract is occupied. The buildings are all modern and well equipped, and the firm manufactures all kinds of interior finishings, sash and doors, and other general mill work, and furnishes employment to around thirty-five operatives.

Mr. Crawford was born at Opelika, Alabama, the seventh of August, 1883, the son of the late S. D. Crawford, a farmer of Alabama throughout his lifetime. As a boy Mr. Crawford attended the public schools of Alabama, and at the age of 15 began in the lumber mills of that state, where he was employed until coming to Texas in 1901. He went first to El Paso, and was in various lumber mills there for the ensuing eleven years. He then came to Houston, and spent two years with the Bering Manufacturing Co., after which he went to Galveston and was with the Seaboard Lumber and Milling Company for two years. The following year he was at Beaumont, with the Smith Lumber Company, after which he came to Port Arthur, to open the Port Arthur Planing Mill, which had been closed some years.

Mr. Crawford was married at Houston, Texas, the fourteenth of April, 1915, to Miss Clara Cashion, a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford reside at 3549 Fifth Street. Mr. Crawford is a director of the Port Arthur Finance Com-

pany, of the Port Arthur and Port Neches Bus Line Company, and of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce and Shipping, and chairman of the Industrial Committee of this organization. He is a member of the Lion's Club, one of the organizers and first president of the Young Men's Business Club, and is a Mason, being affiliated with Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 872, Royal Arch Chapter, No. 250, and a Knight Templar. He is also a member of the National Hoo Hoo Association of Lumbermen. Mr. Crawford is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and is a steward and trustee of the church. He is one of the substantial citizens of Port Arthur, interested in various enterprises of importance to community life, and active in all civic work.



**CHARLES M. DISMUKES**, for upwards of a decade has been identified with building activities at Port Arthur, and in addition to his interest in various enterprises of this nature, has been active in all civic work. Mr. Dismukes is the owner of the firm of C. M. Dismukes, gas and steam fitters, and plumbing contractors, a business he established here shortly after his arrival in the city in 1912. The firm handles a general heating and plumbing contracting business, sells retail plumbing supplies, and employs a force of sixteen men. He is also vice president of the Builder's Lumber Company, one of the leading lumber companies of Port Arthur, and owns the Dismukes Building, a modern, fireproof, two-story brick structure, seventy-five by eighty-six feet, which he built in 1921. This building is one of the finest in Port Arthur. Mr. Dismukes occupies a part of the lower floor, and has arranged it to accommodate two other businesses. The second floor is used as a modern office building.

Mr. Dismukes was born in Gonzales County, Texas, the seventeenth of November, 1886, the son of S. A. Dismukes, a native of Georgia, who came to Gonzales County in the early seventies, and was first a farmer, later becoming a merchant, and who was active in all civic work until his death, and Mary (Hughes) Dismukes, of Missouri, who now makes her home in Port Arthur. Mr. Dismukes attended the public schools of Gonzales County and graduated from the high school there. He then entered his father's store, and after several years there came to Port Arthur to buy a lumber business. After looking over the situation, Mr. Dismukes decided to go into the contracting plumbing business, and established the firm of C. M. Dismukes, which has enjoyed more than a decade of successful operation. Later he became associated with the Builder's Lumber Company, retaining his plumbing business, and is now vice president of the former company.

Mr. Dismukes was married in San Antonio the sixteenth of November, 1909, to Miss Addie Watts, a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Dismukes reside at 235 Dryden Place, and have two children, Ruth Marie, and Charles M., Jr. Mr. Dismukes is a member of the Lions Club, the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, being on the organization and sport and attraction committees, a director of the Young Men's Business League, and is a business and civic leader, taking an active part in all development work.



**J**OHAN D. McCALL, attorney at law, has practiced his profession in Beaumont, Texas, for the past fifteen years and during this period has been identified with much of the litigation that has come before the courts of Southeast Texas. During the greater portion of the time in which he has been in this city, he has practiced independently. He has gained a substantial reputation as a lawyer throughout the state and his years of practice have been interwoven with a continuous business activity, and he is attorney for several of the large oil companies of Southeast Texas and is regarded as an authority on oil matters. Mr. McCall began his career as a school teacher in Guadalupe County where he taught for two years, after which he became principal of the school at Runge, Texas, where he remained for one year. He then became superintendent of the schools at Karnes City, Texas, and remained at the head of this institution for two years, after which he became superintendent of the schools at Sour Lake for one year, this marking the end of his career as a pedagogue. During the entire period in which Mr. McCall was engaged in educational work, he was devoting all of his spare time to the study of law and was admitted to the Bar in 1910. During the summer of 1911 he conducted a summer normal at Woodville, Tyler County. He established his law offices at Beaumont, August 29, 1911, and began the practice of his profession. His office is located at 310 Gilbert Building.

A native Texas, Mr. McCall was born in Lampasas County on August 29th, 1882, and he is a member of Texas' earliest families, and is loyal to the traditions of the Lone Star State. His father, Robert Marshall McCall, also a native Texan, was born in Red River County, and Mr. McCall's paternal grandfather came to Texas when this state was a republic, and was one of the pioneer ranchmen and cattlemen of the very early days. His mother was Miss Joyce Lewis, also a native of Texas, and her family were among the earliest settlers of East Texas, having settled in Jasper County in 1830. Mr. McCall's early education was obtained in the public schools of Lexington, Texas, after which he attended Jordon Institute in Hays County, where he pursued a general college course. He then became a student of the Texas State Normal College at San Marcos, where he remained for three years, when he engaged in teaching. Many of the younger generation of South and East Texas obtained their education under the able guidance of John D. McCall.

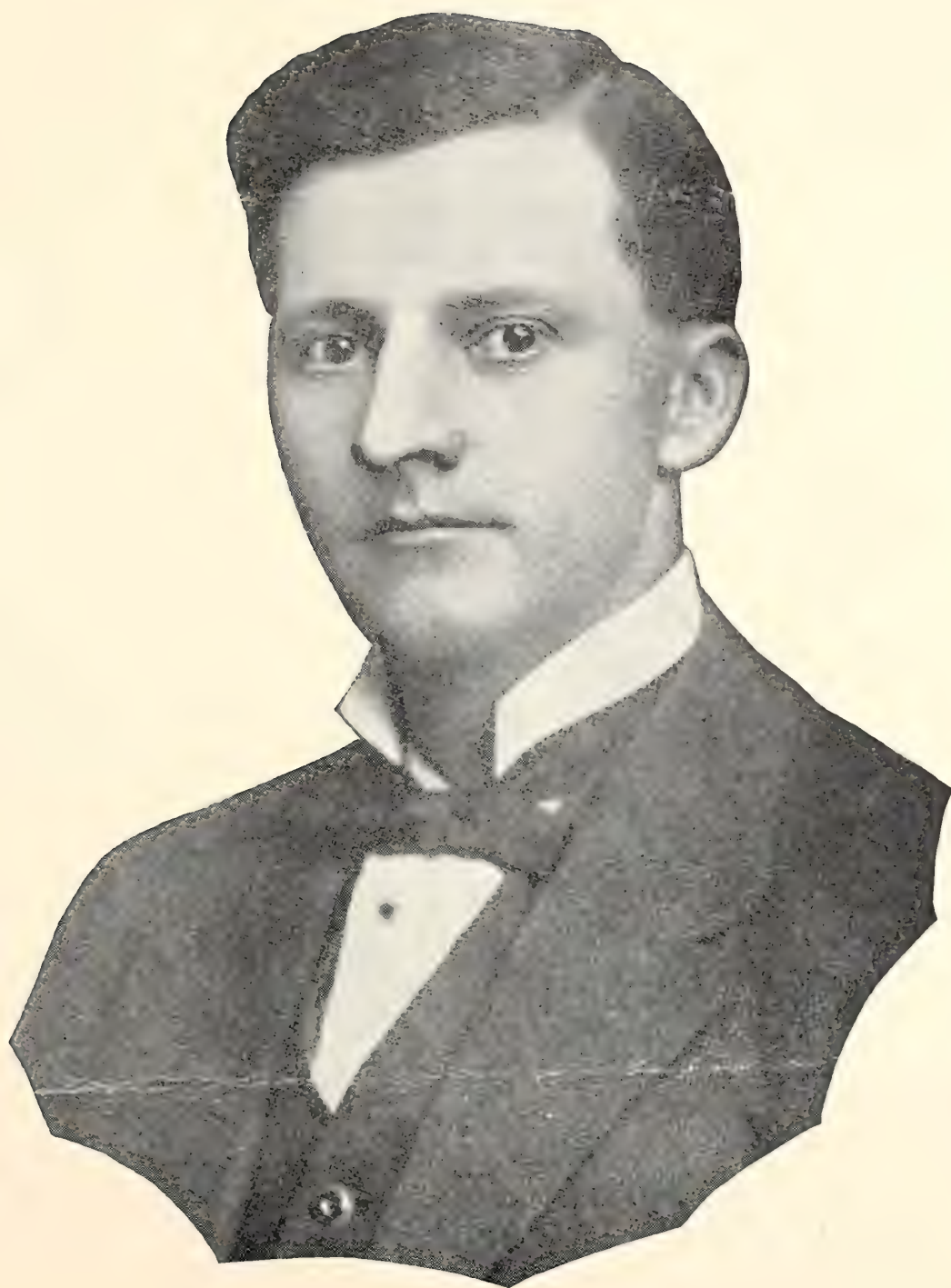
Mr. McCall was married at San Antonio, Texas, on August 29th, 1906, to Miss Bammer Boyles, a native of Meridian, Mississippi, but was brought to Bell County, Texas, by her parents when a child, and was reared and educated in San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. McCall reside at 2180 Victoria Street. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in No. 286 of Beaumont, and is a member of the Chapter and Council and the Knights Templar in Lodge No. 38 of this city. He is also a member of El Mina Temple Shrine of Galveston, and of the American, Texas and Jefferson County Bar Associations. He also holds membership in the Woodmen of the World and is a member of the National Geographical Society of America of Washington, D. C. During his residence in this city he has found the time to devote to the civic improvement.

**L.** APPLING, one of the younger group of progressive business men who are shaping the commercial program of Beaumont, in the half decade of his residence here has established a prosperous drug business, and has taken an active part in the civic advancement of the community. Mr. Appling is the secretary, treasurer and manager of the Citizens Drug Store, Incorporated, one of the finest suburban drug stores in the city. The Citizens Drug Store is well located, at the corner of Magnolia and Weiss Streets, just across from the Magnolia City Park, and has established a growing business in this part of the city. The business was established in August, 1919, since which time it has expanded consistently, and has filled the demand for a high class neighborhood drug store in this section, one of the newer residence districts of the city. O. B. Sawyer is president of the Citizens Drug Store, Inc., and Mr. Appling is secretary, treasurer and manager.

Mr. Appling was born at Beckville, Texas, the thirtieth of August, 1895, the son of J. L. Appling, a farmer and land owner of that section, and Mrs. J. L. Appling. He was educated in the public schools of Carthage, Texas, graduating from high school there, after which he entered Baylor Medical College, at Dallas, where he was a student for two years. He then spent six months at Southern Methodist University, at Dallas, leaving to join the army in May, 1918. He enlisted in the infantry, and was later transferred to the medical department, serving at Camp Travis during his entire period of enlistment. He was discharged in December, 1918, coming to Beaumont at this time, and after eight months with the P. O. Drug Store went with the present organization when the Citizens Drug Store was established.

Mr. Appling was married at Beaumont, in 1923, to Miss Gertrude Seale, daughter of Albert B. Seale, postmaster at Beaumont, and a lumber man of this city for more than three decades, and a factor in the development of the lumber resources of this section for around four decades. Mr. and Mrs. Appling have an attractive home at 1685 Park Avenue, and are popular members of the younger social set of the city. Mr. Appling belongs to the Lions Club, the Neches Club, and fraternally is a Mason, York Rite, member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston and a member of El Mina Patrol. He is regarded as one of the most promising of the younger business men of the city, and is a leader in all progressive movements.

**S**ILAS OLIVER HAMPIL for around a quarter of a century has been one of the business and industrial leaders of Beaumont, taking an active interest in the development and growth of this city, and in building up one of the largest industrial concerns here. Mr. Hampil is secretary and treasurer of the Gulf Coast Machine and Supply Company, a large company established in 1919, and incorporated at that time. The concern manufactures oil well specialties and supplies, making special tools for pipe line work, special equipment for refineries and a complete line of drilling tools. The entire organization, including the modern forge plant and large machine shops, is equipped with the best of equipment, and is turning out only the highest class work and furnishes employment for about 40 employees. The officers of the Gulf Coast



JOHN D. McCALL





*J. E. Withers*

Machinery and Supply Company are J. D. Butler, president; R. M. Pyron, vice president, and Mr. Hampil, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Hampil was born in Lavaca County, Texas, the twenty-second of September, 1879, the son of Charles W. Hampil, a farmer and land owner, and Louisa Jane Hampil. He was educated in the public schools of Lavaca County, finishing high school there. He then began in the office of Hill and Hill, attorneys, later going to Sugarland, where he spent one year with the Sugarland Sugar Refining Company. He then came to Beaumont, and spent one year in a railroad office in this city, and the following year and a half with the Industrial Lumber Company, leaving that firm to go with the First National Bank as assistant cashier. After eighteen years with that institution, he resigned to identify himself with the present business, of which he is secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Hampil resides at 1994 Hazel Street, and is a member of the Beaumont Club, the Neches Club, the Kiwanis Club, and is an Elk, and a Mason, Scottish Rite, and a member of El Mina Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Hampil is a conservative business man, familiar with the highest business principles, and an able executive. He is one of the most useful and popular business leaders at Beaumont, and is active in every movement for the commercial and civic advancement of this city.



**E. WITHERS**, pioneer railroad man of the Lone Star State, and for three decades one of the sterling residents of Beaumont, has been associated with the development of this city during that time, and is highly esteemed by all who know him. Mr. Withers has been with the Santa Fe Railroad since 1893, and is the oldest man in Beaumont on this division, in point of seniority. He has been running a passenger train out of Beaumont since 1895, and as conductor has made many friends among the traveling public. During his service with the Santa Fe he has made an exceptional record, and is one of the valued men of that organization.

Mr. Withers is a native of the Lone Star State, and was born in Jasper County, the ninth of September, 1866. His father, Horace Withers, a pioneer of Jasper County, was a farmer, cattle raiser and land owner here for many years. His mother's maiden name was Miss Mary Melvina Huffman, also a member of one of the early Texas families. As a boy, Mr. Withers attended the schools of Jasper County, and, when a boy, in 1877, went to work for the Texas Tram and Lumber Company, working for that concern until 1883. He first came to Beaumont in 1881, while with the Texas Tram and Lumber Company, but did not stay here at that time. In 1893 he again returned to Beaumont, beginning with the Santa Fe Railroad at the same time, and has since made this city his home. He has always been in the transportation department, beginning as brakeman on a freight train, and after only three weeks being promoted to conductor and in 1895 becoming conductor on a passenger train.

Mr. Withers was married in Tyler County, in 1890, to Miss Mary A. Clifton. They have four children, Mrs. V. J. Gibbs, Forest C. Withers, K. C. Withers, and Miss Blanche Withers. The family reside at 2180 Calder Avenue. Mr. Withers has from time to time invested in Beaumont real estate and in busi-

ness enterprises in this city and is vice president of the Security State Bank and Trust Company. Fraternally he is a Mason, York and Scottish Rites, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine. He is one of the best known railroad men in this part of the state and has many friends, both at Beaumont, and over the state. Mr. Withers has taken an active interest in the development of Beaumont, and has done much to help this city achieve its present prosperity and growth.



**ANTHONY EDWARD BRULIN** for around a quarter of a century has been held in high esteem at Beaumont, and as the leading undertaker of this city has rendered a dignified service to his community. Mr. Brulin is secretary, treasurer and half owner of the undertaking firm of Pipkin and Brulin, with J. F. Pipkin as president and other member of the firm. This is the oldest and largest undertaking business in the city, occupying a fine building, ideally situated and arranged, at 260 Broadway Street. The offices, chapel, embalming rooms, display rooms and stock rooms are located here, and the entire arrangement of the building shows the result of thoughtful planning and a desire to render a superior service to the patrons. Mr. Brulin has an unusually large stock of caskets, showing some of the most expensive stock, and also has a complete motor equipment, including one motor hearse, one casket car, and two special cars. A fleet of three motor ambulances, with competent drivers and attendants, are also at the call of the people of Beaumont twenty-four hours a day. Mr. Brulin is assisted by his wife, who is a licensed embalmer. Mrs. Brulin is an accomplished, talented woman, and her assistance in the business has resulted in a service of unusual dignity, and has been no small factor in the success of the business.

Mr. Brulin was born at Galesburg, Illinois, the eighth of January, 1872, the son of A. F. Brulin, a milling, flour and feed man of that state, and now living at the advanced age of eighty-five, and Bessie Elizabeth Olsen Brulin. Mr. Brulin was educated in the public schools of Illinois, and after graduating from high school, entered Bethany College, at Lindsburg, Kansas, where he went for two years. He then came to Houston, where he was in the undertaking business for one year, following this with two years at Houston, also in the undertaking business. He then came to Beaumont, in 1899, and went with S. K. Stone, undertaker, for one year. At the expiration of that time, he, with Mr. Pipkin, bought the present business, which they have since operated.

Mr. Brulin was married at Beaumont, in 1919, to Miss Lorena Wunderle, daughter of Jacob and Mary Dantin Wunderle. Mr. Wunderle was manager of a large plantation in Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Brulin reside at 260 Broadway, and attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Brulin is a director of the Uvalde Rock Asphalt Company, and owns much city property at Beaumont. He belongs to the Beaumont Club, the Beaumont Country Club, the Neches Club, of which he is past president and past exalted ruler of the Elks, a Knight of Pythias and a Mason, York Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Brulin takes a deep interest in Beaumont, and is active in all civic and welfare work.





**FRANK J. IMHOFF**, for many years identified with the industrial and commercial advancement of Port Arthur, has been associated with enterprises of wide scope in the building and transportation fields, and has accomplished much in a business way that has directly influenced the prosperity of the community. Mr. Imhoff is manager and a member of the firm of J. Imhoff & Sons, one of the leading enterprises of the city and including a number of important departments. The business was established in 1900, by J. Imhoff, and was at that time a small drayage business, operating with one team and wagon, and gradually expanding, and including new interests until it has reached its present place of importance. In 1906 Frank J. Imhoff entered the firm, and the period of expansion began, until the firm is now one of the largest in the city, and one of the most substantial. The firm of J. Imhoff & Sons handle an extensive line of wholesale and retail building materials, dealing in all classes of building material, with the exception of lumber. They are the dealers in this locality for Acme Brick, and other standard products, and operate this department of the business on a very large scale. The firm also has a string of fuel, coal and wood yards, handling both a wholesale and retail business, in various parts of Port Arthur, and sell a large volume of this commodity, both to the local trade and to retail dealers of this section. The company also operates a fleet of moving trucks, both for heavy, light, household and mercantile hauling, and handles a large per cent of the drayage business in this city. They have the equipment to handle efficiently any kind of drayage, regardless of class, and employ trained men, who give careful and considerate attention to the interests of the patrons. The company also does a general storage business, with warehouses on both railroad tracks, and with provision for storing household and mercantile goods. The firm furnishes employment to a force of thirty-five men, and upwards, and is one of the large industries of the city. The members of the firm are, Mrs. Elizabeth F. Imhoff, widow of J. Imhoff, the founder of J. Imhoff and Sons; Frank J. Imhoff, and W. E. Imhoff, sons of J. Imhoff.

J. Imhoff, the founder of the firm of J. Imhoff and Sons, was a native of McLean County, Illinois, where he was reared and spent his early manhood. He came to Texas at the age of thirty-six, coming to Port Arthur in 1898. After six months here he went to Nederland, Texas, ten miles north of Port Arthur, where he engaged in farming for two years, returning to Port Arthur at the end of that time. On his return here he established the drayage business, which has since become a great industry, and put in operation the plans that have resulted in this growth. In the years that followed Mr. Imhoff was interested not only in his own private affairs, but in the growth and prosperity of the community, and he was one of the real builders of the city. He retired from active business a year and a half prior to his death, leaving his sons, Frank J., and W. E., to carry on the business he had founded, and this they have ably done, with the result that the name of J. Imhoff will live here throughout the years. Mr. Imhoff was married to Miss Elizabeth F. Maurer, a native of Illinois, and the mother of Frank J. and W. E. Imhoff. She now resides at

the family home, and is active in the firm, for the success of which her husband gave her credit because of the sympathetic interest she always took in the business, and her abiding confidence in its success.

Frank J. Imhoff was born the sixteenth of December, 1883, in McLean County, Illinois, where he spent his boyhood and attended school. When the family came to Port Arthur he began work for Samuel O. Latimer, working in his insurance office for a year and a half, after which he went with the Gulf Refining Company, in the auditor's office, where he spent one year. He then became manager of the Kramer Lumber Company, which position he resigned three years later to enter business with his father. At that time the firm of J. Imhoff and Sons was engaged in a storage and drayage business exclusively, but on account of Frank J. Imhoff's lumber experience the decision was made to add a line of building materials, and with the success of this venture the other departments were added, until the business is now the largest of its kind in this part of the state.

Mr. Imhoff was married at Port Arthur the twenty-second of June, 1909, to Miss Marie Philips, a native of Burlington, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Imhoff make their home at 1111 Procter Street, and are the parents of one child, Elizabeth, a student in the Port Arthur schools. Mr. Imhoff is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, of which he was the first president, the Elks Club, of which he was secretary and treasurer for nine years, the Port Arthur Country Club, and is a Mason, being affiliated with Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 872 of Port Arthur, Port Arthur Commandery, and El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. He has been active in every field of civic endeavor, taking a deep pride in the accomplishments of his city, and is one of the outstanding men of Port Arthur.



**OSCAR F. SPENCE**, throughout the decade and a half of his residence at Port Arthur, has been a factor in the paint business, and has been instrumental in building up an enterprise that is a distinct asset to the city, and one of the most important firms in this locality dealing in paint and allied lines. Mr. Spence is secretary-treasurer and general manager of Alfred Spence and Company, Incorporated. The business was established in 1896 by Alfred Spence, an uncle of the subject of this sketch. The business was incorporated in February, 1923. The firm is one of the largest in the city, handling all kinds of paints, varnishes, wall paper and glass, in fact everything that goes into the building of a home, large or small, except lumber and plumbing. They do both a wholesale and retail business, and handle a large volume of trade annually. The yards and offices are located at 428 Fifth Avenue. The officers are: Alfred Spence, president; W. H. Frantz, vice president, and Oscar F. Spence, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Spence is also secretary and treasurer of the Spence and Howe Construction Company.

Mr. Spence was born at Duluth, Minn., the 12th of February, 1886, the son of C. F. and Matilda Spence, both natives of Sweden, who came to the United States in 1872. Mr. Spence was educated in the public schools of Duluth, and began in the lumber business in Minnesota, after finishing his education. He was a lumber inspector in that



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state, later going to Wisconsin and Canada, and all through the Northern lumber districts until coming to Texas, and Port Arthur in 1909, to take charge of his uncle's business, Alfred Spence Company, Inc.

Mr. Spence was married at Port Arthur the 20th of February, 1915, to Miss Eura Black, a native of East Texas, and the daughter of M. L. Black, a native of the Lone Star State, and now a resident of Port Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. Spence have one child, Lorraine, and make their home at 1547 Sixth Street. Mr. Spence is a Mason, belonging to the Cosmopolitan Blue Lodge at Port Arthur. He is a thoroughly public spirited citizen, interested in all civic progress, and in the general welfare of the community, and takes an active interest in all movements directed toward the growth of the city.



**GEORGE E. STOVALL**, one of the progressive business men of Port Arthur, has found this city ripe in business advantages and is securely established as one of the leading furniture merchants here. Mr. Stovall is vice president and general manager of the Phoenix Furniture Company of Port Arthur, a firm established in 1917, and taken over by the present management in April, 1923. The Phoenix Furniture Company has a well located store, at 525 Procter Street, where they occupy a modern three-story building, fifty by one hundred and twenty-five feet, and also have a large warehouse on the K. C. S. tracks. The Phoenix Furniture Company has an unusually complete stock, from which selections may be made that will be in harmony with the finest homes. All stock is attractively displayed, and every item needed for the complete furnishing of a home may be found in the store. The firm furnishes employment to a force of thirty employees. The Gulf Furniture Company, occupying a modern building, fifty by one hundred and forty feet, at 600 Houston Avenue, is also owned by the company owning the Phoenix Furniture Company, and is under the same management. Mr. S. O. Latimer is president of the business; George E. Stovall, the subject of this sketch, vice president and general manager; A. N. Peckham is treasurer, and R. L. Munay is secretary. The directors comprise these four officers and A. M. Kaufman of Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. Stovall was born at Eufaula, Alabama, the twenty-fifth of January, 1879, the son of George W. Stovall, a native of that state, and who spent his entire life there, and Virginia (Garland) Stovall, also of Alabama. Both parents are deceased. Mr. Stovall attended the public schools of Eufaula, and after finishing took a business course. He then went to Birmingham with the Maberry Hardware Company of that city, where he remained seven years. He next went to Montgomery, Alabama, where he was with the Frank Tennille Furniture Company for twelve years, after which he went to Augusta, Georgia, with the Rhodes Furniture Company, remaining there three years. He then came to Port Arthur, organizing the Phoenix Furniture Company, with which he has since been associated.

Mr. Stovall has been married twice, his first wife, Edna (Kerlin) Stovall, whom he married in Montgomery, in 1904, being deceased. She left one child, Bernice, a student in the Port Arthur schools. He was married the second time to Miss Blanche Briley Cantwell, a native of Bonham, at Port

Arthur, the tenth of August, 1922. There is one child to this union, George E. Stovall, Jr. The family reside at 3341 Fifth Street. Mr. Stovall is a civic leader at Port Arthur, taking an active part in all development work. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Port Arthur Country Club, the Rotary Club, and the Port Arthur Tarpon Club. Mr. Stovall feels that Port Arthur has a wonderful future and is mighty happy to be a part of the most rapidly growing city of the Southwest.



**ALTER A. MARTIN**, although a resident of Port Arthur but a few years, has impressed his influence on the prosperity of the community, and is recognized as one of the most progressive lumber dealers in the city. Mr. Martin is president and general manager of the Martin Lumber Company, Incorporated, a firm established at Port Arthur in the early days by E. A. Laughlin, and taken over by Mr. Martin in December, 1922. The Martin Lumber Company is the largest lumber business in Port Arthur, and, in addition to selling a large amount of lumber and building materials, handles a large volume of lumber yard mill work. The business furnishes employment to a force of twenty men, and is one of the rapidly growing businesses of Port Arthur. The yards occupy almost an entire city block, and all buildings, lumber sheds, and offices, as well as trucks and other equipment, are modern. In addition to Mr. Martin as president and general manager, other officers are, R. R. Stafford, vice president, and W. S. Martin, secretary and treasurer.

Walter A. Martin was born in Walker County, Texas, the fifth of December, 1871. His father, R. W. B. Martin, well known octogenarian of Walker County, was brought to this state as a child from his home in Alabama, and has lived here since that time, and has been for many years a planter and merchant of Walker County. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Sarah Dunlap, is a native of Walker County, and has lived there throughout her life. As a boy Mr. Martin attended the public schools of Trinity, the town of his birth, and his father's residence. Later, after finishing his education, he went to Beaumont, and began work there as a bookkeeper. After several years at Beaumont he went to Nona, Texas, and was in the lumber business in that city for the ensuing fourteen years. He then went to Fullerton, Louisiana, and was with the Gulf Lumber Company there for three years, after which he returned to Beaumont, and was with the Kirby interests for three years. He then went to Merryville, where he spent a decade in business, and after which he came to Port Arthur, in 1922, and bought out the lumber yard of E. A. Laughlin, which he has since operated.

Mr. Martin was married at Beaumont the thirteenth of September, 1903, to Miss Fannie Stewart of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have two children, W. S., secretary and treasurer of the Martin Lumber Company, Inc., and who is married, and Verne, wife of R. R. Stafford, vice president of the Martin Lumber Company, Inc., and who has one child, Verne Stafford. The family reside at 2222 Procter Street. Mr. Martin is a member of the Lumberman's Club of Houston, and the Port Arthur Country Club. He is a progressive, interested member of the community, and is interested in all that concerns the development of Port Arthur.



**R**UBE T. McMULLEN, during the decade of his residence at Port Arthur, has attained a commendable reputation for his activity in drug circles, and is one of the most progressive of the younger business men of the city. Mr. McMullen is a member of the firm of McMullen and Glass, operating one of the most complete and up-to-date drug stores in Southeast Texas. The McMullen and Glass Drug Store occupies a modern building, at 515 Procter Street, equipped with the best fixtures. The stock carried is complete in every respect, and with a force of fifteen employees, three of whom are registered pharmacists, the public is assured a maximum of service. Special attention is given to prescription work, and the purest drugs and utmost care used in filling each individual prescription. Associated with Mr. McMullen is his partner, W. W. Glass, who also takes an active part in the management of the business.

Mr. McMullen was born at Angelina, Texas, the eighth of October, 1881, the son of W. T. McMullen, a Baptist minister, now of Huntington, Texas, and who, although past the allotted three score and ten years, is still active in his ministerial duties. After finishing his work in the Angelina public schools Mr. McMullen studied pharmacy, and after passing the board in 1904, began in the drug store at Angelina, later removing to Houston, where he remained for two years. He came to Port Arthur in February, 1916, buying the Keith Drug Store, and has since been in business here.

Mr. McMullen was married at Port Arthur the eighth of August, 1918, to Miss Mittie Arthur. They reside at 1535 Procter Street, and have one child, Loraine. Mr. McMullen is a Knight of Pythias, an Elk, and takes an active part in civic affairs in his city.

**H**ENRY EARL MacBRIDE became identified with the progressive city of Port Arthur several years ago, and since his advent here has been one of the most enterprising representatives of the printing business in the city. Mr. MacBride is owner and manager of the H. E. MacBride Company, one of the largest printing plants in the city, and which he established here in 1920. The plant was built on the nucleus of the old Port Arthur Printing Company, organized many years ago, and which Mr. MacBride bought in 1920, reorganizing the business, and changing the name to the H. E. MacBride Company. Mr. MacBride does a general printing business, with special attention to fine printing. The equipment of the plant is all of the most modern type, with facilities for handling a large volume of business, and turning out the highest type of work. A force of ten operatives, all trained men, are in the plant. Mr. MacBride personally supervises all work, and patrons are assured that work bearing the imprint of the MacBride plant is the best possible. The plant is located at 413 Fifth Street.

Mr. MacBride was born in Pike County, Missouri, the eleventh of December, 1885, the son of E. L. MacBride, a native of that state, and now a resident of Louisiana, Missouri, where he is in the cattle business, and Flora May MacBride. Mr. MacBride was educated in the public schools of Pike County, and after leaving school took up civil engineering, following this profession in Missouri for a number

of years, and later going to Oregon and the state of Washington. In later years he began in the printing business, at Portland, Oregon, and was manager of the stationery department of Woodard-Clark and Company for four years, later going for a year with the Dennison Manufacturing Company as a salesman in Southern California, after which he went to Chicago, and was floor man with S. D. Childs and Company for one year. He then spent one year as salesman for Skinner and Kennedy, at St. Louis, and one year as salesman for Stewart and Scott, also of St. Louis. He then went to Houston, Texas, and was with Cargill Company, and later with W. H. Coyle and Company. After nine years at Houston he came to Port Arthur, establishing the present business.

Mr. MacBride was married at New Orleans, the twenty-sixth of December, 1914, to Miss Elizabeth Seward, a native of the Lone Star State, and the daughter of the late Captain Seward. Mr. and Mrs. MacBride have two children, Thomas L. and Henry Earl, Jr., and live at 2647 Fifth Street. Mr. MacBride is a Knight of Pythias and a member of the D. O. K. K. He is interested not only in the commercial and civic advancement of Port Arthur, but in the general welfare of the community.

**S**E. SCHMINK for more than a decade has been a factor in the commercial advancement of Port Arthur, where as one of the leading business men and office supply dealers of the city he fills a definite place in the business world and enjoys the highest esteem of his fellow citizens. Mr. Schmink is the proprietor of the Schmink Office Supply Company, a business which he established the first of August, 1921, to meet the constantly growing demand for a high class office supply house, and which has since met with the assured success his progressive business methods deserve. Mr. Schmink carries a complete line of high grade office furniture, including desks, filing cabinets, and like equipment, acting as distributor for many of the better known manufacturers, and also has a large and complete line of stationery and supplies of this class. The Schmink Office Supply Company occupies a modern structure at 631 Procter Street, conveniently located with regard to the business center, and enjoys a large patronage from the business men of the city. Mr. Schmink is the sole owner of the business.

Mr. Schmink was born in Vermillion County, Illinois, the twenty-third of February, 1873, the son of George F. Schmink, now of that state. He was educated in the public schools of his native state, gaining his first business experience there in a newspaper office at Decatur, where he began in 1891. In 1911 he came to Port Arthur and after two and a half years, during which time he had charge of a local printing office, he bought the Lone Star Press, which he operated, editing the paper issuing from this press until 1921, when he sold this interest and went in his present business.

Mr. Schmink was married in Illinois, the fourth of April, 1894, to Miss M. Elizabeth Dixon, a native of that state. They now make their home in Port Arthur, having an attractive residence at 3215 Sixth Street, and are popular members of the Port Arthur social set. Mr. Schmink has taken a deep interest in civic development at Port Arthur since coming to this city, and is interested in everything



*L. J. Marcellin*





*J. V. Lee*

that makes for the advancement of this community, either from a commercial or a civic standpoint. He served two terms as secretary and treasurer of the Rotary Club, and is a member of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, and the Retail Merchants Association, working with these organizations for the welfare of the city.



**P. TEEL**, although a comparatively recent addition to the business circles of Port Arthur, Texas, has entered into the spirit of this progressive city, and has been a factor in building up a profitable business. Mr. Teel is a partner in and manager of the City Drug Store which is located at the corner of Procter and Austin Streets and is the most complete drug store in this city. The City Drug Store was taken over by Mr. Teel in September, 1923, he having at that time purchased the interest of the former partner of Dr. John R. Bevil, who remains a partner in the business, but is inactive. This large, downtown drug store carries a full and complete line of drugs and druggists' sundries, school supplies, toilet articles, tobaccos, cigars, and in fact everything to be found in a modern city drug store. It also maintains a prescription department which is presided over by careful and painstaking registered pharmacists, who accurately fill prescriptions day or night. This drug store also has a large, ornate and sanitary soda fountain, where all kinds of drinks and ice cream are served in season. Seven experienced people are employed in this establishment which would be a credit to towns much larger than Port Arthur. Mr. Teel began his business career as a salesman in a drug store in Batson, Texas, on August 1st, 1910. He later attended a school of pharmacy, and also studied in drug stores under others. He was engaged in the drug business there for a period of seven years, and left Batson in order to become a partner of Dr. Bevil in a drug store at Goose Creek, Texas, and remained there for one year, when he returned to Batson, and remained there for four years, and during this period he was engaged in the drug business again, making eleven years he spent at Batson during his first and second business ventures there. After leaving Batson, he came to Port Arthur in September, 1923, and entered his present business with Dr. Bevil again as a partner.

A native Texan, Mr. Teel was born December 12th, 1891, in Guadalupe County. His father, T. L. Teel, a native of Georgia, has resided in Texas for many years and is now a resident of Batson. His education was obtained in the public schools of Guadalupe and Washington Counties, but the liberal education, which Mr. Teel obtained later in life was entirely through self-help.

Mr. Teel was married at Luling, Caldwell County, Texas, on July 21st, 1915, to Miss Alma Wyatt, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of an old Texas family. Mr. and Mrs. Teel reside at 1120 Fifteenth Street. Mr. Teel is a member of the Knights of Pythias, with membership at Batson, and also a member of the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce and the Civitan Club. Mrs. Teel is one of the few women in Port Arthur who take an active interest in their husbands' business and she devotes much of her time and energy to actual co-operation in the enterprise. Mr. Teel is popular in the business circles of Port Arthur, and is regarded as a valuable acquisition to the citizenship of this city.



**B. ROSE** came to Port Arthur a number of years ago, since which time he has entered into the industrial advancement of the city in a constructive way, and has established one of the most modern machine shops here. Mr. Rose is a member of the firm and manager of the Canal Machine Works, an enterprise established the twenty-third of November, 1922, since which time a prosperous machine business has been built up. The other member of this firm is Mr. C. Carlisle, who came to Port Arthur in 1920, and who has an extremely thorough knowledge of machine work. He joined Mr. Rose in 1924, previous to that time having been superintendent of the Port Arthur Marine Engineering Works. The Canal Machine Works is equipped to handle machine work of all classes, including heavy and light marine work, boiler work, and other machine work. The shop also handles all classes of repair work in this field, and does a large business of this kind. The marine work done in the shop is of especial importance in view of the increasing number of ships docking at Port Arthur, and is one which this concern is unusually well qualified to handle, since both partners are skilled marine engineers. They have a completely equipped shop, using the most modern type of machinery, and employ a force of trained machinists, who work under their direction. A very high standard for all work turned out is set, and this, with the promptness and service for which the Canal Machine Works is known, has been a factor in the rapid development of the business.

Mr. C. Carlisle was born in Birmingham, Alabama, the son of George and Martha (Martin) Carlisle. He attended the public schools of Birmingham and started his business career in a machine shop there. Since then he has followed this line of business and the last few years devoting his whole time to marine work, his last position prior to joining Mr. J. B. Rose being superintendent of the Port Arthur Marine Engineering Works, as outlined above. Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle have their own home at 1035 Richmond Avenue, Port Arthur.

Mr. Rose was born in Polk County, Tennessee, the eighth of February, 1885, the son of E. L. Rose, a native of that state, and a pioneer saw mill operator, who now makes his home at Old Fort, Tennessee, and Caroline (Curbow) Rose, who is deceased. Mr. Rose was educated in the public schools of Polk County, and as a boy began with his father in the saw mill. Here he learned a great deal about machinery, and later, in railroad machine shops, rounded out this knowledge, becoming an expert machinist. Still later he began in the marine business as marine engineer, and spent a number of years in Galveston in this work. He came to Port Arthur in December, 1917, served as a marine engineer until the fall of 1922, when he established his present business.

Mr. Rose was married at Brenham, Texas, the twenty-sixth of April, 1913, to Miss Emma Town, a native of Germany who came to the United States with her parents as a child, and was reared in Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Rose reside in Port Arthur at 2620 Eighth Street, and have two children: Caroline and J. B., Jr. Mr. Rose takes a deep interest in the advancement of Port Arthur, particularly as a port city, and is well known here for his constructive interest in marine development measures.



**E**UGENE W. RAYBURN, since coming to Port Arthur several years ago, has been a factor in the merchandising business, and through his progressive business policies, has built up a tire and sporting goods business that is a distinct asset to the city. Mr. Rayburn is manager and a member of the firm of the Port Arthur Tire and Sporting Goods Company, one of the leading dealers in tires and sporting goods in the city. The business was established in 1909 as the Port Arthur Tire Company, and a little later was taken over by the present owners, when the name was changed and the scope of the business broadened. The firm handles a wholesale and retail business, acting as local dealers for Kelly-Springfield tires, General tires, and Willard batteries, and also have a complete line of sporting goods. In connection with the tire and battery departments a service department is maintained, with the usual road service and battery service. A good line of accessories is also carried. The sporting goods department is unusually complete. Mr. Rayburn is himself a well known sportsman, and finds this no small factor in the success of this department. In his merchandising he finds that to be successful the dealer must buy and sell intelligently, keeping slow movers off the shelf as much as possible. The result of this policy is that the stock of the Port Arthur Tire and Sporting Goods Company is carefully selected, chosen with a view to selling in this particular locality, and a gratifying profit is noticed in all departments.

Mr. Rayburn was born at Lovelady, Texas, the twenty-second of April, 1896, the son of L. M. Rayburn, a native of Mississippi, and now a resident of Longview, Washington. Mr. Rayburn was educated in the public schools of Houston. Before finishing school he began work during the summer months for the Kirby-Bonner Lumber Company of Houston, advancing from office boy to department manager in a decade. He left that firm to come to Port Arthur in 1919.

Mr. Rayburn is a member of the Elks Club, the Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club and the Tarpon Club, and is a social leader among the younger set. He is particularly active in all civic work, and has taken an interest in all development movements inaugurated since he came to Port Arthur.

**R**USSELL L. SCHUH of Port Arthur, Texas, became associated with the Pekin Cooperage Company soon after leaving college and has spent his entire business life with this company in various portions of the country. Mr. Schuh is manager of the Texas branches of the Pekin Cooperage Company, the local office located at the corner of West Eleventh Street and Washington Boulevard. He also directs the company's plant at Beaumont, Texas. This company established the large branch here in 1917, and in 1921 Mr. Schuh was sent here as manager, and the success which this business has attained is largely due to the splendid management of Mr. Schuh, and his capable assistants. The Pekin Cooperage Company is the largest plant of its kind in the Lone Star State, and occupies ten acres of ground. All classes of barrels up to sixty gallons capacity are manufactured here, and an average of one hundred

people are employed in the Port Arthur plant. Mr. Schuh began his business career with the Pekin Cooperage Company at Jonesboro, Arkansas, and remained with the company there for one year. He then went to Guion, Arkansas, with the plant at that place, where he remained for four years, after which he was sent to Helena, Arkansas, for one year, then to Greenwood, Arkansas, for one year, after which he was sent to New Orleans. After a short time spent in the Crescent City, Mr. Schuh was sent to Beaumont as manager of that Texas plant in 1919, and after a short time there, he was made general manager of the Texas branches of the company, and removed to Port Arthur.

Mr. Schuh was born at Quincy, Indiana, on November 8th. 1889. His father, C. L. Schuh, was a well known lumber man of Illinois and Indiana, and for fifteen years was engaged in this industry in Arkansas, and died at Pine Bluff. His mother was Miss Mary V. Lancaster, a native of Indiana and a member of a prominent family of that state. She is now residing at Paragould, Arkansas. His early education was obtained at the public and high schools of Paragould, Arkansas, where he graduated from the latter. He then became a student of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, and along with the academic course, he took courses in mechanical engineering, which has been of untold value to him in his chosen field of activity.

Mr. Schuh was married at Little Rock, Arkansas, on December 24th, 1926, to Miss Mabel J. Cardwell, a native of Arkansas and a member of a well known family of that state. They have two children: James Louise and Mary Frances. Mr. and Mrs. Schuh reside at 3008 Fifth Street. Mr. Schuh is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Beaumont Lodge No. 286. He is also a member of the Rotary Club and the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce in both of which he takes an active interest. In devoting his life to the cooperage business, Mr. Schuh has mastered every detail of this business, and knows cooperage as few men in the entire country know it. Mr. Schuh, since removing to Port Arthur, has been active in the business, social and general community life of this city, where he has made a host of friends, and where he is known as one of Port Arthur's most progressive young citizens.

**T**HE plant of the Gulf Refining Company, the largest petroleum refinery in the world, was the first oil refining industry in Port Arthur. The business originally was started by the Guffey Oil Company and subsequently acquired by the Gulf Refining Company. Its steady, continuous growth to its present huge proportions is an outstanding feature in the industrial world as well as a tribute to the genius and energy of its managers and directors.

Begun in 1901 on a small scale, it had grown in 1903 to a refinery with a capacity of 6,000 barrels a day, employing 300 men, and operating its own fleet of seagoing vessels of 13,063 net registered tonnage and 176,658 barrels capacity.

By 1923 these figures had increased as follows: Capacity, 103,000 barrels a day; employees, 8,000; fleet, 82,359 net registered tonnage, 1,330,506 barrels.

In addition to the oil refinery proper, in which all petroleum products from gasoline to coke are



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*H. O. Mills.*

produced in vast quantities, the Gulf Refining Company operates large machine and boiler shops, and various other mechanical shops, so that it is prepared at short notice to quickly handle any work that may be necessary or desirable for continuous operation—from the heaviest to the lightest classes of work—from building a large tank or forging a ship's rudder post, to stitching muslin sacks on a sewing machine or repairing the delicate clockwork of expensive recording devices. Practically every mechanical craft is represented on the company's pay rolls. This refinery is operated twenty-four hours a day, and during the past twenty years or more has not been shut down for a minute. "Progress" is the watchword of this concern.

The company maintains its own hydraulic dredging apparatus, and at its own expense dredged a special 30-foot depth channel from the ship channel to its refinery where it maintains a modern concrete wharf 3,000 feet in length, where oil carrying vessels from the smallest to the largest are handled with great dispatch, both in loading and discharging.

In the years 1923 and 1924 millions of dollars were spent in improving and enlarging the plant, but even this has not sufficed, and the company has now started additional improvements and has acquired 550 acres of additional land, making a total of 4,000 acres, preparatory to the expenditure of several millions of dollars for extended facilities.

This is truly a leading Texas industry, the products of which are distributed over the entire world.



**HENRY O. MILLS**, who became identified with the progressive city of Port Arthur several years ago, has been a foremost figure in the industrial and manufacturing world, and as one of the leading ice distributors of this city has taken an important place in the life of the community. Mr. Mills is manager of the Port Arthur Ice Company, a business established in 1901 by J. A. Young. The new plant is one of the largest and most modern in this section, with the most approved type of machinery and equipment, and has a capacity of one hundred and fifty tons per day. Mr. Mills has charge of the sales and distribution of ice in the city, and has a fleet of twenty wagons and trucks, selling both to the wholesale and retail trade. Mr. Mills has also found that the icing of the ships docked at the port is very profitable, and he handles a large volume of this trade, icing many of the ships that put in here. A number of the trucks operated are used to take care of the large volume of retail trade, and the city is completely covered daily, a carefully worked out routing system greatly expediting delivery. The present efficiency of the delivery service is largely a reflection of Mr. Mills' executive and sales ability, and under his management the business has developed rapidly.

Mr. Mills was born at Lawrence, South Carolina, the twenty-sixth of September, 1890, the son of John D. Mills, a native of South Carolina, and now a resident of Phoenix, Arizona, and Alpha Virginia (Martin) Mills, also of South Carolina. Mr. Mills was educated in the schools near his home and after finishing his education entered immediately on his business career. He came to Port Arthur in 1909 and in 1917 took charge of the management of the Port Arthur Ice Company, and in addition to this

position is also manager of the John A. Young estate.

Mr. Mills was married at Port Arthur, Texas, the sixth of December, 1917, to Miss India Mae Young, daughter of the late John A. Young, one of the earliest business men of Port Arthur, and one of the prominent men of this section. Her mother, the widow of Mr. Young, is still a resident of Port Arthur and lives at 545 Fifth Avenue, Model addition, one of the finest residences in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Mills reside at 3049 Seventh Street, Model addition. They have two children, Mary Elizabeth and Lucia Virginia. Mr. Mills is a director of the Building Homestead Loan Company, and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Young Men's Business League, and the Rotary Club, and is active in every line of civic endeavor, and one of the most public spirited citizens of Port Arthur.



**PHILIP INMAN**, who has spent practically all his life in the city of Port Arthur, and is one of the younger element of progressive business men here, has for the past several years been associated with the automobile business, and has been a factor in the large increase in automobile sales in this city. Mr. Inman is secretary, treasurer and general manager of Philip Inman and Company, dealers for Chevrolet automobiles, which was established here in January, 1920, and incorporated at that time. The firm has met with a rapid growth, selling a record number of these popular cars in this city, and is one of the largest automobile companies in Port Arthur. The business is located in a modern building, seventy-five by one hundred and forty feet, at 625 to 635 Procter Street. A complete line of Chevrolet cars is carried, including the standard touring, roadster, coupe, sedan, chassis and light delivery truck and ton truck chassis. Mr. Inman operates a complete sales and service department, the latter being in charge of expert mechanics, and carrying a full line of Chevrolet parts. All work turned out by the service department is high class, conscientious work, and Chevrolet owners have found it especially convenient. A complete line of tires and accessories is carried. A recent Springtime Savings Club has resulted in an unusually large volume of spring sales, and has enabled those who would otherwise find car ownership impossible to become Chevrolet owners. Officers of the Philip Inman Company are: E. E. Hartford, president; August Yokie, vice president, and Mr. Inman, secretary and treasurer.

Philip Inman was born at Rowles, Kentucky, the thirteenth of September, 1895, the son of W. P. Inman of Virginia, and Sallie Gorin Inman, of Kentucky, who now reside at Port Arthur, to which city they removed in 1900. Mr. Inman was educated in the public schools here, later attending Port Arthur College, and entered business as bookkeeper with the Warren-Hartford Company, with whom he remained four years. During the war he was with the government as civilian employee, in the Air Service Department, in the mechanical department at Buffalo and other points. He then returned to Port Arthur, and after one year as an automobile salesman established his present business.

Mr. Inman resides at 1010 Procter Street, with his mother. He is active in all civic work, taking a deep interest in the future of the city, and is one of the coming men in the automobile business.





**WILLIAM PIERCE MCFARLAND** came to Port Arthur, Texas, in 1914 where he immediately identified himself with the business, civic and social life of this city. During his residence here he was engaged in the jewelry business and was one of the best known jewelers of this section of the state. Practically all of his business life was spent in the jewelry and kindred lines of activity after first preparing himself for his life work in a college for this profession. He was regarded as one of the most efficient jewelry men of South Texas and was highly successful in his chosen field. Prior to locating at Port Arthur he had been for about fifteen years engaged in the jewelry business at Orange, Texas, where he was well known and successful.

A native Texan, Mr. McFarland was born in Newton County on April 21st, 1882, but removed to Orange with his parents when a mere boy. His father, R. E. McFarland, also a native of this state, is well known in the business circles of Southeast Texas where for many years he has been active in the real estate business at Orange, Texas. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth (Windham) McFarland, a native of Alabama, was a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of that state. Her grandfather was a member of the historic Lee family, who also figured prominently in the early days of the Lone Star State. Mr. McFarland's father, Robert Edward McFarland, was born in Newton County, but his father, Col. Thomas Stuart McFarland, was born at Lexington, Indiana, in 1810, went South with his father and after living for several years at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, removed to Monroe, Louisiana, where in 1828 he was made of age by process of law and appointed postmaster. In 1830 Col. Thomas Stuart McFarland moved to Nacogdoches, Texas, thence to San Augustine County, where he and others laid out and sold the town of San Augustine. There he organized and recruited a company of soldiers and led them in the war with Mexico for the independence of Texas. In 1838, at Melrose, Texas, he married Miss Elizabeth Mills Eubank of Salem, Virginia, and moved to Jasper County, settling in the portion which is now Newton County. In 1842 he was a member of the congress of Texas. He surveyed and established the line between Texas and Louisiana. As a member of the Texas congress he introduced a bill which later became a law, making the English language the official language of Texas. He also introduced a bill which became a law setting aside lands for the support of the public schools of the state. This law made possible the wonderful public school system that is in effect today. He was later elected and served as a member of the Texas legislature. He served the people in public office in some capacity until his death in 1880. The subject of this sketch was the great-grandson of General William McFarland and Ann Singer. General William McFarland was born in York County, Pennsylvania, in 1774, was married to Ann Singer in 1799. After her death in 1816 he moved South, finally settling in Nacogdoches, Texas, in 1830. There he was prominently identified with the Masonic Lodge and the records of the fraternity at this old historic city show that he gave to the A. F. and A. M. their home there. Later he was Chief Justice (Alcalde) of San Augus-

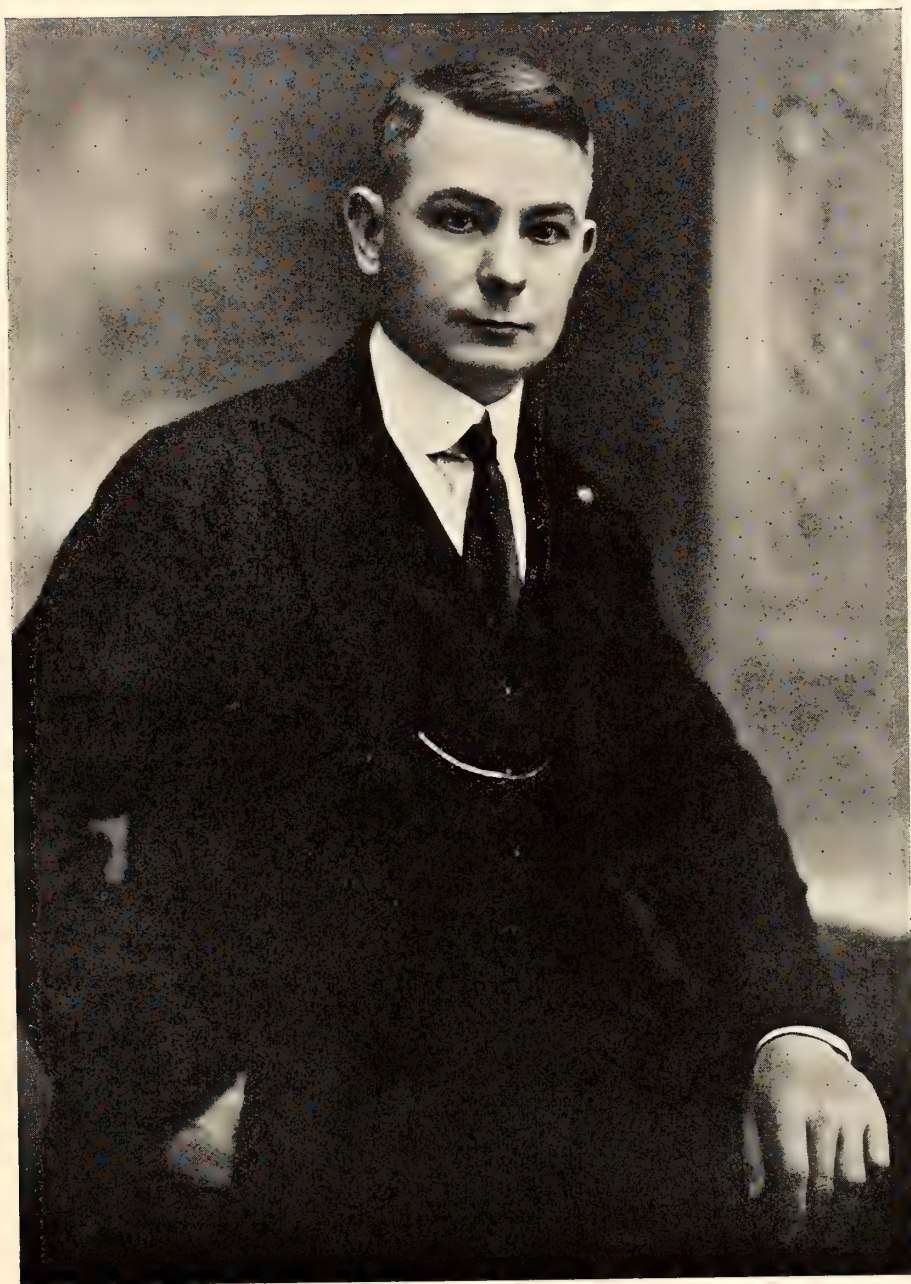
tine, Texas. He was a member of the committee who framed the Texas constitution. In 1838 he laid out Belgrade on the Sabine River, at that time located in Jasper County, and made his home there until his death in 1840. There are still preserved as relics in the possession of the family, pistols and swords which he used in the War of 1812 and the war of Texas Independence in 1836. At San Augustine are many records of and by both General William and Col. Thomas Stuart McFarland in the archives of the public records and those of the Masonic Lodge. William Pierce McFarland was the great-great-grandson of Thomas McFarland and Hannah Stuart, Thomas McFarland being born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1745. He was married to Hannah Stuart in 1773. He was a sergeant in the 10th Pennsylvania Regiment Continental Line, Washington's army under Col. Hampton. He died at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on June 4th, 1817. William Pierce McFarland was the great-great-grandson of William McFarland, born in Pennsylvania in 1717, and was the great-great-great-grandson of Thomas McFarland, born in Scotland in 1689. He came to America about the time that William Penn came to this country and settled in the Penn Colony. He was a member of the McFarland Clan of Scotland, which had its origin in Gilchrist, second son of the Earl of Lennox, brother to the King of Scotland. They came to America for freedom of religious worship. Mr. McFarland's education was obtained in the public schools of Texas after which he became a student of a college for watchmakers in Chicago, from which he graduated.

Mr. McFarland was married at Orange, Texas, on June 18th, 1907, to Miss Lena Stewart, a native Texan and a daughter of A. C. Stewart, pioneer lumber man of Orange, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. McFarland have two daughters, Mary Elizabeth, fourteen years of age, and Theron Mae, aged eleven years. The McFarland home is located at 1900 Procter Street, Port Arthur, Texas. Mr. McFarland died at Port Arthur on August 20th, 1924. He was a member of the B. P. O. E., the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and many other of the city's fraternal, social and civic organizations, in all of which he took an active interest. He was a consistent member of the Baptist Church. Mr. McFarland's forbears were Texas pioneers, who figured prominently in the early history of the Lone Star State and perhaps no native Texan ever had more reverence for his state than did William Pierce McFarland. He was a constant worker for the good of his community, exerting at all times an influence for good throughout a wide range of activities. He was a leader in his chosen profession and a steadfast exponent of its highest standards, a progressive and enterprising citizen, loved and respected by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.



**JOHN ALFRED YOUNG.** The name of John Alfred Young, one of the real pioneers of Port Arthur and associated for many years with civic activities of highest order, has many memorials in this city, and the record of his life forms a bright page in the history of this community. Mr. Young was that type of sterling citizenship who gives his best to his community, and who finds his highest duty and privilege in service.





*Edw. H. Faulkner*





Coming to Port Arthur in the early days of this city's development, he entered heartily into all activities of a civic nature, and took a deep pride in every forward step along the road of progress that this city made. He entered the business world with an enthusiasm that resulted in a success that was reflected in the success of the city, and both in a civic and a business way became an integral part of Port Arthur, and one of its most valued citizens.

John Alfred Young was born in the State of Pennsylvania on the fifth day of June, 1867. His father, H. B. Young, a native of that state, removed with his family to Missouri when the son was an infant of nine months, and resided there until his death. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Margaret Ann Tritt, was also a native of Pennsylvania and like the father spent her latter years in Missouri. John Alfred Young attended the public schools of Missouri, and later entered on his business career in that state. At the beginning of that career he was for some years a farmer, operating a farm around twenty-five or six miles from St. Louis, at the town of Oregon. He later went to Forbes, Missouri, where he engaged in the drug business for two years, and while at that place, through Robert Patterson, one of the earliest residents of Port Arthur, heard of this city and was impressed with the future it offered a young man. Consequently, in 1898, he arrived in Port Arthur, when this city was just at the beginning of its history, and became a part of the young community. He was associated with Mr. Patterson in operating one of the first hotels here, the Missouri House, and also engaged in other activities. Later he went in the ice and brewing business. H. O. Mills is now manager of the ice plant he established. Still later he turned his attention to the cattle business, and about eight or nine years prior to his death bought a tract of land of some twelve hundred acres near Nederland, which he stocked with cattle, and also farmed to some extent, and in addition to this held about a thousand acres of pasture land under lease. Mrs. Young still retains the ranch land and other interests, her son-in-law, H. O. Mills, assisting her in their management.

Mr. Young was married to Miss Mary Elizabeth Ramsey, a native of Missouri, and who in addition to being a delightful companion and true helpmeet to her husband, and an ideal and devoted mother, was his inspiration throughout his practical business career. She took a deep interest in all his business activities, and to her he attributed a large measure of his success. Four children were born to them, and were reared in Port Arthur, where they have taken an active part in all social activities. These children are: India Mae, wife of H. O. Mills, one of the prominent young business men of Port Arthur; Mary Ethel Young, and Leta, wife of William H. Latham, who is engaged in the men's furnishing business in Port Arthur; Clarence died at the age of twenty-six. The family reside at 545 Fifth Avenue, in the beautiful home planned by Mr. Young just before his death, and since completed in 1923 according to those plans by Mrs. Young.

Mr. Young's death occurred in Port Arthur on the ninth of September, 1922. His passing marked the loss of one of the most generous and noble of Port Arthur's citizens. A man who had ever given

of his best to his community and to his hundreds of friends, who had in highest degree those qualities of friendship and citizenship that mark the flower of Christian citizenship. He was admired and respected by the entire citizenship of Port Arthur, and his death was sincerely mourned throughout the city, and his name will be accorded through the years to come an honored place on the roll of the builders of Port Arthur.



**OLCOMB W. BAIRD**, of Port Arthur, Texas, owner of the contracting business bearing his name, started his career as a builder when sixteen years of age, and has continued in this line of activity since that time. Mr. Baird has been engaged in the general contracting business in Port Arthur for the past ten years, but for the past five years has been engaged in the building of homes here, and during the year 1923 he built a total of eighty-five homes in this city for himself, and practically the same for 1924, the difference being only in the quality, which he has sold to parties desiring to own their homes here. Mr. Baird has done much toward the development of Port Arthur, and has aided people in obtaining homes, who otherwise would never have owned their homes. He has devoted his entire life to this field of activity, and has made a close study of all the details of the contracting and building business, and knows the building business and materials used in same as few men know it. Mr. Baird owns all his own equipment and is in a position to handle contracts of any kind or size, but prefers to devote his best efforts to the building of homes. His office is located in the Lattimer Building, at 547 Procter Street, and he has established an enviable reputation in the splendid work which he has done in this city.

Mr. Baird was born at Waldo, Arkansas, on December 14th, 1883. His father, D. A. Baird, was a well known Methodist minister of Arkansas, where he resided practically all his life. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native state, and his great knowledge of building was obtained through practical experience, and close attention to details.

Mr. Baird was married in Arkansas on April 28th, 1912, to Miss Ellie Turner, a native of Arkansas, and a member of a prominent family of that state. They have three children, Jack, Billie and Holcomb W. Baird, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Baird reside at 605 De Queen Boulevard. Mr. Baird is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Cosmopolitan Lodge No. 872, and is a member of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of this order, and is a Shriner of El Mina Temple of Galveston. Since coming to Port Arthur, Mr. Baird has identified himself with many of the business institutions of this city, and has taken the leading part in the building development here, and has built more homes than any other man who has engaged in any kind of development work here, and in this way he has done more for Port Arthur than any one individual. He has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Port Arthur, and gives liberally of his time and means to all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of this city, where he is recognized as one of Port Arthur's most progressive and public spirited citizens.



**V**ERNON JENNINGS WISTNER, one of the foremost attorneys and citizens of Port Arthur, has engaged in the practice of his profession here for around a decade, securing and maintaining therein a prominent position, and winning the highest esteem of bench and bar. Mr. Wistner is attorney for the Port Arthur Building and Loan Association and is senior member of the law firm of Wistner and White, a firm composed of himself and Fred A. White, and handling a general civil practice. The firm has offices in the Brinkman Building. Mr. Wistner is city attorney of Port Arthur, to which office he was elected in May, 1923. Prior to that time, the office was filled by appointment.

Mr. Wistner was born at Grover Hill, Ohio, the thirtieth of December, 1887, the son of John Edward Wistner, a farmer of that state, now retired, and Viola E. (Geething) Wistner, a native of Ohio, now deceased. Mr. Wistner received his elementary education in the public schools of Ohio, after which he entered Cumberland University, at Lebanon, Tennessee, receiving his LL.B. degree in 1915. After receiving his degree he wrote to the Chamber of Commerce in various Southern states, requesting information in regard to the opportunities offered a young lawyer. The answer from the Chamber of Commerce in Port Arthur impressed him with the need of high class attorneys here, and indicated a broad opportunity for a man of ability. Mr. Wistner made the decision to come to Port Arthur, and prove his ability. Establishing his practice in this city, he was from the first successful, and his professional work has attracted the attention of his confreres, who predict for him a brilliant career.

Mr. Wistner was married at Grover Hill, Ohio, the eighteenth of August, 1910, to Miss Blanche Fish, a native of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Wistner have four children, Viola E., Ruth V., Roger Paul and Vernon J., Jr. The family reside at 2633 Fifth Street. Notwithstanding the exacting demands of his profession, Mr. Wistner has been very active in civic matters, and has been a leader in all civic movements in recent years. During the World War he was chairman of the Exemption Board, and took an active part in all war work. He is now president of the Civitan Club, and a member of the Elks Club, the Knights of Pythias, and the Modern Woodmen of America. He is a member of the Christian Church and a member of the board of trustees.

**C**APTAIN SAMUEL W. LEVINGSTON, for around a decade a factor in shipping and navigation affairs at Port Arthur, and for many years one of the greatest authorities on shipping along this section of the coast, has a specialized knowledge of this enterprise, and is qualified to speak with final authority on questions concerning shipping and its problems. Captain Levingston is a former president of the Sabine Pilots Association, an organization composed of eighteen members, who receive their appointment from the governor of Texas, and pilot all ships entering Port Arthur and the Beaumont Channel. Captain Levingston has been a pilot since Governor Colquitt's administration, having received his appointment from him, and been reappointed by each succeeding governor. The president of the association has under his direction the harbor pilotage of all ships docking at the port here, and all those

entering the channel, and the general efficiency of the harbor is largely in his hands. Captain Levingston fully appreciated that every unnecessary hour spent in port is at a loss to the owners, and cooperated with the shipping interests in the working out of a program that expedites loading and unloading at this busy port where ocean and inland transportation meet. During the years he served as president of the Sabine Pilots Association, he was a firm advocate of all measures taken to increase port facilities, and to make Port Arthur one of the most important terminals along the Gulf Coast. The improvement of the water front, wharves, sheds and other port facilities, were in large measure due to his interest in the development of the harbor, and has gone far to increase the standing of Port Arthur as a water terminal.

Captain Levingston is a native of the Lone Star State, and was born at Orange, Texas, the second of May, 1871. His father, S. H. Levingston, a native of Florida, was a seaman and shipbuilder. During the Civil War he was master of a vessel, and later came to Orange, by boat from New Orleans, shortly after the close of the war and engaged in shipbuilding until his death. His mother, whose maiden name was Asineth Moore, was a native of Florida, and is now deceased. Captain Levingston was educated in the public schools of Orange, Texas, and after finishing there went to Michigan, where he took a business course. He went to work as a bookkeeper in a machine shop at Orange, after his return from Michigan, but did not remain there long, for he had a genuine love for the sea, and the close confinement of office work was trying. He went on a tugboat at Orange and Sabine, and later was manager of a tugboat company. Still later he became captain on a coastwise vessel, and held that position until his appointment from Governor Colquitt as a pilot, at which time he came to Port Arthur and has since made this city his home.

Captain Levingston was married at Lake Charles, Louisiana, the twentieth of December, 1893, to Miss Emma Rachel, a native of Louisiana. Captain and Mrs. Levingston have a family of eight children, Alonzo, who is married and has one son; Bertram, William A., who is married and has one son; Lovelace, also married; James R. and Jules H., twins; Samuel W., Jr., and Elizabeth, a student at St. Mary's College, at Dallas. The family home, one of the fine residences of Port Arthur, at 1301 Sixth Street, was purchased by Captain Levingston several years after coming to this city. While at Orange, Captain Levingston served for more than a decade on the school board, and has always taken a deep interest in educational affairs. He is a member of the Chamber of Commerce at Port Arthur and at Orange, and belongs to the Elks Club, the Odd Fellows, and the Woodmen of the World, the latter at Orange. Captain Levingston has done more perhaps than any other one man to advance Port Arthur as a shipping terminal, and to make it one of first importance along the coast. He is an authority on all phases of shipping, especially in pilotage, and port management, and many questions concerning these matters arising at Port Arthur, are referred to him for settlement. Captain Levingston is equally interested in the development of Port Arthur as a city, and is active in all movements whose purpose is the growth of this prosperous city.



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**S**AMUEL H. CROSBY, a resident of Port Arthur for the past several years, is a lawyer actively identified with the business life of this city and community. From the standpoint of ability and business integrity few men stand higher.

Mr. Crosby was born at Grinnell, Iowa, November 5th, 1880. He is the son of the late George H. Crosby, a native of Maine, and member since 1877 of the bar of Iowa. After attending the public schools of Grinnell, the Denver, Colorado, high school and Bucksport Academy at Bucksport, Maine, Mr. Crosby entered Grinnell College, where he was graduated in 1902 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He was also admitted to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, an honorary society whose membership is limited to high ranking students. He then entered a law office in his native state, reading law, and was admitted to the bar in Iowa in 1908, and to the United States Supreme Court in 1912. Later he went to Denver, Colorado, where he engaged in general practice of law for several years prior to coming to Port Arthur in 1917. He is a member of the American Bar Association, and has had wide and successful experience as a practicing attorney.

Mr. Crosby was married at Talladega, Alabama, in August, 1902, to Miss Sadie Baechtold, a native of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Crosby have two children, Theodore and Anna Ruth. Mr. Crosby is one of the substantial residents of Port Arthur and has taken an active part in community progress. He was the organizer and first manager and attorney for the Homestead Building and Loan Association, incorporated in 1923 with an authorized capital of \$2,000,000, now an important factor in residential development of Port Arthur. In his business relations Mr. Crosby combines ability with conscientious responsibility to himself and his associates and he ranks among the business leaders of Port Arthur.

**C**HARLES L. WIGNALL, who for around a decade has been the leading representative of the architectural profession at Port Arthur, has been held in high esteem for his work in this connection, and for his activities in the civic and business life of the community. Mr. Wignall, under the firm name C. L. Wignall, Architect, engages in a general practice, designing both business and residence construction, and maintains his offices in the Barnes Building. He has no associates and since the establishment of his office here in 1913 has been alone. Mr. Wignall has planned many of the business structures in the city, among them the Barnes Building, the Linn Motor Company Building, the E. P. Baker Auto Company Building and the Trinity Lutheran Church, and has also planned many of the finer homes here.

Charles L. Wignall was born at Chicago, Illinois, the ninth of May, 1889. His father, George Wignall, a contractor of Illinois for many years, was married to Miss Ida Schoonmaker of New York, who died when her son, the subject of this sketch, was a small boy. The elder Mr. Wignall was married for the second time to Miss Marriette DeWitt, who reared Charles L. Wignall, and whom he looks upon as a real mother. On account of the severe winters of Chicago the family made frequent trips South, coming to Port Arthur on a visit in 1897, and buying the first round trip ticket to this city on the Kansas City Southern Railroad, which had

just been completed. The future looked so promising that they returned here in 1900, to make this city their home, the elder Mr. Wignall retiring several years later, after having bought various pieces of city property here, which he still owns. As a boy Charles L. Wignall attended the public schools of Port Arthur, graduating from the high school here in 1905, after which he entered Texas A. and M. College, where he took his B.S. degree in 1909. The following two years he was instructor in architecture at A. and M., and then spent two years as inspector of buildings at A. and M., after which he returned to Port Arthur and opened his office as an architect, the only one of the profession in the city.

Mr. Wignall was married at Bryan, Texas, the eleventh of November, 1914, to Miss Adele Raysor, the daughter of Dr. Paul M. Raysor, for many years a resident of Bryan. Mr. and Mrs. Wignall reside at 610 Stilwell Boulevard, and have one son, Paul R. Wignall. Mr. Wignall is a member of the Rotary Club, the Port Arthur Country Club, and is a Mason, being affiliated with Cosmopolitan Blue Lodge, No. 872, at Port Arthur. He takes an active interest in the development and beautification of Port Arthur, and has many friends in this city.

**C**LIFFORD G. HALL, a resident of Port Arthur for many years, and identified with commercial activities here throughout his business career, has for the past several years been active in the insurance field, and is one of the star agents for the Volunteer State Life Insurance Company. Mr. Hall is general agent for this company, and handles one of the largest life insurance businesses in Port Arthur. He also has several counties in this section under his direction. Mr. Hall's offices are in the Deutser Building. Since taking the agency for the Volunteer State Life Insurance Company, Mr. Hall has written a record amount of insurance on the books of that company, and is known to insurance men of the state as a real producer.

Mr. Hall was born in Kansas, the 21st of April, 1884, and was educated in the public schools of Kansas City, later attending the Kansas State Normal School. He came to Port Arthur in 1897, with his father, W. E. Hall, and with him engaged in the lumber business for a time. He later went with the Merchants National Bank, and was with that institution for five years, leaving as cashier. After this he spent several years in the real estate business, and in 1915 began in the insurance business. His father, W. E. Hall, now retired, was the organizer of the Merchants National Bank, of which he was president, and has other interests in this city.

Mr. Hall was married at Baldwin, Kansas, the 12th of June, 1923, to Miss Hortense Smith, a native of that state, this being his second marriage. His first wife, whose maiden name was Mildred Sherk, is deceased. Mr. Hall has three children by his first marriage: William, Josephine and Wendall. Mr. Hall is a member of the Rotary Club, the Country Club, the Chamber of Commerce and the Elks Club, and is a trustee in the last named club. He takes a deep interest in the civic and commercial advancement of Port Arthur, and has done much to assist in the development of this city. He is at all times ready to do his part, and more, where the future of Port Arthur is concerned.



**C**HRISTIE S. FLANAGAN, pioneer resident of Port Arthur, and for around three decades a leader in all civic advancements, is one of the outstanding men in shipping here, and is known in practically every port in the world as a contracting stevedore. Mr. Flanagan is president and manager of C. Flanagan and Sons, Inc., contracting stevedores. This business was founded by C. M. Flanagan in 1888 at Mobile, Alabama. In 1895 the firm opened up in Sabine Pass, Texas, and the following year was moved to Port Arthur. The firm is the largest stevedore contracting business in Port Arthur, and has adequate loading and unloading machinery to handle the loading and unloading and depositing of cargoes in the freight sheds along the water front. The volume of business handled annually reaches a large figure. Mr. Flanagan has been a factor in the advancement of Port Arthur, to its present position as one of the leading Gulf Coast ports. In 1900 he went to Liverpool, England, and arranged for the first line of steamships to come to Port Arthur, and has since devoted a great deal of his time to the advancement of Port Arthur along this line. Other officers of the C. Flanagan and Sons, Inc., are James J. Flanagan, vice president, and R. P. Flanagan, secretary. The officers, together with Frank C. Flanagan, comprise the stockholders of the corporation.

Christie S. Flanagan was born in Canada in 1876. Although the family home was in New Orleans, his father, C. Flanagan, was a native of that country, later moving to the United States, where he took out his citizenship papers in 1858, at Savannah, Georgia. As a boy he began as stevedore in Canada and even before that, at the age of seven years, he started serving his time in a rigging loft, spinning oakum on his knee. By the time he was twenty he was on the high seas, and there won his mate's ticket. He then went to New York City as a stevedore, afterwards going to Savannah, Georgia, and from there to Wilmington, North Carolina, and then to New Orleans, later to Mobile, Alabama. He steamboated on the Mississippi River from New Orleans to St. Louis for a time, and afterwards on the Red River as far up as Jefferson City, Texas. Later he went to Sabine Pass, and from there came to Port Arthur, where his death occurred in 1911. Mr. Christie S. Flanagan's mother, whose maiden name was Marie Cunningham, was also a native of Canada, and makes her home at Port Arthur. As a boy Mr. Flanagan attended the public schools of Mississippi and Alabama, and later entered Notre Dame College at Point Levis, Canada, where he took a commercial course. Leaving college he went home to Mobile, Alabama, and began as a lumber exporter, and steamship agent. In that city he maintained his headquarters from 1894 to 1897, during that time making six trips abroad as superintendent of cargo. In 1897 Mr. Flanagan came to Port Arthur to join his father and from that time represented exporters of lumber as well as assisting his father in the contracting stevedore business. It has been largely due to Mr. Flanagan's executive ability that this corporation has become so successful.

Mr. Flanagan was married at Quebec, Canada, the twelfth of January, 1904, to Miss Mary Katherine Sims, a native of that country. Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan have one child, Christie S., Jr., a graduate of

the Port Arthur high school, class of 1923, and now a student at business administration at Notre Dame College, Indiana. Mr. Flanagan belongs to the Rotary Club, the Elks Club, and the Knights of Columbus. Few men in the shipping world are better or more favorably known, and he has attained a reputation as contracting stevedore that is world-wide. Mr. Flanagan's influence on the life of his community has been far-reaching and few men, if any, have done more for the development of Port Arthur, especially for its advancement as a port.



**J**OHAN R. ADAMS has been associated with the progress and development of Port Arthur since the incorporation of this city, and has been a factor in the merchandising and shipping world here, building up a wholesale and retail grocery and hardware and ship chandlery business that is the largest in Southeast Texas. Mr. Adams operates this business under the firm name of John R. Adams and Company and the other members of the partnership are his brothers, W. J. and George T. Adams. The business was established in 1897, the volume of business handled that year aggregating more than sixty thousand dollars. Since that time there has been a constant growth, the reflection of the business policies of Mr. Adams, and the business never drops under sixty thousand dollars per month, usually greatly exceeding this amount. A general wholesale and retail grocery and hardware business and ship chandlery business is conducted. John R. Adams and Company occupies the Sherman building, a modern, two-story structure, fifty by one hundred and forty feet, at the corner of Austin and Fifth streets. Mr. Adams is building a six-story office building, one hundred and forty by one hundred and fifty feet, just across the street, and will use the lower floors for his business, and the upper floors as a modern office building. This building will be completed by January 1st, 1926, and the present business will be moved in the new building. In addition to this they also use a large warehouse, sixty by one hundred feet. There is a force of fifty employees in the Port Arthur office of John R. Adams and Company. A branch has been established at Sabine, with six employees; one at Orange, with eleven employees, and one at Beaumont, with twenty employees. The firm also controls the T. S. Richie store at Port Arthur, a business employing seven operatives.

Mr. Adams was born in Jasper County, Texas, the thirteenth of October, 1868, son of W. J. Adams, a native of Georgia, who came to Jasper County in the early days, and is now, although retired from active business, one of the largest land owners in this county. Mr. Adams' mother was before her marriage Miss Mathilda Scurlock, a native of Sabine County, and a resident of Jasper County for many years. Mr. Adams attended the public schools of Jasper County, and after finishing school began work in his father's mercantile store. Later he went to Beaumont, where he spent five years with the Beaumont Lumber Company, after which he came to Port Arthur and established his present business.

Mr. Adams was married in January, 1888, to Miss Sadie Henderson, a native of Jasper County and the daughter of D. J. Henderson, a resident of Jasper County more than forty years, and now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Adams reside at the corner





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of Waco Street and Lake Shore Drive. Mr. Adams is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and the Retail Merchants' Association, and has been one of the men to help make Port Arthur the prosperous and growing city it is today.



**BEN COHEN** has been a resident of Houston for thirty-five years, during which time he has been active in business circles and in the upbuilding of the city. Mr. Cohn is president of the Smart Shop, Inc., located at 317 Main Street, which is one of the very exclusive ladies' stores of Houston. This splendid, high-class store was opened June 1st, 1923, but prior to opening this establishment, Mr. Cohen had for twenty years owned and operated one of the leading department stores of Houston. The Smart Shop, Inc. employs from fifteen to thirty people and their business has had a wonderful growth. Other officers of the Smart Shop, Inc. are Mrs. Annie Cohen, vice president, and Louis Leon, secretary, treasurer and manager.

Mr. Cohen was born in Germany, October 4th, 1874. His father, Jacob Cohen, also a native of Germany, was brought to Houston a few years after Mr. Cohen had made a success of his business here and continued to reside in Houston until his death at the age of eighty years. His mother, who died in Germany, was Miss Bertha Cohen. Mr. Cohen's opportunities for securing an education in Germany were limited and he came to the United States when a mere boy and the liberal education which he received later in life was entirely through self help. He worked very hard for others and in 1900 opened a store for himself, which was known as the Columbia Dry Goods Store, with very little capital, but with the aid of his wife, energy and pluck, made a success. He continued this store until 1920 when he sold out the Columbia Dry Goods Store, which during the period of twenty years in which he had operated this establishment, had made it one of the leading department stores of the city. After disposing of this store, Mr. Cohen and his wife traveled all over the world in the three years that elapsed before they again returned to Houston to remain, believing that this is the best place to live. In a short time after returning here, the desire to again enter business became so strong that in June, 1923, with his wife and Louis Leon, his nephew, he opened the Smart Shop, Inc., which has succeeded beyond his expectations. Mr. Cohen was married in Houston, August 15th, 1897, to Miss Annie Solomon, who has been his only partner in business throughout his business career and has been active in all his dealings, and is deserving for a great portion of the credit of Mr. Cohen's success. She is now vice president of the new establishment, where she is active. Mr. and Mrs. Cohen reside at the corner of Webster and Caroline Streets.

Mr. Cohen has shown his faith in the future of Houston in the vast amount he has invested in real estate here, which now amounts to more than \$250,000.00, and he has put all of his life's savings in Houston property, which he believes is the safest and best proposition to be found. He has sold much property and as Houston real estate has continued to advance, he, like others, has made triple the amount of the original investments. He does not care to sell the large holdings he has here at the present time. Mr. Cohen is a member of the B. P.

O. E. and takes an active interest in this organization. He never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for Houston and says that he did not appreciate the South Texas metropolis as much as he should until he had traveled all over the world and compared other places with this city.



**SIDNEY H. HUSTON**, oil operator and one of the pioneers of the oil industry in Texas and Western Oklahoma, has had a wide and varied business career. Mr. Huston began his career in the oil business in 1895, with one of the big companies of Pennsylvania, and was at Beaumont in the Spindle Top days, and was active in the various oil fields of Texas prior to 1916. During this year, he entered the drilling end of the business and operating where he has become widely known as a successful and economical driller, and has done much work for the large oil companies operating in the state. Mr. Huston has perfected some improvements to drilling operations, and has patents on various oil field appliances.

A native of Houston, Mr. Huston was born June 24th, 1872. His father, J. A. Huston, a native of Mississippi, came to Texas in 1867, was a Civil War veteran, and during his lifetime spent in Houston, he was associated with the firm of W. D. Cleveland and Sons, and was well known throughout the state. His mother was Miss Elizabeth Fuqua, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Houston, and before he was twenty years of age he had entered the business world, and for a period of two years he was with the Cushman Machine Shops, handling the business end of this firm. He then went with the Houston National Exchange Bank, where he remained for two years and then became associated with W. D. Cleveland and Sons, and remained with this well known firm for one year. He then entered the real estate business in San Antonio, which he conducted with a general loan business for a period of three years. In Palestine, Texas, for two years he was manager of a large dry goods establishment, after which he went to Pennsylvania and was in the employ of the Mellen Pipe Line Company of Pittsburg, but remained there less than a year, when he returned to Texas and has since remained in the Lone Star State. Mr. Huston has been successful in the oil business and has various valuable oil lands, leases and royalties. For several years he has been active in obtaining a true history of the origin of the name of Huston or Houston, and General Felix Huston was his grandfather, and many of his near relatives were participants in the Mexican War, the Civil War and in the memorable Battle of San Jacinto. Mr. Huston plans a reunion of Hustons and Houstons in the near future, where much of the forgotten history of these families may again be brought to light and prepared in a form that will be interesting to not only the people of these names, but to all Texans.

Mr. Huston was married at Palestine, Texas, in 1896, to Miss Louise Oder, a native of Palestine, where she was a member of a pioneer Anderson County family. Mr. and Mrs. Huston reside at 4318 Rose Street. He is a member of the Sons of Texas Republic and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. In addition to his varied business interests, Mr. Huston writes for papers on political matters and also historical biblical matters, and his contributions are in demand.





**WILLIAM FRANCIS BEERS**, veteran marine insurance man of Galveston and Texas, whose half century of activity in this field has qualified him to speak authoritatively on marine insurance, has exerted a constructive influence in affairs at Galveston, and has been particularly active in its development as a shipping center. Mr. Beers is senior member of the firm of Beers, Kenison and Company, which was established at Galveston in 1879, and has been in continuous operation since that time, contributing a real service to the shippers in this section, and building up a large general insurance business. Beers, Kenison and Company occupy the entire first floor of the Steele Building, located at the corner of Twenty-first and Strand, and is one of the finest insurance offices in Galveston. While the company gives special attention to marine insurance, all classes of policies are written, with the exception of life insurance, and they represent a number of the strong companies of the country. For many years W. F. Beers has served as the Lloyd's agent at Galveston, handling all insurance for this exchange, of which some four hundred underwriters are members. His company acts as correspondent for the Board of Underwriters of New York City, which also has a large membership among underwriters and represent a great many foreign countries for settlement of losses. As by far the larger share of all marine insurance handled at Galveston is transacted through these two associations, the marine insurance business handled by Beers, Kenison & Co. is naturally extensive, and the company ranks as one of the most important in the marine field along the coast. Mr. Beers, associated as he has been with the insurance business, and more particularly the marine insurance business, for a period of more than fifty years, has acquired an unusual fund of information along this line, and is prepared to offer his patrons and shippers here a service that is unsurpassed. He enjoys the distinction of being not only the oldest insurance man in Texas, in point of service, but also the best posted man in the state on matters pertaining to marine insurance, the types of policies represented, and there is probably no class of insurance presenting greater diversity of forms of policies, the risks assumed, marine losses and their classification, rates and other items coming under marine insurance.

William F. Beers was born at New Orleans, Louisiana, the sixth of November, 1852. His father, Jonathan Sturges Beers, a resident of New Orleans for many years, was also a factor in the marine insurance business, and was made secretary of the Union Marine and Fire Insurance Company, incorporated in 1854, and died in 1871. William Francis Beers' mother, who before her marriage was Miss Mary Elizabeth Isley, was a native of New Orleans. William Francis Beers was educated in the schools of Galveston, coming to this city in 1858, at the age of six years, attending private schools here. In 1869 Mr. Beers went in the office of the Union Marine and Fire Insurance Company, remaining with the company until its liquidation in 1879. He then established the firm of Dyer, Beers and Kenison, which operated for around three or four years; after the death of Mr. Dyer the company became known as Beers and Kenison, and a few years later as Beers, Kenison and Company, under which name it has since continued. For fifteen years he served

as secretary of the Citizens Loan Company, whose capital grew to \$550,000.

Mr. Beers was married at New York City in 1880 to Miss Iola Barns, daughter of Thomas Barns, well known newspaper man of Texas, and for many years associated with the Galveston News. The Beers residence is located at 803 Fifteenth Street. Mr. Beers has one son, William F. Beers, Jr. He is a member of the Aziola Club, the Galveston Country Club, the Cotton Exchange and fraternally is a Mason. In addition to his prominence in marine insurance circles, and the leadership he has held in this field for so many years, Mr. Beers has also been active in all work for the upbuilding of Galveston, and has for years given his support to all civic and welfare measures which have been planned for the betterment of Galveston, and its advancement as a business center.



**FRED M. BURTON**, widely known insurance man of Texas, has for about a quarter of a century been identified with insurance circles at Galveston, and is regarded as an insurance expert whose years of experience and study qualify him to speak with authority on insurance matters. Mr. Burton is a member of the firm of Fred M. Burton and Company, a business established in 1915, and which has since been recognized as one of the leading insurance companies of Galveston. Fred M. Burton and Company write all kinds of insurance, with the exception of life insurance, and represent a number of the leading companies in Galveston, including the Aetna Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut, the Alliance Insurance Company of Philadelphia, Penn., the British and Foreign Marine Insurance Company, Ltd., of Liverpool, England, the Commercial Union Assurance Company, Ltd., of London, England, the Commonwealth Insurance Company of New York, the Globe Indemnity Company of Newark, New Jersey, the Home Insurance Company of New York, the Liverpool and London Globe Insurance Company, Ltd., of Liverpool, the Northern Assurance Company, Ltd., of London, the Phoenix Assurance Company, Ltd., of London, the Providence Washington Insurance Company of Providence, Rhode Island, and the Royal Insurance Company, Ltd., of Liverpool. The volume of business handled by Fred M. Burton and Company is extensive. Offices are maintained in the Steele Building, and efficient people are employed. Associated with Mr. Burton is D. S. Montgomery, the well known insurance man. Fred M. Burton and Company are members of the Galveston Insurance Board, the oldest in Texas, and the only local agents' board in the state employing a skilled inspector and surveyor.

Fred M. Burton was born at Liverpool, England, the eighth of August, 1876, the son of Miles Kirk Burton, general manager and secretary of the Mersey Dock and Harbor Board, of Liverpool, and Jessie Burton. Mr. Burton was educated in the schools of England, attending Liverpool College, and received a fine musical education, acquired in England and Germany. In 1895 he went from Liverpool to Germany, remaining there for five years, during which time he established a large importing business. At the expiration of that time he came to America, coming to Galveston in April, 1900. The next eight or nine years he engaged in the cotton



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and cottonseed exporting business. In 1915 he established his present firm. The company handles a large volume of marine insurance and foreign exchange, and buys and sells foreign acceptances.

Fred M. Burton was married at Galveston in 1902, to Miss Margaret Sealy, the daughter of George Sealy, one of the founders of Hutchings Sealy Company, and until his death in 1901 a factor in the banking world at Galveston, and Mrs. Magnolia (Willis) Sealy. Mr. and Mrs. Burton reside at 2323 I Street, and have four children, Miles Kirk, Marjorie, Caroline and Jane Burton. Mr. Burton is a charter member and a past vice president of the Rotary Club, and is a member of the Galveston Country and the Aziola Clubs. He has for many years been prominent in insurance work at Galveston, serving as president of the Galveston Insurance Board in 1916 and 1917. He has also contributed to the literature of the insurance business, and when the "Texas Insuror" recently issued the Galveston number he was asked to contribute the sketch of Galveston from the standpoint of the marine underwriter, a field in which he is especially well qualified. Mr. Burton is also interested in the growth of Galveston from a civic standpoint, and has for many years given his support to all important civic measures, and has done much to assure the position of Galveston as the leading Texas port.

**J**AMES GLEAVE for around a quarter of a century has been associated with marine engineering activities at Galveston and elsewhere, and although he has been a permanent resident here less than a decade, he has taken a large part in shaping the trend of maritime development here. Mr. Gleave is a marine surveyor and appraiser and consulting marine engineer of note, attaining international prominence in this field and is considered an authority on all questions along these lines. He has his offices in Galveston at 810 American National Insurance Building and is surveyor to Lloyds agent, acting surveyor to Lloyds Register, acting surveyor for the Salvage Association of London, England, correspondent for the New York Board of Underwriters for hull and cargo damage, and is consulting engineer for various steamship lines. Mr. Gleave covers a district extending from Port Arthur to Corpus Christi, and has a corps of expert engineers working under him as occasion demands.

James Gleave was born in England, the sixth of October, 1875, the son of Edwin Gleave, a cotton mill operator and manufacturer there, and Jane (Conolly) Gleave. Mr. Gleave was educated in England, the usual literary education being supplemented by special courses in technical schools and in engineering and ship building. He served an apprenticeship of seven years in marine engineering and ship building in England, on completion of which he went to sea, and for the ensuing seven years ran on trips principally to Galveston from England, and to the East and West Indies, serving in the engineering department. In 1904 Mr. Gleave became interested in marine surveying, engaging in this business in England for around a decade and a half prior to coming to Galveston. In 1914 Mr. Gleave enlisted in the British army, and after completing his training was detailed to marine and general surveying work, serving in England for most of the

time. He was given a two years leave of absence, when he came to Galveston, and when officially discharged, in 1920, determined on this city as his permanent headquarters.

Mr. Gleave was married at Liverpool, England, in 1904, to Miss Jane Atkinson, daughter of John Atkinson, an architect of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Gleave reside at 1015 Seventh Street, in Galveston, and have one child, Dorothy Jane Gleave. Mr. Gleave is a Mason and, although his profession demands are too great to allow active membership in social or civic organizations, he takes a great interest in all work organized for the upbuilding of Galveston.

**F**ARL S. BINNINGS of Galveston, Texas, has devoted his entire business life to the various branches of the shipping industry. He came to this city from New Orleans in December, 1921, as local manager of the Texas Transport and Terminal Company, Inc., and is the steamship agent for various lines engaged in regular steamship service to the principal ports of Europe and the Orient. The Texas Transport and Terminal Company, Inc., was established in 1895 and incorporated at that time under the laws of New Jersey. The idea originated with Mr. E. L. Simpson of New York, and he had a wonderfully clear vision of the future possibilities of Galveston as a port. This firm operates freight charters between Galveston and other Texas ports to Continental Europe. At the time of the organization of this firm, Fowler and McVittie was the only firm engaged in this business in this city. J. Moller and Company became the first agents of this company at Galveston; then F. H. Sage was for a quarter of a century the company's representative. He died in March, 1922. The first companies did all charter business after which began the era of regular shipping from Galveston, of which Mr. Simpson had a well formed idea, when organization of the Texas Transport and Terminal Company, Inc., was in progress. Mr. Binnings has well located offices in the Marine Building. Mr. L. H. Spence of New York City, well known in the business and financial circles of the country, is the president of this company. Mr. Binnings is the agent for the following: Compagnie Generale Trans-Atlantique; Navigazione Alta Italia, Creole Line, carrying cotton to Mediterranean ports; Toyo Kisen Kaisha, Japanese steamship company to the Far East; "Head" Line and "Lord" Line to Dublin and Belfast; Compagnie Trans-Atlantique Belge. Before locating in Galveston, Mr. Binnings was for many years engaged in the towboat business, after which he was associated with steamship companies at New Orleans.

A native of Louisiana, Mr. Binnings was born at New Orleans on September 14th, 1893. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of his native city, after which he entered the marine business.

Mr. Binnings was married at New Orleans on July 4th, 1915, to Miss Marie Rateau, a member of a prominent family of New Orleans, who came from Paris, France. Mr. and Mrs. Binnings reside at 3314 Avenue O. Mr. Binnings is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and of the Scottish Rite bodies of this lodge at New Orleans. Mr. Binnings is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce and takes and active interest in this organization.





**TIDEMANN** of Galveston, is well known in the financial and cotton circles of the State, where for many years he has been active in the cotton industry. He came to Galveston from Fort Worth, where he was regarded as one of the leading cotton men of North Texas. Mr. Tidemann is the owner of the K. Tidemann Company, cotton merchants and exporters, with office located at 2005½ Avenue B, and are among the largest dealers and exporters in this city. This firm was organized in 1903, and beside the Galveston office, they have agencies in all portions of the United States; also European agencies. Mr. Tidemann quickly identified himself with the building up of Galveston after taking up his residence here and has at all times taken a keen interest in the progress and advancement of this city, where he is regarded as one of the most progressive and public spirited citizens.

Mr. Tidemann started his career in the cotton business at a very early age, and has devoted his entire business life to this line of endeavor, in which he has met with unusual success. In the midst of his private work he finds opportunity to give his time and assistance to many improvements of a public nature, and is active in the business, social and general community life of Galveston.



**LOUIS C. ELBERT** is a native of Galveston, Texas, where he has been associated with the Galveston News for sixteen years, which period includes all of his business life. Mr. Elbert is the vice president and general manager of this well known Texas newspaper, which was established in 1842 as a daily paper, and has been known since that time as one of the leading dailies of the entire Southwest. The Galveston News has a Sunday circulation of 16,000 and a week day circulation of upward from 12,000. More than one hundred people are employed at the Galveston plant, with twenty carriers in the city, with six collectors and three city solicitors. Two traveling men, who visit every portion of the state are employed by this paper during the entire year. Four people are employed at the Houston Bureau, one at Washington, D. C., one at Austin, Texas, with special representatives through advertising agencies and the correspondents throughout Texas for this paper number about one hundred and fifty. Other officers of the Galveston News are W. L. Moody, Jr., president, and S. B. Ragsdale, secretary, treasurer and managing editor. Mr. Elbert began with this well known daily newspaper in the advertising end of the business and has held in turn all the various positions, managing editor up to his present executive position, of vice president and general manager. He was made managing editor in July, 1919, and came into his present place in 1923. Mr. Elbert is one of the best known newspaper men of Texas, and can justly be proud of the strides he has made with this great daily, and the wonderful improvement in the newspaper which has taken place under his management. It is a matter of comment in the Lone Star State that this paper has shown a remarkable improvement since Mr. Elbert became active in its management.

Mr. Elbert was born on January 11th, 1886. His father, A. Elbert, is a well known business man of

Galveston, and his family has resided in this city for more than seventy years, making it one of the oldest families here. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Galveston.

Mr. Elbert was married at New Orleans on July 5th, 1919, to Miss Marie Peters, a member of a pioneer New Orleans family. Mr. and Mrs. Elbert reside at 1017 Market Street. He is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce and for many years has been director of this organization. He is also a member of the Rotary Club, the B. P. O. E. and the Young Men's Progressive League. Mr. Elbert is not only a booster for Galveston, with his paper as a medium, but personally never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for his city. The industrial survey which has just been completed, shows Galveston's industrial development to be the greatest in the city's history. It is known that no newspaper in Texas or perhaps elsewhere, has done more in aiding in the development and telling of the wonderful resources of its state than has the Galveston News. Mr. Elbert is regarded as one of this city's most progressive citizens, ambitious for his paper and his city and state and lends his best efforts to the upbuilding of both.



**GEORGE S. KING** of Galveston, Texas, began his career in the hotel business as a mere boy and has spent his entire life in the various branches of this field of activity. Mr. King came to Galveston in February, 1922, as assistant manager of the Hotel Galvez and three months later was made manager, and it is obvious that his regime as manager of this great hostelry has been a complete success. The Hotel Galvez, which is one of the finest hotels in the Southwest, stands in a plaza of palms and oleanders, fronting the Sea Wall and overlooking the Gulf. Of the two hundred and fifty rooms in the Hotel Galvez, two-thirds of them overlook the beautiful blue Gulf of Mexico and the magnificent Beach which extends to either side for thirty miles, and the great sea wall—a marvel in construction and a feat of engineering skill which one never ceases to admire. The Hotel Galvez is a modern, six-story building constructed of solid fire-proof concrete in Spanish mission architecture. The building and furnishings of this magnificent structure represents the outlay of more than a million dollars. The cuisine and dining service is under the direction of one of the most capable stewards in this country. The capacity of the dining quarters is eight hundred guests at a single meal period. About one hundred and seventy experienced people are employed in the operation of the Hotel Galvez. Mr. King started in the hotel business in 1904, when a boy, with the Washington Hotel at St. Louis, and after occupying various positions in several hotels in that city, he came to Texas and was first associated with the Angeles Hotel at San Antonio and later the St. Anthony Hotel and the Hotel Gunter. He later came to Houston when the New Rice Hotel in that city was opened to the public, and remained with this institution for a period of six years. He began at the Rice as clerk and left as assistant manager. In 1918, he was located at Eagle Pass, Texas, with the Third Infantry during the World War, and upon his return to Houston with the Rice Hotel for six months, when on account of ill health, he left and



went to California, where he remained for two years. He returned to Texas at the end of this period, and became associated with the Texas Hotel of Fort Worth, when that hotel was opened to the public, but remained there for only five months, when he resigned his position with that hostelry in order to come to Galveston.

A native of Virginia, Mr. King was born at Warrenton on September 10th, 1890. His education was obtained in the various schools of his native state.

Mr. King resides at the Hotel Galvez. He is a member of the B. P. O. E. and is active in this organization. Since coming to Galveston he has made a host of friends here, and is very popular and well known with the traveling public who have known him for many years as one of the most efficient hotel men of the entire country. Although a comparatively young man, Mr. King is one of the best known and most successful men engaged in the hotel business of the country and with his well organized and efficient staff at the Hotel Galvez has made this hostelry one of the finest and best in the Southwest, withal one with a homelike, refined and restful environment.



**H. W. STEELE**, a resident of Galveston for more than a quarter of a century, during which period he was a factor in the cotton and shipping industries of this city, was president of the Shippside Density Compress Company, which was one of the largest concerns of its kind in the Southwest, handling not less than 750,000 bales of cotton annually. During Mr. Steele's business career in Galveston, extending over a period of more than twenty-five years, he was engaged in shipping and allied business projects. Before becoming associated with the compress company here, he was engaged in the brokerage and steamship business and was successful in this line of endeavor. In addition to his cotton and shipping interests, Mr. Steele was interested in many of the city's largest financial and industrial concerns. He was vice president and director of the State Bank and Trust Company and a large stockholder in the Gulf Ports Stevedore Company, and many others. Mr. Steele began his business career at the early age of thirteen years as a messenger boy in New Orleans for the Illinois Central Railroad. He remained with this railroad for several years and received many promotions and later went to Dallas as traffic manager for a large cotton firm of that North Texas city. He remained in Dallas with this cotton firm until coming to Galveston, where he became interested in the cotton shipping business and continued in this business until the organization of the Shippside Density Compress Company, when he was made president. Most of his business interests were sold when he moved to San Francisco, California.

Mr. Steele was born at Huntsville, Alabama, on April 1st, 1866. His father, William A. Steele, also a native of Alabama, was well known banker of that State. His mother was prior to her marriage, Miss Kate Murphy, a member of a prominent family of Florence, Alabama. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native State, which he left early in order to enter the business world.

Mr. Steele was married at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on July 31st, 1895, to Miss Mary Bernard, a native of

the State of Alabama, and a member of a prominent family. Mr. Steele was always active in the business, social and general community life of Galveston and his removal from the city was a distinct loss to the community.



**ONATHAN D. KNOX** has for the past five years been a dominant factor in the cotton circles of Galveston and has the reputation of being an expert in all phases of the cotton business. He is vice president and manager of the Oleander Compress and Warehouse Company, one of the leading institutions of its kind in Galveston. The compress and warehouse cover an area of one and one-half city blocks, the buildings being of modern brick and concrete construction with a storage capacity of twenty-five thousand bales of cotton. In addition to being vice president of the Oleander Compress and Warehouse Company, Mr. Knox also acts as agent for the Tarver Steele Company of Dallas, one of the largest cotton firms in the State. The Oleander Compress and Warehouse Company was organized in 1909, but since Mr. Knox took active charge the business of the company has increased enormously until it now ranks among the biggest and best of its kind. Other officers of the company are: Charles L. Tarver, president; G. W. Hardin, vice president, both of Dallas, Texas; Mr. Knox being resident vice president. The compress employs from twenty-five to one hundred and fifty people, depending on the season.

Mr. Knox first started his business career in 1896 with the firm of Knox and Vincent of Vicksburg, Mississippi, doing general work. He remained with this firm until 1902, when he came to Houston and entered the service of E. Gussoni, an Italian cotton firm, as a cotton classer. He remained with this firm until 1904, when he went with Hermann Lobe at Shreveport, Louisiana, in the same capacity. From there he went to Dallas, Texas, in 1909, joining the organization of W. D. Felder and Company as classer. He left this company to go with the Tarver Steele Company in 1914 at Dallas and in 1919 was transferred to Galveston to take over his present position, in which he has been eminently successful.

Mr. Knox was born at Vicksburg, Mississippi, November 29, 1879, the son of J. H. Knox, a native of Vermont, but who lived practically all of his life in Mississippi and was one of the best known cotton men in that State, being for years a member of the firm of Knox and Vincent at Vicksburg. His mother, prior to marriage, was Mary Ellen Askew, also a native of Mississippi, and a member of one of its pioneer families. He was united in marriage at Fort Worth, Texas, December 11, 1906, to Miss Harriet Studebaker, whose father, George Studebaker, was a well known chain store merchant of Iowa, but who now makes his home at Buhl, Idaho. Her mother, Emma Susan Brown, is a member of a well known Kansas family. The family residence is at 3215 Avenue N½. Fraternally Mr. Knox is an Elk and is a member of the Rotary Club of Galveston and the Chamber of Commerce. He holds membership in the First Presbyterian Church of Galveston.

Mr. Knox is held in high esteem by his business associates and is a firm believer in the continuance of Galveston as one of the world's great cotton exporting centers.



**E**RNEST STAVENHAGEN, throughout his business career connected with the wholesale grocery business at Galveston, has attained the reputation of a merchant of progressive policies and executive ability. He has given his energies not alone to his private business interests but for the prosperity of his city. Mr. Stavenhagen is a partner of the well known wholesale grocery house of E. Stavenhagen and Son, a business organized by his father, the late E. Stavenhagen, in 1900, just three weeks after the Galveston storm of that year. Since the death of the elder Mr. Stavenhagen the business has been successfully carried on by the son. They occupy their own building at 2114 Avenue B. The firm handles groceries and produce, doing a large wholesale business in Galveston City, as well as supplying dredges, tow boats, tugs, barges and other craft in and about Galveston harbor.

Ernest Stavenhagen was born in Galveston, Texas, October 26th, 1879, the son of Ernest Stavenhagen, who came here from Germany in 1860, and who fought through the Civil War. The elder Mr. Stavenhagen was for many years a city salesman and partner in a wholesale grocery house, which dissolved partnership soon after the 1900 storm. Soon after this the present business was organized, and the son, the subject of this sketch, was taken in as an active partner. His mother is the only other partner in the business, having retained the interest formerly held by her husband. Mr. Stavenhagen received his education in the public schools and Smith's Business College of Galveston.

He was married in Galveston, the third of June, 1918, to Miss Henrietta Kressman, the daughter of the late H. C. Kressman, who was an ice dealer in Galveston for many years. The family own their home at 1701 Avenue F, and have two children, Ernest III and Etta Lou.

Mr. Stavenhagen is a member of the American Wholesale Grocers Association, the Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Progressive League. He is prominent in Masonic circles, and is Past Master of Harmony Lodge No. 6, Past High Priest of San Felipe de Austin Royal Arch Chapter No. 1, and Past Commander of San Felipe de Austin Commandery No. 1. He is a member of Galveston Council No. 16, R. and S. M., Texas Consistory No. 1, A. and A. S. R., and Temple A. and A. O. N. M. S. of Galveston. Mr. Stavenhagen has also served a term as District Deputy Grand Master, and is a charter member of Galveston Chapter No. 716, Order of the Eastern Star. He is also a member of the Masonic Temple Board of Directors, of which he has been auditor for many years. During the lifetime of Mr. Stavenhagen's father, both father and son were Past Masters, Past High Priests and Past Commanders of the same Masonic bodies, a distinction that is considered unique in the annals of Free Masonry.

Mr. Stavenhagen is a deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of Galveston. He has had the advantage of education that comes from extensive travel, having visited practically every city of note on the European continent, as well as those in his own country and Canada. This has given him an unusually broad point of view and enables him to analyze problems that present themselves to him in his business. Mr. Stavenhagen is a citizen who reflects only credit upon his city, and is highly esteemed by all.

**F**RED C. PABST, for four decades and more has been vitally associated with the progress and development of Galveston. For almost two decades he was identified with the wholesale grocery business here, building up a large enterprise in this line. He has had other business interests from time to time, but it is perhaps as a realtor that he has best served Galveston, representing as he does that type of real estate man who makes it a life policy to buy undeveloped city property, and to develop it into residence additions that promote and encourage civic expansion. Mr. Pabst is the owner of the Pabst Realty Company, one of the leading real estate firms of Galveston, and in which he is associated with his son. The Pabst Realty Company was established in 1903, and was operated by Mr. Pabst alone, until his son, William F. Pabst, came into the firm. This firm handles an extensive loan business, and also buys and sells business and residence property, making a specialty of lots and additions within the city, and also owns extensive acreage on the mainland. In the two decades of its history the Pabst Realty Company has handled some of the most important real estate transactions made at Galveston, and has consummated deals which have played an important part in the trend of development. Mr. Pabst has his offices in the Pabst Building, at 2304 Avenue B., Galveston.

Fred C. Pabst came to Galveston the thirteenth of November, 1885, landing here the day of the big fire of that year. He went to work for a wholesale fruit importing company, remaining with that firm until he started in business for himself. His first venture was a wholesale grocery and fruit business, which he operated for about eighteen years, and which he developed from a small concern to one of the largest wholesale grocery and fruit houses here, and also established a branch at Houston to care for the increasing business in that territory. He withdrew from this business in 1913, establishing the real estate business in the same year. He has been a director in many different industries and commercial enterprises at Galveston, and has been instrumental in placing many of the important business houses here on a permanent foundation, but has recently retired from active business life, disposing of these interests.

Fred C. Pabst was born at Tyler, Texas, the first day of January, 1864, the son of Julius Pabst, a man of the pioneering type, who went to California with the "Forty-niners," later, in 1851, returning to Texas, locating at Tyler, where he spent the remainder of a busy life. Fred C. Pabst was educated in the schools of Tyler, and attended East Texas University at Tyler, one of the old educational institutions of the state, graduating there in 1885. He came to Galveston immediately following his graduation, and has since made this city his home.

Mr. Pabst was married at Galveston in 1890, to Miss Cora La Barthe, the daughter of J. A. La Barthe, pioneer of Galveston, and for many years in the real estate business here. Mr. and Mrs. Pabst have two children: Mrs. George S. Murphy, wife of Major George S. Murphy, U. S. A., and William F. Pabst, who is associated with his father in business. Mr. Pabst has for many years been active in civic work, serving as port commissioner of Port Galves-





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ton for twenty years, and was four times elected county commissioner of finance. He was appointed U. S. collector of customs, serving eight years under the Wilson administration, and is a member of the Seawall Boulevard Commission, serving as chairman, and is a member of the Causeway Commission. In speaking of the future of Galveston, Mr. Pabst stressed the coming importance of this city as an industrial center, due to the raising of the West End grade, thus offering industrial sites that will attract manufacturers to locate here, and also pointed out the fact that new residence additions were available to keep pace with industrial expansion, and the resulting demand for more homes.



**PETER M. GENGLER** of Galveston, Texas, after leaving school, entered the law office of Weeler and Rhodes and remained there one and a half years. He then went with the Leon and H. Blum Dry Goods Company, remaining there for fourteen years, after which a period of thirteen years was spent with the Gerbade Eiband Company. In 1914 he bought out the secretary's interest of Peter Gengler Company and became secretary. In 1917 he bought out the president's interest and became president. The Peter Gengler Company, Inc. is the leading establishment of its kind in this city, and few grocery stores of the Southwest are in the class with this establishment. The wonderful business of Peter Gengler Company, Inc. had its origin in 1851, not on the splendid paved street, nor plate glass fronted store, with electric lights, automatic cash registers and all other modern conveniences, but with a horse-drawn cart, selling family supplies to the inhabitants of the Island City. Peter and John Gengler were the owners of this grocery and produce store on wheels, which has eclipsed anything of its kind ever operated in Galveston. The next step in the growth of this business, was in 1852 when a small bakery and grocery was opened near the corner of 20th Street and Avenue D. In 1853 a two-story wooden building was built at 2005-7 Market Street. The firm continued to grow, the business increased, and new space was added for the stock of groceries. In 1890, Peter Gengler died, and the sons of the two men who started the business have continued it. In 1893 the two story wooden building was torn down to make room for a modern brick building. In 1918 the corner at 2001-3 Market Street was purchased and both buildings were combined into one large store 84 by 120 feet. In 1908 the business was incorporated under the name of Peter Gengler Company, Inc. In 1916, Peter M. Gengler became president and their splendid building, modern in every detail, which is located at 2001-7 Avenue D, was erected. The main business of this store is for the retail trade, but some groceries are sold at wholesale, and this business is limited to hotels, ships and various other institutions of the Island City. In this store can be found everything, both domestic and imported, for the table, and the finest goods obtainable are handled here, together with a complete fruit, vegetable, fish and bakery departments, which are full and complete at all times. The Peter Gengler Company are among the largest importers of groceries in the Southwest, besides their immense busi-

ness in domestic goods. The capital stock of this company is \$150,000.00 but the plant, property and everything listed as the property of this concern represents an investment of more than twice that amount. Seventy-five people are employed in the operation of this establishment, and many of these have been associated with the company for more than twenty years. They have a complete delivery system, and Mr. Gengler believes that service is the next thing to give to the customer, after superior things to eat. Six auto trucks and four wagons are used in the delivery system of this store, and deliveries are made in every portion of the city, several times each day. Many of the employees of the Peter Gengler Company, Inc. own stock in the business, and this firm has many customers who traded with this store when the present owners were small children. This grocery establishment, in addition to being one of the leading stores of the Southwest, is one of the most attractive also, and a visit to Galveston is not complete without seeing this beautifully arranged, modern, sanitary grocery store.

A native of Galveston, Texas, Mr. Gengler is the son of John Gengler, who came to this city from Bohlendorff, Germany, in 1851. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Galveston, and his business career started before he finished school, as he worked in his father's store during spare time, while in the schools of this city, and the valuable lessons which he learned from his father and uncle, the founders, have been of untold value to him throughout his successful business career.

Mr. Gengler was married at Galveston, Texas, on September 18th, 1893, to Miss Theresa Schulte, a daughter of Henry Schulte, who came to Galveston from Germany and was a well known business man of this city, where Mrs. Gengler was born, reared and educated. Mr. and Mrs. Gengler are the parents of three children, all of whom died in infancy. The Gengler home is located at 2020 Avenue K. Mr. Gengler has always taken an active interest in the civic improvement and progress of Galveston, and gives of his time and means to any project having as its object the betterment of his city. He is a director of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, a director in the Galveston Merchant Retail Association, a director and officer in many other organizations of this city. He is also a member of the Rotary Club, the B. P. O. E., the Galveston Country Club and other social organizations of this city. He is a consistent member of the Catholic Church, and is treasurer of St. Joseph and is active in all church work. Mr. Gengler's father was one of the members who started St. Joseph Church, which was erected in this city seventy years ago. As the executive head of the Peter Gengler Company, Inc., Mr. Gengler has shown himself to be one of the leading business men of the Lone Star State. He is a worthy and honored citizen, esteemed alike by customer and competitor. Mr. Gengler has wisely builded his institution on a foundation that will endure, and no citizen of the Island City has ever been more ready to contribute his material aid and time toward the upbuilding of his beloved Galveston than has Peter M. Gengler.



**M**OOORE AND GOODMAN, retail lumber dealers, with plant and yards which occupy one entire block, located at 602-24 Thirtieth Street, between Avenues F and G, are numbered among the leading business organizations of the Island City. This lumber firm was established in 1888, when C. H. Moore took over the firm interests of A. J. Perkins and Company, with whom the elder Mr. Moore had been associated since 1881. The lumber firm of Moore and Goodman deal in lumber only, and have no loan department or contracting business in connection with their retail lumber business. They carry a full and complete line of lumber and mill work, and employ fifteen people at their plant and office. Mr. Bartlett D. Moore and Mr. H. B. Goodman are active in the firm.

**J**E. HAVILAND, identified with industrial affairs at Galveston throughout his business career, has been a factor in the milling business, and as a representative of this business has been particularly active in advancement along modern and scientific lines. Mr. Haviland is vice president and general manager of the Texas State Flour Mills, an industry founded in 1878, and one of the oldest businesses at Galveston. The Texas State Flour Mills have a large and modern mill at 21 Avenue A, with a daily capacity of five thousand barrels of flour, mill feed and corn products. Their products are milled from raw materials from Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Louisiana, and the output of the mill is shipped to a trade in Texas, Louisiana, New York and Florida, and export trade to the West Indies, Mexico and Central Europe is also handled. Products of the Texas State Flour Mills are placed on the market under the trade names of "New Way," Ambrosia and Tidal Wave, which latter is the oldest. The mill furnishes employment to a force of about one hundred and fifty people. Mr. Haviland has been with the Texas State Flour Mills since 1904. He came with the organization as office boy, and has grown up with the business, working in all departments, and becoming thoroughly familiar, through practical experience, with every phase of the milling business. Under his direction the Texas State Flour Mills has enjoyed a period of growth and expansion. Other officers are: Ed. Lasker, of New York, president, and H. M. Brenheimer, secretary and treasurer.

J. E. Haviland is a native of Galveston, born the seventh of July, 1886. His father, F. G. Haviland, also a native of Galveston, is a veteran railroad man here. His mother, Mrs. Mary Louise Haviland, is a native of New Orleans, her marriage to Mr. Haviland occurring in 1884. J. E. Haviland was named for his grandfather, J. E. Haviland, one of the real pioneers of Galveston, and who was for many years active in Masonic work here, holding many chairs in Masonic bodies. He was particularly active in the organization of the Scottish Rite at Galveston. J. E. Haviland was educated in the schools of Galveston.

Mr. Haviland was married at Houston, the nineteenth of June, 1919, to Miss Georgia Nunn, a native of that city, and whose parents resided there until their death during her young girlhood. Mr. and Mrs. Haviland reside at 1502 Twenty-third Street. Mr. Haviland has been active in the work of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce for many years,

and has served as a director. He was elected president for 1924, but the press of his business compelled him to resign. He is also a director of the Rotary Club, and a member of the Country Club. Mr. Haviland has been very much interested in Boy Scout work for some years and has done a great deal in this line for the boys of Galveston. Fraternally he is a Mason, Harmony Blue Lodge, both York and Scottish Rite bodies, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine.

**H**ARRY NEVELSON, who has recently come to Galveston to establish his business headquarters, is a factor in importing circles, the large volume of import business brought into this port by the concerns which he controls contributing to the economic advancement of Galveston. Mr. Nevelson is third vice president and manager of the Southern Banana Corporation and secretary of the Snyder Banana Corporation, two of the large importing companies located at Galveston. Through these companies some nine boats of bananas enter the port of Galveston each month, the fruit being unloaded here and distributed, shipping in carload lots to the markets of the United States. The office here looks after all distribution and handles all business for the boats in port, including drydocking, and other matters, and furnishes employment to a large number of men. The J. Pearce Stevedoring Company, in charge of the unloading of the boats of the two companies, uses some three hundred and fifty men for this purpose. In addition a permanent office force of around fifteen employees is maintained. The Southern Banana Corporation and the Snyder Banana Corporation are one of the important businesses in Galveston, both in point of business brought into the port, and in point of money spent in the city. This latter includes around thirty thousand dollars annually for repairs, an amount closely approximating this for new barges, and large sums for food, hardware and ship supplies purchased in the city. Only around one-eighth of the bananas imported by these companies enter the country through Galveston, the others entering the port at New Orleans, where lower freight rates to eastern cities facilitate shipping. The companies maintain offices at Fronterria, and Villa Hermosa, Mexico, and have extensive plantations in the state of Tabasco, Mexico, shipping the bananas grown here to Galveston and New Orleans for distribution throughout the country. The Southern Banana Corporation and the Snyder Banana Corporation own a number of the boats used in their importing business, operating others under charter. The vessels owned by the company were designed for the banana trade. Economy of operation is obtained by using kerosene engines. Mr. Nevelson, who has charge of operations at Galveston, is third vice president and secretary of the two companies, and maintains his offices at Pier 19.

Harry Nevelson was born in New York City the eleventh of October, 1889, and was educated in the schools of that city. He entered the importing business, coming to Galveston in 1922, to establish headquarters in this city.

Mr. Nevelson was married at Galveston the twenty-fourth of February, 1924, to Miss Doris Paskowitz, daughter of one of the leading merchants of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Nevelson make their home at the Hotel Galvez. Mr. Nevelson is a member of



the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, and is a charter member of the Galveston Country Club. He belongs to a number of fraternal orders, the Elks, Knights of Pythias and Dokeys. Mr. Nevelson has taken a deep interest in the commercial development of Galveston, and in speaking of the future of this city states that the primary need is for more cooperation in business affairs, which would result in increased business for all concerned.

**C**LEMENTE NICOLINI, pioneer in the shipping business at Galveston, and for upwards of four decades a resident of this city, represents the progressive type of business man and has been a factor in the growth of Galveston in recent years, while as Italian consul agent at this place he has been a prominent figure in international affairs. Mr. Nicolini is a member of the firm of C. Nicolini & Company, steamship agents, a firm established in 1907 and for some years thereafter a factor in shipping. Later the firm was inactive for a time, but in May, 1920, was re-established and has resumed its former place of importance in the shipping world. C. Nicolini & Company are general agents for the Odero Line, an Italian line operated by N. Odero Fu Aless & Company. While a sub-agent is stationed at various gulf ports the office is at Galveston and all business centers here. This line has a ship in about every twenty days, running to Mediterranean ports and handling freight only. Mr. Nicolini has been a passenger agent at Galveston since 1885 and can book passage to any port. In the firm of C. Nicolini & Company he is associated with his son, Frank Nicolini, and U. Bernardoni, who is also active in the management of the business. Offices are at 310 Twenty-first Street and one man is kept permanently on the wharf, in charge of work there.

Clemente Nicolini was born at Sestra Levante, near Genoa, Italy, the thirteenth of January, 1853, and spent his early boyhood there. As soon as he was old enough to go to sea he signed as cabin boy on a vessel leaving Genoa, and for the following sixteen years followed the sea, sailing all the seas, and working up to captain. His educational opportunities were only such as he made for himself, but with an ambition to succeed far above the average he applied himself and made the most of every opportunity. He came to Galveston in 1884, and made the decision to make this his permanent home. He became an American citizen in 1888, having taken his first papers in 1884, the year of his arrival in this country. However, his career since that time has proven that he retained his love for the sea and ships, and has been largely concerned with shipping interests, although for a time he was one of the biggest wholesale liquor dealers here, being the first to ship in California wine in car load lots.

Mr. Nicolini was married in Italy, while in that country on a visit, in 1899, to Carmen Linaro, whose parents were neighbors to his family in Italy. Mr. and Mrs. Nicolini reside at the attractive home which Mr. Nicolini built at 1922 Twenty-third Street and have four children, Frank, who is with his father in business, Theresa, Louis and Dominic. The Nicolini family are devout members of the Catholic Church, attending the cathedral here. In 1886 Mr. Nicolini was appointed Italian consul agent, a post which he held up until his resignation early in 1924, a period of thirty-eight years. He has for

many years been active in his work in behalf of Italians in Galveston and works with the Italian Colony Fund, a fund to help stranded Italians here, and with La Star Italia, a mutual benefit society for the relief and advancement of his compatriots. He has also taken a great interest in young men just starting their business career and there are today in Galveston many very successful citizens whom he was instrumental in starting along the road to success. Fraternally Mr. Nicolini is an Odd-fellow.


**C**ARL W. WERNER, one of the younger business men at Galveston to achieve success in the industrial field, has throughout his business career been associated with the sheet metal business, and with his father, George P. Werner, pioneer in this field, and for almost half a century a business man of Galveston, has built up one of the largest sheet metal businesses here. Carl W. Werner, with his father, George P. Werner, owns the firm of George P. Werner and Son, which the latter established at Galveston in 1879, and which has been at its present location, 1628 Avenue G, since the early eighties. George P. Werner and Sons are equipped to handle any and all kinds of sheet metal work, and also handle all kinds of metal and asbestos roofing. The business has been for a number of years past largely under the direction of Carl W. Werner, his father, George P. Werner, being consulted only on the more important details of the business, and helping solve those problems where his judgment and experience, based on half a century in this business, are invaluable. George P. Werner and Sons have a completely equipped plant and employ around ten experienced sheet metal workers.

George P. Werner was born at New Orleans, Louisiana, the twenty-sixth of February, 1856, and came to Galveston eleven years later, in 1867. He established the firm now known as George P. Werner and Son, in 1879, and has been continuously in the sheet metal business since that time. Mr. Werner is the oldest man in Texas in this line, both in point of years and in point of service. He was married at Galveston the fifth of November, 1879, to Miss Mary K. Elbert, daughter of Nicholas Elbert, a resident of Galveston since 1842, and a pioneer shoemaker here. Mr. Werner has served for the last decade and a half as first vice president of the National Sheet Metal Contractors Association, and is first vice president of the State Association of Sheet Metal Contractors.

Carl W. Werner, son of George P. Werner and Mary (Elbert) Werner, was born at Galveston, the fifth of December, 1891, and was educated in the schools of this city. After finishing high school, he went to New York City, where he attended the New York Trade School, specializing in sheet metal work. He engaged in the sheet metal business in and around New York City for two years, after which he returned to Galveston and entered the business here with his father.

Carl W. Werner was married at San Antonio, Texas, in 1918, to Miss Louise Chatfield, daughter of A. W. Chatfield, with the San Antonio Sheet Metal Works. Mr. and Mrs. Werner reside at 3729 Q Street, and have one child, Alberta. Mr. Werner has given special study to the sheet metal business for many years and is considered one of the most capable men in this field in Texas.



RED HARTEL came to Galveston, Texas, in 1890 and since that time has been a factor in the business circles of this city where he has been engaged in the various branches of the sheet metal industry. Mr. Hartel is the executive head and partner in the Fred Hartel Company, dealers in sheet metal and roofing, located at 2321 Avenue F. This business was established in 1904 when Mr. Hartel purchased the Galveston part of the combined business, with which he had been associated for many years. Associated with Mr. Hartel in the Fred Hartel Company is his son, Elmer D. Hartel, and the are engaged largely in contracting sheet metal, roofing and kindred lines. The Fred Hartel Company maintain a wholesale slate yard, and cover all Texas territory with roofing slate, and their business in this particular line is among the largest in the state. They carry a full and complete line of metal supplies of all kinds and are among the largest contractors in the city for local business. About forty-five men are employed by this firm, and five experienced people comprise the office force. In addition to his interests in the Fred Hartel Company, Mr. Hartel is interested in many of Galveston's financial and industrial institutions, and is vice president of the Island City Wood Working Company, and is a director in the United States National Bank. In 1914, Mr. Hartel was elected to the office of county finance commissioner of Galveston County, and is still serving in this capacity, where he has established an enviable record in the handling of the county's funds. He is president of the Boy Scouts Council, and is very active in this work and takes a keen interest in the welfare of boys and has always been an ardent worker in all matters having to do with the education and training of boys along all lines. Mr. Hartel has devoted his entire business life to the sheet metal industry and knows this line of endeavor as few men know it. He came to Fort Worth, Texas, in 1879, where he remained until coming to this city in 1890, and is well known in the business circles of the state.

A native of Wisconsin, Mr. Hartel was born at Waukesha on March 12th, 1860. His parents were also natives of that state, where they were well known. His education was obtained in the public schools of Wisconsin.

Mr. Hartel was married at Meridian, Texas, on January 1st, 1890, to Miss Doris Dillard, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of H. M. Dillard, a well known Texas educator. They have two children, Elmer D. Hartel, associated with his father in business, and was born in Galveston, Texas, on February 22nd, 1892. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Galveston. Young Hartel saw service in the World War, having enlisted in May, 1917, and entered the first Officers Training Camp and was commissioned a second lieutenant and was assigned to the 90th Division, 360th Infantry, and went overseas with this division. He was promoted to a first lieutenant, and then to captain of Infantry with this Division. He was discharged on July 7th, 1919. He was commissioned a captain of Infantry of the Second O. R. C. of the Eighth Corps and assigned to the 360th Infantry. The other child is a daughter, Bernice Mitchell Hartel. Mr. and Mrs. Hartel reside at 2702 Avenue J.

Mr. Hartel is a member of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic order and is a Shriner of El Mina Temple. His membership in the A. F. and A. M. is with Tucker Lodge of this city. He is also a member of the Galveston Country Club and is a past president of the Rotary Club and is now a director in this organization. Mr. Hartel is optimistic as to the future of Galveston, and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines.



**P. MCDONOUGH** for a quarter of a century has been a factor in the industrial world at Galveston and has contributed greatly to general prosperity here as the builder of one of the largest iron and marine works in this locality and also through the construction of dry docks of vital importance to the maintenance of Galveston's position as a port city. Mr. McDonough is president of the McDonough Iron Works, a business established at Galveston in 1897, and which he has operated since. The plant was established in a small way, gradually expanding as conditions justified, and is now the leading iron works at Galveston. Mr. McDonough handles all kinds of iron work and specializes in marine repairs. He manufactures marine parts, parts for marine engines, propellers and like items, and also a deep oil well pump for the Texas and California fields. Mr. McDonough also organized and built the first Dry Dock and Construction Company at Galveston, this being the result of an idea he had when he established the iron works and which had gradually taken shape during the years which followed. When the United States government said it was necessary for Galveston to have big docks during the World War the company Mr. McDonough had organized some years before was incorporated and enlarged to meet this need and still retained the same name, the Galveston Dry Dock and Construction Company. The McDonough Iron Works is now located in a modern plant at 2701 A Street and in normal times employs around three hundred men, although this number reaches as high as 1000 at times. Associated with Mr. McDonough in the iron works are J. Moore McDonough, and J. P. McDonough, Jr., his sons, and E. McDonough Bens, his nephew, and R. C. Johnson, secretary. Mr. McDonough holds the position of president of the McDonough Iron Works, vice president of the Galveston Dry Docks and Construction Company, and vice president of the Security Trust Company.

Mr. McDonough was born in Alabama in 1867, the son of J. P. McDonough, of that state. He obtained his education in the public schools near his home and as a young man learned the blacksmiths and iron workers trade. He came to Galveston in 1887 at the age of twenty years, and worked for the Santa Fe Railroad for three years. At the end of that time he opened a small shop here, in partnership with another man, this shop being located on the waterfront. While operating that shop the possibilities of an iron works specializing in marine work appealed to him and he broke away from his first business, establishing the McDonough Iron Works in 1897.

Mr. McDonough was married at Galveston, in 1890, to Miss Annie C. Moore of this city. They have a family of nine children, J. Moore McDonough and



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Joseph Winkler

J. P. McDonough, who are associated with their father in business, a younger son, Edwin B. McDonough, and six daughters. The family reside at 1604 Avenue E. Mr. McDonough is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, and takes an active part in the civic work carried on through that organization. Mr. McDonough is an excellent example of the old school self made man, and has achieved his present position in the industrial world entirely through his own efforts, and through his application of the early learned maxim that real success is bought by industry. Mr. McDonough, however, is unusual as a self made man in that he is progressive, taking a deep interest in all new developments, and is at all times ready to incorporate modern and better ways in his business. The result of this tendency is that he has achieved a success above the average, and stands at the head of industrial executives in Galveston.

**J**OSEPH NUSSBAUM, one of the pioneers of Texas, came to Galveston around a half a decade ago, and although he has not participated in an active way in the commercial world here, he is one of the most highly esteemed Galvestonians, and has contributed generously to the various movements of importance to civic growth. Mr. Nussbaum was for many years active in the business world at Mexia, and had an interest in many of the more important enterprises in that Central Texas city. He founded the First National Bank of that city, built the ice plant, the opera house, the telephone plant, electric light plant and compress. He was also interested in the Dallas Cement Company, being active treasurer for some time, and was largely responsible for putting it on a paying basis. At the time oil was discovered at Mexia he turned his attention largely to the development of this resource, and attained both wealth and prominence for his participation in the petroleum industry. In oil circles, Mr. Nussbaum was regarded as one of the sturdy pioneers in this field, who had the judgment to see advantages and the ability to organize and execute his development plans, and his contribution to the development of the fields in which he was interested was an important factor in this work.

Joseph Nussbaum was born in Germany, the sixteenth of August, 1848, the son of Reuben Nussbaum, a farmer in that country. He was educated in the schools of Germany, coming to America in 1866. Mr. Nussbaum went to St. Louis, spending one year in that city, and engaged in the land business in Missouri for a year and a half. He came to Texas in 1869, going to Mexia, where he entered the general mercantile business, and also engaged in the land business, buying large tracts of undeveloped land, subdividing it and selling it to farmers. He gradually developed his mercantile business, expanding to meet the demands of the growing town, and at the same time acquiring heavy real estate interests, both in city property and in acreage around Mexia. When oil was discovered this acreage, located in the petroleum areas, rose rapidly in value, and he sold much of his land to the Humphries Company, in which company he was a large stockholder until his retirement from active life. Other property he retained, and at the present time owns both business property in Mexia and valuable oil land

in the oil fields there.

Mr. Nussbaum was married at Galveston in 1877 to Miss Carrie Newman. They have a family of seven children, Herman, Jack, Louis, Emil and Lester, all of whom are prominent business men in various Texas cities, Miss Ida, and Mrs. Ruby Arch-enhold of Waco. Mr. and Mrs. Nussbaum reside at 1710 E Street. Mr. Nussbaum is a member of the Galveston Country Club. He is an interesting conversationalist, and since coming to Galveston has formed many friendships, both in a social way and among the business men who appreciate the soundness of a judgment based on years of experience and success.



**H**ARRY HANSON, SR., sole owner of the Hanson ship yards, located at Pier No. Nine, has been a well known resident of Galveston for a decade or more, having permanently located in this city in 1914. Prior to that time Mr. Hanson had been very well known in shipping circles of the various gulf ports and with the establishments of his business here, found a ready clientele among a large circle of friends and business acquaintances.

The business of the Hanson ship yards is confined principally to repair work, although complete equipment and facilities are maintained for the construction of smaller boats, including the entire job from the laying of the keel to installation of motors and testing. The yards have three shipping ways and machinery sufficient to handle boats up to a capacity of fifty tons. From twelve to fifteen men are employed in the yards at all times and usually from eight to fifteen boats are found in the Hanson yards undergoing repairs and replacements. The carpenter and machine shops of the Hanson yards are especially well equipped and expert mechanics are employed in each department, assuring to customers the best grade of work at all times. The business has enjoyed a steady increase since its establishment here in 1914 and is now one of the most prosperous along the Galveston water front.

Mr. Hanson is a native of Copenhagen, Denmark, and was born in September, 1871, a son of Olie Hanson, stone cutter and brick layer. When nine years of age he came with his parents to America and for a time lived on a farm, later engaging in public work and as deck hand on a river steamer.

He served a term of enlistment in the Army and was discharged in April, 1896. After leaving the Army he came to Galveston and was employed by the construction firm of O'Connor, Land and Smoot for two years in work on the Galveston jetties. After this he established a ship yard business at Port Bolivar, across the bay from Galveston, which he continued until 1914, when he removed his plant and equipment to Galveston.

In 1895 Mr. Hanson was married at Laredo, Texas, to Miss Nellie Honeyman, a native of Scotland. They have four children, Harry Jr., Robert C., Helen and Norman. The three sons are associated with their father in the ship yard business. The family home is at No. 828 Avenue G.

Mr. Hanson is a man of quiet and unassuming manner, a hard worker and little given to ostentatious display. He is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Order of Red Men.





**F. RYDER** came to Galveston in 1914, as manager of the Rosenbaum Grain Corporation, grain exporters, and has had much to do with the growth and success of this firm's business here since that time. The Rosenbaum Grain Corporation owns and operates the Sunset Elevator, which is constructed entirely of reinforced concrete and is absolutely fireproof, and has a capacity of one million bushels. The local business and plant of this firm was established about 1903, and the Galveston office attends to the physical end of the business, unloading cars and loading boats. They ship by charter to European and Mediterranean ports. In 1923, this firm shipped the largest exclusive grain cargo ever shipped from gulf ports. The Dutch steamer "Germania" lifted 424,000 bushels of grain, which was loaded at the Sunset Elevator with Rotterdam as its destination. More than one hundred people are employed by the Rosenbaum Grain Corporation at Galveston, the office of which is located on the second floor of the Cotton Exchange. Mr. Ryder has spent his entire business life in the various branches of the grain industry and knows grain as few men know it, and he is regarded as an authority on all matters having to do with any branch of the grain business.

Mr. Ryder was born at Decatur, Illinois, on February 13th, 1884. His parents moved to Kansas City, Missouri, in 1914, where his father is engaged in the railroad business. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Decatur, Illinois, and he entered the grain business immediately after leaving school and has so continued.

Mr. Ryder was married at Galveston on April 23rd, 1919, to Miss Frances Crotty, a native of Galveston, and a member of a pioneer family of this city. They have one daughter, Marjorie Jean. Mr. and Mrs. Ryder reside at 1609 Avenue F. He is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, serving on the advisory board. He is also a member of the Galveston Country Club, and of various civic organizations. Mr. Ryder is optimistic as to the future of Galveston. He has made a host of friends since coming here and is popular in the business and social circles of this city.



**L. BEVERIDGE**, for many years active in the business and industrial world at Galveston, for a quarter of a century has been one of the leading representatives of the shipping business at this port, and is an expert on all matters pertaining to shipping. Mr. Beveridge is a steamship agent, operating his business under the firm name of J. L. Beveridge and Company. Mr. Beveridge handles and is agent for the "K" Line, Suzuki & Co., Ltd., general agents, operating to Far East and European ports, and handling freight exclusively. Sixty-five boats operated by these lines enter the Port of Galveston during the year, and Mr. Beveridge has charge of all shipping on these lines. He has his offices in the American National Insurance Building, and maintains a force of fourteen permanent employees, others being added at times.

Mr. Beveridge is a native of England, where he was born in 1865, the son of English parents. He was educated in the private schools of his native country and came to the United States as a young man, going first to San Antonio, in 1884. After spending some time along the border he came to

Galveston and for several years was engaged in railroad work. He began his sea experience in July, 1900, all of his experience in shipping having been gained at the Port of Galveston. He was with J. Moller and Company and Langben Bros. from 1900 to 1919. He then went with Harris Magill and Company, who were bought out by Trosdal, Plant and LaFonta. Mr. Beveridge was appointed agent for this organization and remained with them until he went into business on his own account under the name of J. L. Beveridge and Company. In speaking of his railroad experience Mr. Beveridge makes the statement that he considers the experience gained in this work has been very beneficial to him in his subsequent career, and advises young men desiring practical business training to spend a few years in railroad work.

Mr. Beveridge was married at Galveston, the twenty-second of June, 1901, to Miss Elizabeth Watkins, of England. Mr. and Mrs. Beveridge have two children, Walter L. Beveridge, with the Southern Beverage Company, and Miss Dora May Beveridge, and reside at 3324 Avenue O. Mr. Beveridge is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Cotton Exchange and the Aziola Club, in which he is a director. He is a close student of economics, and keeps in touch with market conditions throughout the world, finding that the prosperity of the shipping at Galveston depends largely on the Texas cotton crop and market conditions generally. Mr. Beveridge represents the progressive type of business man, and his influence on the business world at Galveston is conducive to prosperity and advancement.



**WILLIAM ANDREW WANSLEY** for around two decades has been identified with business activities at Galveston, and as a factor in towing and shell production enterprises, has contributed much to the constructive development of these two important enterprises, and to the general prosperity of Galveston. Mr. Wansley is vice president and general manager of the firm of W. D. Haden Company, the largest producers of shell in the world. This business, established by W. D. Haden, is one of the most important industrial enterprises at Galveston, and since its organization has met with rapid growth, building a business that is adding materially to the business wealth of the city. The company owns all their own barges, dredges, boats, and other equipment used in digging the shell and also employs a large force of operative in this work. They also own transportation facilities, including a fleet of trucks, for the transportation of the shell. The business has been under the management of Mr. Wansley since 1920 and during this time its development has been particularly rapid, the annual volume of business showing a gratifying increase, while operation has been systematized and brought to a high standard of efficiency.

Mr. Wansley is also vice president of the Bay Towing Company, a towing company operating four seagoing tug boats, and handling a large volume of coastwise towing. The Bay Towing Company also handles an extensive business in towing ships up the Houston Ship Channel, to Houston, operating a number of tug boats on the channel. This company is handling a constantly increasing business.

William Andrew Wansley was born at Flatonia, Texas, the fifteenth of December, 1882, the son of



W. A. Wansley, a stock raiser and landowner of that section, and Emma Wansley. Mr. Wansley attended the public schools of Flatonia, both in the elementary and high schools, and also attended private schools. He further equipped himself for his business career through courses at a commercial college and afterward came to Port Arthur, where he spent some four years engaged in the mercantile and ship chandlery business. He then came to Galveston in 1908, accepting a position as general manager of Charles Clark and Company. He remained with that firm up until 1920, during that time directing river and harbor improvement work and harbor and sea wall construction. In 1920 he came with W. D. Haden as general manager and at about the same time became vice president of the Bay Towing Company.

Mr. Wansley was married at Galveston, in 1912, to Miss Bernice Keathley, from Fort Worth. They now reside in Galveston at 3210 Q Street and have one child, Elizabeth Wansley. Mr. Wansley is a member of the Galveston Country Club, the Lions Club, and fraternally is a Mason, York and Scottish Rites, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston.

**L**EVY FRY, who, since coming to Texas City a number of years ago, has contributed materially to the educational and scholastic advancement of the city, is known and valued as an enthusiastic and progressive representative of the pedagogic profession in the Lone Star State. Prof. Fry is superintendent of the public schools at Texas City, an office he has held since 1919, during which period many improvements have been made. Under his administration a school for Mexicans and a grade school have been built, bringing a modern high school, four grade schools for white children, a school for negroes and a school for Mexicans. Both the high school, offering twenty-three and a half credits, and the grade schools are rated first class by the State Department of Education. The high school has academic courses, special domestic science courses, on the Smith Hughes plan, and also manual training and mechanical drawing courses for the boys. All equipment in both courses is exceptionally good, and in the science department a complete laboratory has been equipped, and the school also has an excellent library. At the time Prof. Fry became superintendent of the schools, in 1919, there were but thirteen teachers, which number has been increased under his administration to thirty; the grade schools have received their first class rating, and the high school curriculum has been improved, increasing the credits given from eighteen to twenty-three and one-half. The total attendance numbers around seven hundred and fifty, of whom more than one hundred are high school students.

Levi Fry was born at Corsicana, Texas, the ninth of April, 1890, the son of B. C. Fry, a farmer, now living near Amarillo. During his boyhood the family removed from Corsicana to Stevensville, and he attended the schools in that city, graduating later from John Tarleton College, with the B. S. degree in 1909. He has been active in educational work since leaving college, teaching in Stevensville, and various parts of the Panhandle prior to coming to Texas City, as principal, in 1917. After one year in this city he spent a year in West Texas, returning in

1919, as superintendent.

Prof. Fry was married at Panhandle, Texas, the twentieth of August, 1922, to Miss Onie O'Keefe, daughter of J. E. O'Keefe, well known Texas cattleman and farmer. Prof. and Mrs. Fry have since made their home at Texas City, and are members of the Christian Church. He belongs to the State Teachers' Association, and is active in all educational work. He is a man of high intellectual attainments, and as an executive shows a splendid discrimination and ability, and Texas City is fortunate in having him to direct the educational policies here.



**E. ROBERTSON**, who for several years past has been identified with petroleum refining activities at Texas City, has been associated with the oil business in the coastal fields for around two decades, and is one of the most experienced refining men in this section. Mr. Robertson is superintendent of the Terminal Oil and Refining Company, having come to Texas City in 1921 to assume this position. As superintendent of this company, now engaged in active operations in this field, Mr. Robertson has been a factor in the development of the petroleum resources of Texas City, and has built up his company and materially increased the amount of business done by that company. He is particularly interested in the development of the shipping business at Texas City, and foresees a rapid increase in oil exports from this point.

Mr. Robertson is a thoroughly practical and experienced refinery man, conversant with all phases of the refining business. He began with the Texas Company, in 1906, in the refining department, his first work being the inspecting of barrels. Since that time he has worked in practically every department of the refining end of the business, remaining with the Texas Company in various capacities until 1910. At that time he went with the Gulf Company, remaining with them, also in the refining department, until 1913. In that year he went with the Pierce Oil Corporation, and was at Fort Worth, and in Oklahoma, until 1915, when he became associated with the Freeport and Mexican Fuel Oil and Refining Company, and for the ensuing three years was with that company. In 1918 he went with the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and was refining superintendent at San Antonio and Bay Town until he came with the Terminal Oil and Refining Company at Texas City in 1921, which position he now holds.

Mr. Robertson was born in Williamson County, Texas, the tenth of December, 1888, the son of J. F. Robertson, who came here from Tennessee and was a farmer for many years. He was educated in the schools near his home, remaining on the farm until the oil business attracted his attention, through the future it offered the man who was willing to train in the school of experience for a responsible position. Since that time he has been in this business, learning through practical experience, and advancing rapidly along the road to success.

Mr. Robertson was married at San Antonio, Texas, the eighteenth of December, 1918, to Miss Maude Phillips of a Little Rock, Arkansas, family. They reside at Texas City. Mr. Robertson is widely known to the oil fraternity as one of the most versatile refinery men in this section, and is one of the coming men in the industry.



## MEN OF TEXAS



**M. HOPKINS** of Galveston, Texas, began work in the cotton business when twelve years of age, and since that time has had experience in every branch of this great industry, and knows the fleecy staple as few people know it. Mr. Hopkins is manager at Galveston for E. H. Perry and Company of Austin, Texas, well known buyers and exporters of cotton. He established the firm's business in this city in 1910 and come here in charge in 1912 from Alabama. The E. H. Perry and Company, with offices at 210 29th Street, have their own warehouse for concentration, which is known as the Magnolia warehouse. The average annual exports of this firm is 70,000 bales of cotton, which goes to various European ports and some to Japan. Eight experienced people are employed in their offices, and labor is employed as needed. The headquarters of the E. H. Perry and Company are located at Austin, with Mr. Hopkins in full charge of the Galveston office, which is one of the most important offices of this firm. After working in the various cotton offices at Mobile, while a mere boy, Mr. Hopkins gained a valuable experience. He came to Texas first in 1899 and became associated with Rally Bros. and was in charge of the office of this firm at Schulenberg for two seasons. He then went to San Antonio, where for two years he was connected with McFadden Bros. and later went to Luling, Texas, with this firm and still later was sent to Montgomery, Alabama, where he handled all of McFadden's spot cotton in New York. He later spent eight months with the scales in New York, then returned to Montgomery, where he remained for some years and then went to Mobile, where he bought cotton for the People's Warehouse Company. After some time spent there in that line of the business, he came to Texas and became associated with the E. H. Perry and Company interests.

Mr. Hopkins was born at Mobile, Alabama, on December 23rd, 1869. His father, Captain Jack Hopkins, was a sea captain and it was he who brought all the old Morgan Line boats to Galveston. He at one time ran boats from Mobile to New Orleans, then New Orleans to Galveston, then Morgan City to Galveston, moving on as the various railroads were built. Many of the old time Texans remember Captain Hopkins, who was admired and esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Mr. Hopkins' education was obtained in the public schools of Alabama.

Mr. Hopkins was married at Mobile, Alabama, on February 8th, 1893, to Miss Eugenia B. Homer, a member of a prominent Alabama family. They have six children, C. Allen Hopkins, engaged in the insurance business at Montgomery, Alabama; W. H. Hopkins, with the Stone and Webster Company at Columbus, Georgia; J. M. Hopkins, Jr., a student at the Rice Institute at Houston, Texas; Mrs. J. F. Gillfillen of Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. F. L. Ross of Houston, Texas; and Miss Margaret, student at Ball High School, Galveston. Mr. Hopkins is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership at Montgomery, Alabama, and is also a member of the Scottish Rite body of this order and of the Shrine at Montgomery. He is an active member of the Galveston Cotton Exchange and represents his firm on this exchange.

Mr. Hopkins is optimistic as to the future of Texas and progress of his beloved Galveston.

and the cotton industry. The continued development of the matchless resources of the state, will, Mr. Hopkins believes, bring greater development to Galveston and he takes pleasure in contemplating the future greatness of this city.



**JOS. M. SMITH**, Galveston, Texas, is a pioneer in the cotton compress business of Texas, having been actively engaged in this industry for more than thirty-five years. Mr. Smith is manager of the Merchants and Planters Compress Company of this city, which was built in 1914 and is one of the largest and most complete plants of its kind in Texas. This compress is constructed throughout of reinforced concrete to conform in every particular to the standards of the state fire insurance companies. The plant of the Merchants and Planters Compress and Warehouse Company covers an area of fifteen acres, has a storage capacity of 150,000 bales of cotton and employs one hundred and seventy-five people in its operation. From September, 1923, to February 1st, 1924, there was handled by this compress 277,324 bales of cotton. This firm handles all classes of the cotton business, including commission cotton, cotton merchandising, factors and exporters. The buildings of this plant were constructed under the direct supervision of Mr. Smith, who planned the physical outlay and worked directly from the office of the First Insurance Commission at Austin, Texas. He has succeeded in developing a wonderful organization of loyal, efficient men, who take great pride in doing their full share in the progress of the firm. Mr. Smith believes in training men to carry responsibilities, and says that a manager of a plant owes a personal responsibility to the force of men who are under his jurisdiction. Mr. Smith began his career in the cotton compress business when fifteen years of age at the old Taylor Compress in 1887. Mr. I. H. Kempner stored cotton there and in 1898 purchased the Taylor plant. Mr. Smith became superintendent in 1905 of the old plant, and continued in this capacity until the increase in business necessitated the building of a larger plant, and he has had entire charge of the new plant since its construction. In fact, he has been handling the cotton business of Mr. Kempner since 1887. Other officers of the Merchants and Planters Compress and Warehouse Company of Galveston are I. H. Kempner, president; D. W. Kempner, vice president, and Jos. Seinsheimer, secretary. The plant and office is located at 4602 Avenue J.

A native of Galveston, Texas, Mr. Smith was born on June 15th, 1872. His father, Captain John Smith (now deceased) was a native of Sweden and went to sea at the age of eleven years, and grew to manhood on the water and became a sea captain. He first brought ships to Galveston in 1857, but returned to New York from Texas and married there, and came to Galveston in 1859 and settled in this city. The liberal education which he had, he secured entirely through self help, even to the fact of teaching himself the English language, without any outside aid whatever. He raised a large family of children, and in spite of the many obstacles in life which he conquered, he left them substantial amount of this world's goods on which to make their start in life. He was in every way a very remarkable man and was ever ready to assist in the civic improvement



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Mr. Smith was married in Galveston in 1905 to Miss Emma Vetter, a member of a well known family of the Island City. They have one son, Joe Michael Smith, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Smith own their home at 2927 Avenue Q½. Mr. Smith is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, in which he takes an active interest. He is optimistic as to the future of Texas as a cotton state and believes that more cotton will be produced on less acreage in the years to come.



**H. PREWETT** of Galveston, Texas, has been an active figure in the cotton circles of this city for more than ten years, and since 1918 he has been superintendent of the Liberty Compress and Warehouse company here. H. Nussbaum is the owner of the Liberty Compress and Warehouse Company, which is located at 4102 Avenue F and is numbered among the large cotton exporters of Galveston. Cotton from this company is exported to all parts of the world, and it handles an average of one hundred thousand bales of cotton annually. Five experienced men are employed in the office of this company and an average of forty laborers are employed in the operation of the compress. Mr. Prewett came to Galveston in 1914, and prior to becoming superintendent of the Liberty Compress and Warehouse Company was associated with K. Tideman, one of the best known cotton exporters and factors of this city. He began his career in the business world in railroad work, with the International and Great Northern Railroad, beginning as a trackman and was rapidly promoted until at the time of leaving the service he was cashier of the railroad at Calvert, Texas.

A native Texan, Mr. Prewett was born at Davilla, Milam County, on February 25th, 1876. His father, L. P. Prewett, a native of Georgia, came to Texas in the early days and settled on a farm in Milam County, where he became a land owner and farmer. His mother was a member of a well known Georgia family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Milam County, and he grew to manhood on his father's farm, and inherited the liking for farming from his father. Mr. Prewett has seen many changes in the farming methods of the Lone Star State. He has seen the tractor take the place of the mule-drawn plow and the automobile truck supersede the farm wagon in hauling the products of the farm to market. The greatest change, perhaps, to be noted is in the marketing conditions, in that many years ago there was little market for the products of the farm other than local, but now the farmers are organized and sell and ship in a body, thereby obtaining the top prices for everything produced on the farm. Mr. Prewett owns a splendid farm at Redwater, Texas, which is operated by his brother, and among his other valuable holdings, has property on the Houston Ship Channel. Since coming to Galveston he has identified himself with the business and social life of this city, and is enthusiastic as to the future of Galveston and has shown his faith by his many investments in real estate here.

Mr. Prewett resides at 3320 Avenue I and is interested in all matters having to do with the civic improvement and advancement of the city of his adoption, along all lines. In his chosen line of busi-

ness, Mr. Prewett is regarded as one of the best posted men in South Texas, and his advice along this particular line of business is frequently sought by people who know him as an authority. Fraternally he is a Mason.



**G. PAULS**, senior member of the firm of P. G. Pauls and Company, cotton merchants and exporters of Galveston, Texas, is a pioneer in the cotton industry, having been engaged in the cotton business here for more than half a century. Mr. Pauls came to Galveston in 1872, and in 1890 organized the present firm, and in 1916 Mr. Jules Miller, well known in the cotton circles of the state, became a member of the firm. On May 1st, 1924, Waldo Pauls was also admitted to partnership. P. G. Pauls and Company, with office located at 2116½ Avenue B, ship cotton all over the world. From 25,000 to 40,000 bales of cotton are shipped by this firm annually. Since coming to Galveston, Mr. Pauls has become associated with many of the city's larger commercial enterprises and is a director of the American National Insurance Company, and a stock holder in the Hotel Galvez. He came to America when sixteen years of age and entered the cotton industry and has been continuously engaged in this business since that time, and the firm of which he is the executive head is one of the largest handlers of the fleecy staple in Galveston, where he is a factor in this industry.

Mr. Pauls was born under the Danish flag on March 28th, 1856, but his parents were natives of Schleswig Holstein. His father, J. W. Pauls, was for some years an officer in the Danish army, later entering the stock raising business, and he exported blooded stock to the London market. His education was obtained in the public schools of Germany, which he left when a boy, sixteen years of age.

Mr. Pauls was married in Galveston, in 1888, to Miss Carrie Cortes, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a well known Galveston family. They have three sons, Waldo Pauls, who is associated with the firm of P. G. Pauls and Company; Peter Cortes, with the firm of Hutchings, Sealy and Company, and Louis Pauls, who is a student of the University of Texas, and two daughters, Lillian, wife of Veris McGinnis, an attorney of Oklahoma City, and Myrtle, deceased. She was the wife of Harry Stewart of Kansas City. She left two boys, Waldo E. Stewart, and Peter Pauls Stewart. Mr. and Mrs. Pauls reside at 1804 35th Street. Mr. Pauls is a member of both the Galveston and Houston Cotton Exchanges and is active in these organizations. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. The firm of P. G. Pauls bears an unrivalled reputation for business integrity, not only in the American markets but equally so in the European markets, where they have been known for years. In addition to the cotton business, P. G. Pauls and Company are underwriter's agents for approximately forty of the leading insurance companies on the European continent. Mr. Pauls was one of the first directors of the City National Bank, and has created large real estate holdings in Galveston, much of which is residence property. He is also a director of the American National Insurance Company. He has always taken an active part in civic affairs, and has given freely of his time and means to further the best interests of Galveston.



**P**ETER V. ROMANO is well known in the business circles of Galveston and is the owner of the Importing and Wholesale Grocery establishment bearing his name at 2017-19 Strand in this city. Mr. Romano came to Galveston in 1882 from Salerno, Italy, and established his present business in 1894 and is a well known importer of foreign foods, specializing in French and Italian specialties, olive oil, cheese, pastries, candies, dried fish, etc. He sells all of his imported commodities throughout the Texas territory through several specialty salesmen. During the period of the World War, Mr. Romano branched into the wholesale grocery business, but his principal business is still importations. He has had an interesting business career, which began when he landed in Galveston as a shipwrecked sailor and went to work on the water front in order to obtain sufficient funds on which to live in this land, which was strange to him, but within which he could see a wonderful future. For some time he did work along similar lines as that in which he first engaged and later became a stevedore, and soon secured some good contracts. Being thrifty and saving, he soon opened a small store which was located at Twenty-first and Avenue O, and also operated a bath house which was known as the Arbor View Bath House, but it was destroyed in the storm which visited Galveston in 1915. He has during his long residence here been identified with many business establishments and has prospered in his business ventures.

A native of Italy, Mr. Romano was born in 1867. His parents were well known citizens of their native land, but did not come to America. Mr. Romano started in as a very young man on the seas as a sailor and obtained an education through experience by following the life of a sailor until he came to Galveston. He has for many years been very influential among the people of Italian descent in Galveston, and has been an active figure in politics, not for office holding for himself, but in exerting an influence for the parties best fitted for the several offices of city, county, state and national. He is known as a man ever loyal to his friends, and in political life he has shown this loyalty to a very great degree. He is a leader among the Italians of Galveston, and throughout Texas, where he is widely known, particularly by his own nationality. Mr. Romano says that one of the biggest needs of Galveston is a lower rate for water shipments from New York. As an example of this, the rate from Italy to Galveston on olive oil is 55c per hundred pounds, while the rate on this same commodity from New York to Galveston is \$1.15 per hundred pounds. The greater part of these imports are warehoused in New York, consequently the people of Texas are using a cheaper adulterated material when the real article should be furnished to them much cheaper. He says that also due to the exchange rate between this country and Italy, that Italian products are bought and shipped to the United States and here sold as cheap as these same articles are sold in Italy.

Mr. Romano was married at Galveston on March 21st, 1894, to Miss Lizzie Pitzlin, a member of a well known family of Berlin, Germany. They have four children, J. N. Romano, associated with his father in business; Peter A. Romano, who was a

well known aviator during the World War, and is now in the United States engineering service; Dante Romano, at college, and Beatrice, at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Romano reside at 2114 Avenue O. Mr. Romano is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce and is on the advisory board of this organization, and is an active member of the Red Cross Society and the United Italian Society of Galveston. He is a Knight of Pythias of 35 years standing. He is a consistent member of the Catholic Church. During the World War, Mr. Romano organized a regiment of Texas Italians and proffered their services with his own to the government. The regiment was organized on the Rooseveltian plan. However, the government did not see its way clear to accept the offer. He was also active in the disposition of Liberty Bonds, having sold more than his quota of \$50,000.00 worth. During the 1900 storm at Galveston he took a very active part in clearing up the city and helping to bury the dead. Mr. Romano exercises a very broad view in regard to the modern young men. He says not to worry about the ways of the present generation wanting to roam and see the world, and have action and excitement. It is his belief that this is the best policy to follow out when young, and as they grow older they naturally will have a desire to settle down after seeing some of the world. He cites his own life as an example of this, and says that he would never have been satisfied to settle down without first seeing some of the world. Mr. Romano has prospered in Galveston and is regarded as one of the Island City's most substantial citizens. He is active in all matters having as their object the betterment and advancement of this city, and gives his time and means to all of these without reserve, and he is charitable to a degree, and has never been known to fail in aiding the needy of any and all nationalities. He is regarded as one of Galveston's most progressive citizens, and has succeeded in instilling his great love for the country of his adoption in his children, who have been reared into splendid manhood and womanhood through his able guidance and care.



**U**GUILMO DELLANERA came to Galveston, Texas, in 1911 and has been active in the business circles of this city since that time. Mr. Dellanera is the owner of Dellanera and Company, wholesale jobbers of candy, with store located at 114 20th Street. The greater portion of the candies sold by this firm are staple candies, although it handles some fancy stock. Mr. Dellanera has confined his activities to Galveston County, where he has a very large business. He prefers to do this in order to avoid the responsibilities of a larger business, which would mean more money invested and more employees to look after. He employs two experienced men in the handling of his products, and also devotes his time to the business end of the trade. Mr. Dellanera came to the United States in 1907 and located in California, where he remained until coming to this city, where he engaged in the liquor business. The larger part of his liquor business was importations, and he prospered in this business until prohibition, when he engaged in the candy business. In 1921 he established his present business and has met with unusual success, largely on account of his acquaintance in the Island City and the host of friends which he has



made since locating here. Mr. Dellanera has shown his faith in Galveston and the future of South Texas by his investments here and on the main land, which he believes is destined to become the greatest fruit growing country in the United States, as he says this climate compares very favorably with that of Italy, where everything is grown to perfection.

A native of Italy, Mr. Dellanera was born at Lucia in June, 1883. His parents, both of whom are still living, are residing in the land of their nativity, where they are highly esteemed citizens. His education was obtained in the schools of Italy and his knowledge of English, which is good, was obtained after coming to the United States.

Mr. Dellanera was married at Galveston on January 21st, 1916, to Miss Julia Mares, a native of San Antonio, Texas, where she was a member of a well known Bexar County family. Mr. and Mrs. Dellanera reside at 114½ 20th Street. Mr. Dellanera is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce and takes an active interest in this organization, as he has faith in the assistance given to business men by it, particularly those of foreign birth. He is regarded as a splendid business man, and is esteemed alike by customer and competitor. Mr. Dellanera says that Texas is the greatest place in the world for both rich and poor people, for the reason that rich people can at all times find good investments here, and that the poor class of laboring people are at all times able to secure work at a wage on which they may not only live well but save something. Mr. Dellanera is a splendid example of what energy and honest dealing can accomplish, and he is regarded as one of the Island City's most progressive citizens. Fraternally Mr. Dellanera is an Eagle, one of the strongest fraternal organizations in Galveston.



**LAWRENCE O. HERVEY**, well known realtor, with offices at 2120 Avenue C, has been a resident of Galveston nearly all his life, and has witnessed its growth from a small village with a harbor that could accommodate a few small fishing vessels and tramp steamers, to its present commanding position among the ports of the world.

Mr. Hervey has spent his entire business career in the real estate and retail business, and in point of continuous service is perhaps one of the oldest realtors in South Texas. His business now is largely confined to rentals and he handles the residence and business properties of many of the leading citizens of Galveston, and the larger estates that have holdings in the city. He maintains a sales department, and renders an important service to his clients in this branch of the business. The insurance and loan departments are also important adjuncts of the real estate business proper.

Established in 1898, the Hervey real estate office is one of the best known in all Galveston.

Mr. Hervey is a native of Louisiana, and was born in New Orleans on October 6th, 1867, but can well claim Texas as his native state, as he removed with his parents to Galveston in 1868, and has resided here continuously since. He received his education in the public schools of Galveston.

In 1903 Mr. Hervey was married in Galveston to Miss Ruby Weinberg. To this union was born three children, Captain Stewart Darden Hervey, U. S. A.,

military instructor of the Georgetown University, Washington, D. C.; Elisca, wife of George K. Marshall, Dodge Brothers dealer; Berly, wife of E. T. Elmendorf, Buick dealer. After the death of his first wife, Miss Ruby Weinberg, Mr. Hervey was married to Miss Cora Ellen Moseley of Dallas. Two daughters, Alpha C. and Elizabeth, were born to this union. The family home is at 3002 R Street.

Mr. Hervey has been connected with many important development projects in Galveston and has always been an enthusiastic booster and supporter of harbor improvement work. He has seen the port gradually improved until today no finer is to be found in all the world.

In civic affairs Mr. Hervey has taken an active part for many years. He is a member of the Young Men's Progressive League, the Realtors Association, the Galveston Commercial Association, and Insurance Men's Association. Any movement that has for its object the development and betterment of the city of Galveston as a whole, has always found in Mr. Hervey a staunch and enthusiastic supporter.



**FRANK HADCOCK**, well known building contractor, 1702 Avenue G, has been engaged in business in the city of Galveston for a period of ten years and during this time has had charge of the construction of many of the more pretentious structures which adorn the Island City's business and residence districts. A great many of the better class of homes, for which Galveston is noted, were built by Mr. Hadcock, numbers of them costing twenty-five thousand dollars and more. He has also built three large churches and many apartment houses, stores and cottages. Faithful and conscientious attention to detail and a determination to give to his clients full value for every dollar expended has made Mr. Hadcock one of the most favorably known building contractors in South Texas. He has a number of important jobs under construction at this time and is kept very busy superintending the construction of the various buildings for which he is the contractor.

A native of New York state, Mr. Hadcock was born at Watertown on November 10, 1872, a son of William W. Hadcock and Lamira A. Carter, a member of an Indiana family. His father was a well known builder and contractor and it was but natural that the younger Hadcock should take up this line of work upon reaching his majority.

The family removed to Ohio when Mr. Hadcock was a youth and he attended the public and high schools of that state and later was a student in a Missouri business college. For fourteen years he conducted a farming enterprise, operating a large dairy farm near Conway, Missouri, and during this period also did some building. He then removed to Galveston and has engaged steadily in the contracting and building business since that time.

In 1896 Mr. Hadcock was married at Springfield, Missouri, to Miss Fannie Barham, member of a well known Missouri family. They own their home at 1702 Avenue G.

Mr. Hadcock is a steady, hard worker and finds little time for social recreation or civic activities. He is a man of pleasing personality and is exceptionally well and favorably known in Galveston building circles.



**O**SCAR KAMM, of Galveston, Texas, has spent his entire life in the mining business in various portions of the country, the greater part of his time was spent in British Columbia, Nevada and Arizona. Mr. Kamm came to Galveston on October 1st, 1920, as local manager of the Texas Gulf Sulphur Company, of which Mr. W. H. Aldridge of New York City is president. This company is engaged in the production of sulphur and ship their product to all ports of the world. The Expert Office of the Texas Gulf Sulphur Company is located at 400-402 American National Insurance Company Building and their loading plant is at Pier 35. The company employs at Galveston a regular force of twenty-five men, and work with the Longshoremen's union. Mr. Charles Biesel is the general manager of the Gulf Texas Sulphur Company.

Mr. Kamm was born at New Buffalo, Michigan, on May 17th, 1883. His father, Fred Kamm, also a native of Michigan, was well known in the business circles of that state. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of his native city. He engaged in the mining business on leaving school, and was first located in British Columbia. He has always been in the administration end of the business, and has throughout his long career been associated with the same Aldridge interests.

Mr. Kamm was married in British Columbia on December 19th, 1906, to Miss Zila Oliver, a member of a prominent Canadian family. They have one daughter, Marjorie. Mr. and Mrs. Kamm reside at 1610 Avenue I. Mr. Kamm is a member of the Rotary Club, Artillery Club, Aziola Club and the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, and is a director in the latter organization.

**R**ALPH P. ZIEGLER is well known in the cotton and financial circles of Galveston, where prior to engaging in business for himself he was for several years associated with T. W. Stewart and Company of this city. Mr. Ziegler is the sole owner of the cotton firm of R. P. Ziegler and Company with offices at 2118½ Avenue B, and are successors to Marquis-Toosey-Ziegler, which was organized in 1923. During the first year in which this firm was engaged in the handling of cotton, both foreign and domestic, they handled 50,000 bales. Mr. Ziegler has been engaged in the various branches of the cotton industry all his life, having entered this business in Liverpool, England, and for a period of six years was active in the cotton circles of that city before coming to Galveston. Since coming to America and to Texas, Mr. Ziegler has made a close study of the cotton industry, in all its phases, and is considered an authority on the fleecy staple, and has met with unusual success in his chosen line of endeavor.

A native of England, Mr. Ziegler was born at Liverpool on December 24th, 1888. His father, W. H. Ziegler, also a native of England, was for many years engaged in the cotton business in Liverpool. He later came to America and settled in New Orleans, where for many years he was one of the leading cotton merchants of the Crescent City. His mother was Miss Laura Paton, a native of Canada, and a member of a prominent family of Kingston, Ontario. His education was obtained in Liverpool, at the Burkenhead and the Switzerland Schools, where he pursued the courses which would be of

benefit to him in his business life.

Mr. Ziegler was married at Galveston in 1915 to Miss Gladys Carling, a member of a prominent family of Ottawa, Canada. Mr. and Mrs. Ziegler reside at 1508 Thirty-first Street. Mr. Ziegler is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce and takes an active interest in this organization. He holds membership in the following social clubs, in all of which he takes an active part: Galveston Country Club, Artillery Club and the Aziola Club. Mr. Ziegler has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Galveston, and is interested in all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of this city, where he is popular and well liked by all with whom he comes in contact. The intimate knowledge which Mr. Ziegler has of cotton, its cultivation, gathering and preparation for market has given him an advantage in carrying his business on successfully and has given his patrons much confidence in him. Since coming to Galveston, Mr. Ziegler has ever been optimistic as to the future greatness of this city, and believes that there are great opportunities offered here for men engaged in every line of business.

**E** H. IVEY, of Galveston started his career in the cotton business at the early age of fourteen years and has been continuously engaged in that industry since that time. Mr. Ivey is the owner of E. H. Ivey and Company, cotton brokers, with office at 2117½ Avenue B, and is among the largest handlers of the fleecy staple in Galveston. The present firm was organized five years ago, and for two years was operated under the name of Blum and Ivey when Mr. Ivey purchased his partner's interest, and has conducted the business alone since that time. Seven experienced people are employed by this firm in their offices at Galveston, Houston and Dallas. During the seventeen years in which Mr. Ivey has been engaged in the various branches of the cotton industry in this city, he has won the reputation of being an expert and an authority on everything related to the buying and selling of cotton. During the first nine years of his experience he was employed by W. L. Moody and company, after which he was for three years associated with J. St. Mary, and for the past five years has been engaged in business for himself and has met with unusual success in his dealings in cotton.

A native Texan, Mr. Ivey was born at Galveston in 1892. His father, R. Ivey, is well known in the business circles of Galveston, where he has resided for many years. His mother was Miss Florence Blaney, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of his native city which he left in order to engage in the cotton industry.

Mr. Ivey was married at Galveston in 1915 to Miss Louise Lacorne, a member of a well known and pioneer family of the Island City. They have two children, E. H. Ivey, Jr. and Robert William. Mr. and Mrs. Ivey own their home at 3301 Avenue O. He is a member of the B. P. O. E. and is active in this fraternal organization. He is also a member of the various cotton exchanges of the state and the New Orleans cotton exchanges, and is a consistent member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Ivey is regarded as one of the most progressive cotton



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men of Galveston, and is the executive head and sole owner of one of the largest concerns of its kind owned and operated by one individual in the country. He has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Galveston, and is always interested in all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of his city. Mr. Ivey is optimistic as to the future of the cotton industry of Galveston, and believes that this business will continue to be the greatest in the Southland and that with the establishment of the cotton mills in Texas, that the cotton industry will be greatly encouraged.



**ROBERT E. KIRK** has been a resident of Galveston for more than two decades, having come to this city in 1901 following the disastrous storm which wrought such havoc in 1900. During most of this time he has been actively identified with law enforcement in the city and county of Galveston and is now serving his first term as Sheriff of Galveston County, a position to which he was elected in November, 1922.

Bringing to the sheriff's office many years of experience as a peace officer, Mr. Kirk has established an enviable reputation throughout all of South Texas as an able and fearless officer and law enforcement in the territory included in his jurisdiction has not been subject to criticism at any time during his administration, although it is conceded that Galveston County is one of the most difficult in all Texas to supervise by peace officers. The many miles of water front and hundreds of acres of swampy, marsh land afford ideal protection to law breakers with consequent added work and perils for the officers of the law.

Service to five different courts is afforded by Sheriff Kirk and his force, including the Fifty-Sixth and Tenth Judicial District Courts, Galveston County Court, County Court at Law and the Court of Civil Appeals located at Galveston. Evidencing the efficient manner in which the work of the sheriff's office is handled, during the year 1923 a total of eight thousand seven hundred legal papers and processes were served by Sheriff Kirk and a force of three deputies.

Mr. Kirk is a native of Georgia and was born at Rome on October 22, 1881, a son of Wm. Hudson and Isabelle (Clemantine) Kirk. When ten years of age he removed with his parents to Temple, Texas, where his father engaged in farming and where Mr. Kirk received his education in the schools.

After completing his studies Mr. Kirk also engaged in farming for a short while and then for seven years was engaged in railroad work before removing to Galveston. After coming to this city he was connected with the Galveston Electric Company for four years and then became identified with the Galveston city police force, remaining with the city for fourteen years. He served in various capacities on the police force, including that of sergeant and acting chief. For two years he was a special officer with the Santa Fe Railway Company. During his many years work as a peace officer Sheriff Kirk has had many thrilling experiences and has made for himself a host of friends.

In 1900 Mr. Kirk was married at Rogers, Texas, to Miss Edith Adams, daughter of a well known hotel man of Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk have two children, Estelle, 22 and Robert, 20.

Sheriff Kirk has always taken an active interest in the work of civic and fraternal organizations and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Modern Woodmen, Fraternal Order of Eagles, Sons of Herman, Loyal Brotherhood, and the Red Men. A man of splendid personality he is highly popular among his friends and associates and is regarded by all classes as one of the ablest officers Galveston County has ever had.



**WORTHY BOYD** of Galveston, Texas, engaged in the cotton business at an early age and has spent his entire life in the various branches of the cotton industry. Mr. Boyd is one of the state cotton weighers at Galveston and has held this responsible position for more than thirty years, which makes him in point of service, one of the oldest cotton weighers of the Island City. He weighs cotton for buyers and sellers of cotton and works at all the compresses, docks and warehouses in Galveston. He employs four men regularly and additional labor when needed. Mr. Boyd inherited his liking for the cotton business, and was raised in an atmosphere of this great industry where he is regarded as one of the most accurate and reliable men engaged in this particular line of work. His office is located at 2109½ Avenue C. Mr. Boyd came to Galveston with his parents in 1872, and soon after leaving school was employed by local cotton firms in their clerical departments. He continued to work in the various lines of the cotton business until he entered his present work of weighing cotton.

Mr. Boyd was born at New Orleans, Louisiana, on March 14th, 1859. His father, William Boyd, was one of the best known cotton men of his time, in his particular line. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Galveston, after which he attended the A. and M. College of Texas.

Mr. Boyd was married at Galveston on December 28th, 1889, to Miss Clare E. Sieling, a member of one of Galveston's oldest and best known families. Her father, who died many years ago, was prominently identified with the business life of Galveston and was one of the builders of this city. He retired from active business pursuits prior to the marriage of Mrs. Boyd. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd reside at 2205 Avenue L. Mr. Boyd is a member of the Galveston Cotton Exchange and has always taken an active interest in this organization. He is also a member of the Galveston Country Club and many other of the city's social and business organizations. He is optimistic as to the future of Galveston and the cotton industry of this state, and believes that Texas is yet in its infancy in the production of cotton, and that the fleecy staple will ever be the money crop of the Lone Star State, regardless of diversification. With the improved methods of farming, and the successful destruction of all the cotton pests, which have invaded the fields of the state, more cotton, and better cotton will be produced here in the years that are to come. The high density compresses have worked wonders for the shipping facilities to European countries, making it possible to load in one vessel a much greater number of bales than was formerly possible. Mr. Boyd has great faith in the future of Galveston, and never loses an opportunity to say a good word for the city and its people.



**R**OBERT A. LYONS, JR., whose home and business headquarters are at Galveston, is a well known merchant of this section, and has taken an active part in the commercial life here for many years. Mr. Lyons and brother are the owners of the Lyons Hardware Company, a business established in 1901, succeeding the Bryan Hardware Company. The Lyons Hardware Company occupies a modern building at 2219 Avenue E, and does a large wholesale and retail business, the wholesale business being limited to Galveston County. A complete line of general hardware is carried, with cutlery and sporting goods, the latter line including guns, ammunition and fishing tackle as well as complete sports outfits.

Mr. Lyons was also the organizer and is the moving spirit of Lyons Hunting Preserve, or Lyon's Camp, a seventy thousand acre preserve in Chambers County, leased for a period of twenty years by a small club, established in 1908 largely due to Mr. Lyons efforts. This preserve is fifty miles east of Galveston, in Chambers County, on what is known as White's Ranch, and is easily accessible by rail from Galveston, to Sea Breeze, after which the wagon road of five miles through the marsh country, is followed. The house, a five-room hunting lodge, fully equipped with every facility for the use of hunters, is at the disposal of club members, and hunting, trapping of muskrats, alligators, coon, mink, and like game, is indulged in. Mr. Lyons has not missed a week-end spent in either hunting or fishing for five years, often going with W. L. Moody on fishing trips or to the camp. Mr. Lyons says that this section is truly the hunters' and fishers' paradise the year round, and has done much to encourage these sports. Fishing is especially good at the jetties, a wall of natural rock, extending out in the ocean eight miles. Every opportunity is offered those who delight in pitting their skill as a fisherman against that gamest of all fish, the tarpon, which are found in the gulf in this particular section. Fishing piers are maintained which furnish all a fisherman needs and excursion boats make the round trip from Galveston at regular intervals. At White's Ranch the people make a business of caring for the hunters, meeting trains, supplying food and keeping the lodge open, and also furnish guides. Mr. Lyons is one of the best known sportsmen of the state and has hunted with big men from all over the country who come here to visit this territory.

Robert A. Lyons was born at Galveston, the twelfth of August, 1884, the son of Robert A. Lyons, who came to the island as a boy, and whose death occurred just after the storm of 1900. His mother now resides at Pasadena. As a boy Mr. Lyons attended the public schools of Galveston. In 1900 the Galveston storm killed practically all his relatives here. His father died shortly after the storm, leaving Mr. Lyons, then a boy of sixteen, to care for his mother and twelve younger brothers and sisters. He began work for Guy M. Bryan, who picked him up after the storm and gave him a position. Here he worked regardless of hours, determined to get ahead and care for his mother and his brothers and sisters, and his ambition was no small factor in his success, the passing of the years giving him opportunity to care for and give a college education to each of the twelve brothers and sisters who wanted to go to college. Later Mr.

Lyons took over the hardware business of Mr. Bryan, whose friendship he values most highly, and has made a definite success of this business.

Mr. Lyons was married at Ottawa, Illinois, in 1909, to Miss Mayme Feehan, a member of an Illinois family, and whom he met while on a pleasure trip in the north. Mr. and Mrs. Lyons have four children—Richard, William, Bob and Catherine. Mr. Lyons has given each child a gun on his seventh birthday, and is training them to be real sportsmen. Mr. Lyons is a member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, and is president of the Bankers' Loan and Building Association, a corporation of \$10,000,000, and is one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Galveston, standing for progress and better business methods, and has done much to insure the growth of the city. Fraternally he is an Elk and an Eagle.



**F. NAWADNY**, for around a decade a resident of Galveston, has for several years past been identified with the laundry business here and has one of the fastest growing commercial laundries in the city. Mr. Nawadny is the owner of the Uneeda Laundry, which he established at Galveston in 1919, and which he has since operated. He handles all classes of laundry work, giving the housewife a choice of the various services, and has built up a large and rapidly growing business. The plant of the Uneeda Laundry, which is located at 1908 Avenue "D" is equipped with modern laundry machinery, and has facilities for handling all work in a satisfactory and efficient manner. Mr. Nawadny does work in Galveston only, and has a fleet of five auto trucks covering the city and giving prompt delivery service to his patrons. He maintains a force of around twenty-seven employees at all times and during the summer months increases this number to around forty. Additions to the plant are now under consideration to cope with the increase in business.

A. F. Nawadny was born at New Orleans, Louisiana, the eighteenth of May, 1877, the son of A. L. Nawadny, a machinist, now of Monroe, Louisiana. Mr. Nawadny obtained his education in the schools of Monroe. He came to Texas in 1896, and after a time spent in looking over the state, returned to Monroe where he had his first laundry experience, as driver, and later in various departments, until he was made plant manager. After fourteen years at Monroe in the laundry business Mr. Nawadny returned to Texas, going to Denison, where he spent three years in the laundry business, after which he came to Galveston, and went with the Model Laundry here. Three years later he established the Uneeda Laundry, beginning with no capital and no help, and at that time had but one electric washer and three electric irons. In the few short years since the establishment of the Uneeda Laundry in that small way, Mr. Nawadny has developed the business until it is modern and well equipped in every way and is a permanent, substantial business, owned and operated by himself.

Mr. Nawadny was married at Galveston the twelfth of February, 1898, to Miss Willie Hester Clements, of this city. They reside at 2420 K Street, and have one child, Elizabeth Nawadny. Mr. Nawadny is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Retail Merchants Credit Association, and fraternally is a Woodman of the World.





**C. BOWDEN**, pioneer contractor of Galveston, who has taken an active part in forwarding the development program of the city, is known throughout the state as a building and construction engineer whose work is characterized by a permanent quality that has been a factor in his success. Mr. Bowden conducts his contracting business under his own name, maintaining his office at 1801 Avenue C. While formerly most of his work was in Galveston, and he has constructed many of the more important buildings here, his work has expanded until he operates as far north as Dallas, and has built many of the larger buildings in this territory, including many of the brick buildings at Alvin and most of the brick buildings at Texas City. Mr. Bowden operates along the coast as far west as Orange. He builds principally on the cost plus basis for corporations and does not do much competitive bidding work. Mr. Bowden has a crew of from five hundred to one thousand men working for him at all times, and has complete equipment to handle construction work of any size. During the past five or six years he has done some \$4,000,000 of construction work. Mr. Bowden also deals in real estate, owning property in Galveston, on the mainland, and in various Texas cities, in New York, and in North Carolina. He also makes building loans, loaning his own capital on Galveston property for building purposes. Mr. Bowden is also president of the Island City Woodworking Company, a business incorporated in 1908, and beginning active business in 1909. This company is located at 1801 Avenue C, and manufactures mill woodwork, and also sells lumber, building materials, roofing, paints and builders' supplies, handling a large volume of business and employing a force of twelve people.

Mr. Bowden was born in North Carolina, the twenty-seventh of August, 1867, the son of L. N. Bowden, and the grandson of Morris Bowden and M. C. Butler, both of North Carolina, and who were large land owners and among the wealthy people of that state before the Civil War. As a boy Mr. Bowden attended school in a log cabin school house seven miles from his home, walking the distance back and forth, and finding a three months term all he was able to afford. As a boy of seven years of age he became interested in Sunday School work, and for the ensuing seven years did not miss but two Sundays from Sunday School attendance. Forced to terminate his public schooling, and yet ambitious to succeed in the business world, Mr. Bowden left home at an early age to learn the woodworking trade, going to Wilmington, North Carolina, where he learned this craft through practical experience. While there he further improved himself through attending night school, studying mechanical and civil engineering, and while he has never entered this profession, he has found the knowledge of mechanical and civil engineering of practical value in his work as a construction engineer. Mr. Bowden came to Galveston as a young man, and with a capital of but little more than three thousand dollars and a knowledge of woodworking and building engineering, from which assets, coupled with a pioneering determination to succeed he has been successful.

Mr. Bowden was married at Galveston the twenty-seventh of January, 1897, to Miss Martha Ellen Collins of Galveston. Mr. and Mrs. Bowden reside at 1227 Avenue G, and have four children, Ruth,

Marian, Gladys and Ellen. They attend the Episcopal Church. Mr. Bowden belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club and fraternally is a Mason, Tucker Blue Lodge, is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, Mason Chapter, Commandery and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Bowden is a fine type of the self-made man of the old school, valuing his integrity far above any material success, and as a contractor has stood for the highest type of workmanship. In discussing the future of Galveston he calls attention to the building program, pointing out the many proposed improvements in public buildings, construction being planned and started, and remodeling of present construction, all indicative of a prosperous and rapidly growing city.



**PETER J. VAUTRIN**, although now retired from active business life, was for three decades prominently identified with industrial activities at Galveston, and is widely known over the state for the many important construction contracts he handled during that time. Mr. Vautrin came to Galveston in 1891, working in various lines until 1904, when he began in the contracting business, three years later, in 1907, establishing the firm of Kelso and Vautrin, contractors and builders and construction engineers handling storm drain, sewerage, paving, side walk and like construction work. This firm handled ninety per cent of all sidewalk and drainage work at Galveston from 1907 until 1916 and also constructed all storm drains, sewerage, street paving, curbs and like work, this work being given to the firm through competitive bidding. The firm also handled all water works and sewer construction for the government at Fort Crockett, and has handled many other important contracts, including all of the boulevard, with the exception of some two or three blocks. The firm continued as a partnership until Mr. Kelso's death, in 1912, and was then continued by Mr. Vautrin until his retirement in 1916. Mr. Vautrin used his influence and gave his services free to the Automobile Club in their work to have the boulevard extended through Fort Crockett to connect direct with West Beach. This has now been consummated.

Peter J. Vautrin was born at Antioch, California, the eleventh of November, 1867. His parents died during his babyhood and he spent his early years in California, where he attended school when opportunity presented. His first work was in the mines of California, as a boy, and later he began laying cement sidewalks and handling paving work. He came to Galveston in 1891, his career since that time having been given in the first part of this sketch.

Mr. Vautrin was married at Galveston, in 1908 to Miss Ida Hantsche, a native of Germany. Mr. and Mrs. Vautrin have four children, one daughter, Miss Anna Vautrin, and two step daughters, Miss Ruth Vautrin, who is supervisor of domestic science in the schools of Galveston, and Louise, wife of Robert Erwin, dredging engineer at New York City, also a step-son, Harry M. Seelen, in the auto electrical business at Galveston. The family home is at 2518 F Street. Mr. Vautrin is a Mason, Scottish Rite, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine, and is also a Knight of Pythias, Eagle and Elk. He has been one of the most active exponents of paved streets and good roads in this section, and has attained the highest esteem of his associates in the business world.





**J. WARREN**, 2315 Avenue E, head of the plumbing and heating business which bears his name, has been a resident of Galveston all his life and is one of the best known business men here. He has been doing plumbing and heating contracting since 1915 and now has the largest establishment of its kind in Galveston.

The shops and display rooms located at 2315 Avenue E are splendidly equipped and one of the largest stocks of plumbing supplies and fixtures in Texas is carried by Mr. Warren. An average of fifteen expert mechanics are employed and the constant increase in business is the best testimonial to the splendid character of their work. The plumbing and heating for many of the largest buildings in Galveston was installed under direction of Mr. Warren and his signature to a contract has come to be recognized as an unfailing bond and guarantee that the job will be done according to specifications in the most minute detail. He has never tolerated shoddy or inefficient work and has established a widespread reputation for honesty and fair dealing.

A native of Galveston Mr. Warren was born July 25, 1888, a son of C. F. and Helen (Dunshie) Warren. His father, who died in 1904, was for more than forty years a painting contractor in Galveston.

Mr. Warren received his education in the public and high schools of Galveston and early in life engaged in the plumbing business. He worked for other concerns for a number of years and had a nice business of his own established when the storm of 1915 wiped him out. He soon re-established his business, however, and now has the largest plumbing and heating establishment in Galveston.

In 1913 Mr. Warren was married in Galveston to Miss Ida H. Mayo, daughter of Martin Mayo, well known Galveston business man. They have three children, C. W., A. J. and Mayo Bruce. The family own their home at 3317 R $\frac{1}{2}$  Street.

Mr. Warren takes an active interest in civic affairs and is a Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite organizations and of El Mina Temple Shine. He is a man of splendid personality and intensely interested in the growth and development of his native city, ready at all times to aid in effort looking to this end.



**CHARLES M. HESS** of Galveston, Texas, has for several years been active in the business and financial circles of this city, where he is regarded as a leader in his chosen line of business. Mr. Hess is manager of and partner in the Ideal Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Company of Galveston which was constructed in 1920 by the Model Laundry Company in order to take care of the increase in their business. It has at all times been operated as an independent concern, but is owned by the same men who own the Model Laundry. Mr. Hess obtained his experience with the Model Laundry, of which he is one of the owners. The building of the Ideal Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Company, which is located at 613-619 25th Street, is constructed entirely of reinforced concrete on the main floor, with a portion of the building containing two stories. This plant is completely equipped with all modern machinery and is the last word in latter day plants of this kind. The Ideal Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Company do all kinds of work in their various branches and clean anything that can be

cleaned. Its dyeing plant is completely equipped to dye with the latest and most satisfactory processes. Thirty people are regularly employed at this establishment, with an increase in this number during the summer months, as the tourist trade during this season doubles the regular business. It has its own delivery fleet of four large trucks and Mr. Hess makes service one of the main features of the establishment. It also has its own garage and mechanics. The great feature of the Ideal Dry Cleaning and Dyeing Company is the Sales and Training School which is maintained in connection with the Model Laundry and which is free to all the employees. Before coming to Texas, Mr. Hess was for a period of thirteen years in the amusement business, and in this work traveled to every portion of the United States. Prior to coming to Galveston, he was for several years engaged in the general mercantile business at League City, Texas.

A native of Connecticut, Mr. Hess was born on June 20th, 1881. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native state, which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world.

Mr. Hess was married at Galveston on May 19th, 1920, to Mrs. H. Johnson, a member of a pioneer Texas family. Mr. and Mrs. Hess reside at 3724 Avenue R. Mr. Hess is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in the Blue Lodge of this order at League City, Texas, and is a member of the Scottish Rite body and the El Mina Shrine of this city. He is a member of the Rotary Club, in which he takes an active interest. He is also a member of the Retail Merchants Credit Association, and of the Southwestern Dry Cleaners Association and for a period of two years was a director in the latter organization. Mr. Hess is optimistic as to the future business life of Galveston, and believes that this city will lead the Southwest in the various lines of business within a short time.



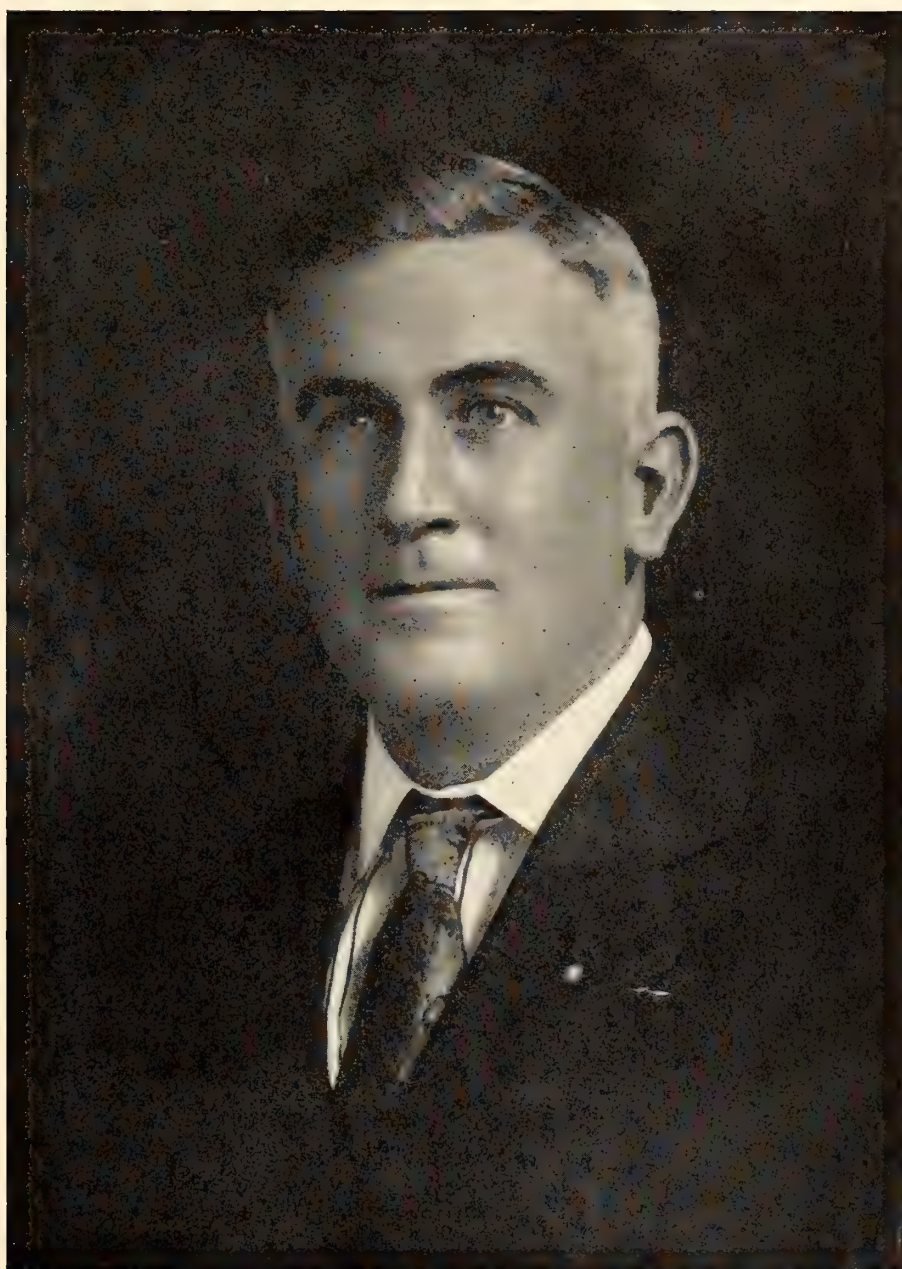
**DONALD N. McKENZIE**, architect, with offices at 2107 $\frac{1}{2}$  Post Office Street, is recognized as the dean of Galveston architects and from the standpoint of continuous practice is the oldest member of the profession in this city. For more than a quarter of a century, Mr. McKenzie has been designing and superintending the construction of mercantile establishments and residences in the city of Galveston. During his career, however, Mr. McKenzie designed and built many of the more pretentious establishments of the city, including a number of very fine homes.

A native of Galveston, Mr. McKenzie was born on November 18th, 1871, a son of Donald and Justine McKenzie, pioneer residents of the city. His father, who died fifty years ago, was for many years connected with the leading lumber yard and planing mill here at that time. Mr. McKenzie's mother died about seven years ago.

Mr. McKenzie was given the best educational advantages and after completing the public and high school courses in Galveston, he attended the University of Texas at Austin for one year and then entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Boston where he specialized in architecture. He attended Massachusetts Tech for three years. He returned to Galveston in 1898 and has resided here continuously since then.

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*Geo. A. Amundsen Jr.*

the work of the former Galveston Business League, and served on the organization's advisory board for three years. Mr. McKenzie has never been married and resides at 1726 Postoffice Street.

**G**US A. AMUNDSEN, JR., is a native of Galveston, Texas, and his activities in the business circles of this city began immediately following his school days. Mr. Amundsen is president and general manager of the Rex Steam Laundry Company, Inc., which was established and incorporated in 1907. In 1909 Mr. Amundsen took over the active management. The Rex Steam Laundry, like many of the largest institutions of the country, was started in a small way. The location at that time was at 2415-17 Mechanic Street but grew steadily, and in 1912 the present plant was built at 1901-09 Avenue C. The building is a splendid brick structure, forty-two feet by one hundred and twenty feet in size, and equipped with all the latest modern machinery. The power plant, which is used with the motor-driven machinery, is the property of the Rex Steam Laundry. A feature of this laundry is its delivery fleet of fourteen trucks, and Mr. Amundsen makes "quality first" and satisfactory service one of the main features of his establishment. During a portion of the year, about one hundred people are employed by the Rex Steam Laundry, but during the summer months this number is increased to more than one hundred and sixty employees. The salary pay-roll of this establishment during the year 1923 amounted to more than \$125,000.00. It used 1,250,000 gallons of water, 4,000 barrels of fuel oil and 15,000 gallons of gasoline in the service department. The work done by the Rex Steam Laundry is scientifically accomplished, and this work is in connection with the Mellon Institute and through the National Laundry Men's Association. The slogan of the plant is: "Build and Grow in Galveston." Other officers of the Rex Steam Laundry Company, Inc., which is valued at \$165,000.00, are Gus A. Amundsen, Sr., vice president, and W. G. Amundsen, secretary and treasurer. Mr. Amundsen's greatest interest in life other than his business is the Playground Association, which owes the greater part of its success to his efforts. The object of this association is to develop virile manhood and graceful womanhood through properly supervised and equipped playgrounds. Mental stimulus and physical training are made an essential part of the Galveston playground work. The Galveston Playground Association was organized in 1916, and as is the experience of all pioneer institutions, has met with many vicissitudes, but has accomplished much. A few of its accomplishments are: the acquisition of the Louis Adoue Playgrounds, the Morris Lasker Playgrounds and Menard Park Playgrounds, with graduate supervisors and full equipment, the construction of double tennis courts at Menard Park Playgrounds which compare favorably with any of the kind in the entire country, and many others. The last and greatest achievement was in securing the active interest of the city commissioners and generating a more wholesome and appreciative attitude toward recreational requirements in Galveston. Although a young man, Mr. Amundsen has had a wide and varied business career, which has been uniformly successful. His first activities were in the shipping circles of Galveston and he remained in this line

of endeavor for five years. He then went to Spindle Top, when that great oil field was brought in, and engaged in the several branches of the oil industry. He then returned to Galveston and engaged in the cigar business, and remained in this field of activity until he entered his present business.

Mr. Amundsen was born on June 13th, 1882. His father, Gus A. Amundsen, Sr., came to the United States as a young man, and after a short time spent in Chicago, located at Galveston. His mother was Miss Mollie Brandes, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Galveston, after which he attended a business college.

Mr. Amundsen is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Tucker Blue Lodge of this city, and is a member of the Scottish Rite body of this order, a member of both the Chapter and Consistory and is a Shriner of El Mina Temple. He also holds membership in both the B. P. O. E. and the Eagles, and is active in these organizations. He is a member of the Galveston Country Club and is vice president of the Aziola Club. Mr. Amundsen is district trustee of the Kiwanis Club, and a director of the local Kiwanis Club. He is a director in the Red Cross; vice president and director of the Salvation Army; a member of the advisory board of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce; a director of the Young Men's Progressive League; chairman of the Red Cross Drive for Japanese Relief; was a director of the Galveston Cotton Carnival for four years; president of the Playgrounds Association, and very active in this organization, and says that while it has accomplished much there is much more to be accomplished, and is ambitious for the following: More play and better lighting at night for the play grounds; establishing organized play for the schools, lighting school grounds at night and making available school grounds during the summer; securing a full time athletic coach for the Ball High School; securing a recreational director to supervise the entire city's play in all its phases; promotion of inter-organization meets; planning of community festivals; city-wide activities among young people, especially during vacation periods; securing a permanent and equipped athletic field of approximately twenty acres, well located, and field houses for child play on the beach. Mr. Amundsen says that he will continue to work along the line of obtaining all of these until they are secured for the children of the Island City. Mr. Amundsen resides at 1803 Broadway. He is a consistent member of the Presbyterian Church, being president of the business men's club of that church. He is optimistic as to the future business of Galveston, and says that this city is better developed now than at any time in its history. The filling of the East End greatly increases the water front, and the West End filling has helped the growth of the city more than any other improvement during recent years. The work of Mr. Amundsen in the advancement and progress of his city, will ever remain a monument to his progressive spirit, and this added to the fact that for many years he has occupied a place of leadership in the business and civic life of his city on which indelibly he has impressed the seal of his usefulness, confirms the thought of all Galveston that he is one of the most public spirited citizens to which the Island City has given life and usefulness.



**P**E. HANSON, one of the progressive element of business men at Galveston, has for around two decades been a factor in the forwarding and warehouse business, building up an enterprise known in this section for its facilities and for the unusual service rendered its patrons. Mr. Hanson is the owner of Hanson's Sons, a business dating back to the seventies, when Charles Hanson, father of the present owner, established the business in a small way. Hanson's Sons engages in general transfer and draying operations, their principal business being in handling cotton and heavy machinery transfers. They act as forwarding agents and distributors, and have a large and modern warehouse at the disposal of those desiring warehouse facilities. The firm also deals in sand, shell and building materials and has built up an extensive business in this line. Hanson's Sons has a fleet of thirty trucks, and employs a force of around fifty experienced forwarding men, this equipment and force of trained men making possible the "House of Service" as the business is known at Galveston. The warehouse and general offices of Hanson's Sons is located at 1515 Avenue B.

P. E. Hanson was born at Galveston the ninth of August, 1881, the son of Charles Hanson, who founded Hanson's Sons in the early seventies, and Emiline Hanson. He was educated in the public schools of Galveston, and after graduating from high school went to work in his father's business. On the death of the elder Mr. Hanson in 1909, P. E. Hanson assumed entire charge of the business, and has since directed Hanson's Sons along the constructive policy which has resulted in one of the largest forwarding businesses in the State.

Mr. Hanson was married at Galveston, in 1900, to Miss Celestine Sanderson, daughter of Dave Sanderson, a wholesale merchant of Galveston. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson had a family of ten children, eight of whom, Emily, Celestine, Edwin, Harold, Raymond, Dorothy, Elevera and Donald, survive, and two of whom, Lloyd and Rodney, died in 1913. The family reside at 2412 Avenue P½. Mr. Hanson is a member of the Galveston Country Club and is a Mason, Scottish Rite, an a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Hanson is known in the business world of Galveston as an executive of sound and progressive business policies, and forwarding men all over the State regard him as one of the leading representatives of this business.

**J**OHAN W. HOPKINS was for a period of almost thirty-five years actively identified with the public school system of Galveston, Texas. He came to this city in 1890 as principal of the Galveston High School, and was appointed superintendent of the Galveston Public Schools in 1896, and continued in this capacity until March 1st, 1924, except for one year, when he was granted a leave of absence in order to go with the University of Texas as visitor of schools. During his long period as superintendent of the public schools of this city, Mr. Hopkins has seen tangible evidence of his success in the work and accomplishments of the hundreds of pupils who obtained their education in the public schools of Galveston.

On March 1st, 1924, Mr. Hopkins became secretary-treasurer of the Security Trust Company, and has been a stockholder and director in this company since its organization in 1912. Other officers of

the Security Trust Company are Dr. William Gammons, president; W. S. Keenan, vice president; John P. McDonough, vice president, and Terry, Cavin & Mills, general counsel. The Security Trust Company is chartered under the banking laws of the state of Texas, and subject to regular examination by the Banking Department, legally qualified, and authorized to act in any capacity pertaining to the handling of money or property that can be exercised by the individual. Because of its superior equipment in experience and money, it is able to successfully meet the needs incident to the proper care and protection of estates by providing experts to carry out the plans and purposes of those who entrust their affairs to its management.

A native of Kentucky, Mr. Hopkins was born in November, 1861. His father, John Hopkins, was a well known farmer and land owner of that state. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of his native state, after which he entered the University of Kentucky and graduated from that institution in the class of 1887 with the A. B. degree. He later studied law at the University of Virginia. Mr. Hopkins is also versed in law, having practiced this profession for a few years in Henrietta, Texas.

Mr. Hopkins was married at Burlington, Iowa, on July 6th, 1914, to Miss Grace Branigan, a member of a prominent Iowa family, but she was engaged in teaching at Galveston when they met. They have two children, John, eight years of age, and Branigan, six years old. Both children were born at Galveston. Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins reside at 1516 Avenue H. Mr. Hopkins is a member of the Galveston Country Club, and many of the city's civic and educational organizations, in which he takes an active interest. Mr. Hopkins has built up the system of public schools of Galveston, and they are of a character which reflects the progressive spirits of the superintendent having the welfare of the public schools at heart.



**OLIVER S. YORK**, attorney and postmaster of the city of Galveston, maintaining offices both at the Federal Building and at 417 City National Bank Building, is one of the best known men in Galveston and is conceded by business and commercial interests generally to be giving one of the best administrations of local postal affairs of any man who has ever served as postmaster here.

Mr. York became postmaster on February 6th, 1923, and the business of the Galveston office increased twelve and one-half per cent that year. The office has eighty employees, all engaged in work in the city.

The practice of law has engaged the attention of Mr. York since his admission to the bar in 1888. He practiced at Edna, in Jackson County, until in June, 1907, when he removed to Galveston and accepted the position of assistant United States district attorney. He served in this capacity until July, 1914, when he re-entered private practice.

Mr. York has been interested in politics since he was twenty years of age and has had a varied and interesting political career. He has never missed a state Republican convention since he attained his majority and was a delegate to the Republican national convention in 1900 when Roosevelt and Fair-



banks were nominated. He was a member of the Twenty-eighth Texas Legislature from Jackson County in 1903.

Mr. York is a native of Alabama and was born in October, 1859, but came to Texas with his parents when only five months old and settled first at Port Lavaca, removing a few months later to Jackson County, where his father established a large ranch.

After attending local schools until he was sixteen years of age, Mr. York entered Saint Joseph's College at Bardstown, Kentucky, remaining there for two years, and then attended Eastman Commercial College at Poughkeepsie, New York. Returning to Texas, he engaged in ranching and ran cattle for fifteen years and later was elected county commissioner of Jackson County. During his term as commissioner, the tax collector of Jackson County died and Mr. York agreed to straighten out the affairs of the office and fill out the unexpired term. During this time he read law and was admitted to the bar in 1888.

On June 23, 1907, Mr. York was married at Smithville, Texas, to Miss Blanche Buttrill, daughter of J. W. Buttrill, well known stockman. Mr. and Mrs. York have two children, Oliver S. Jr., and a daughter, Miss Xina. The family home is at 2001 Twenty-ninth Street.

Mr. York became interested in Galveston political affairs by being retained as attorney for one side in a local political dispute. He is anxious to see local factional disputes laid aside and petty jealousies disregarded for the betterment of the city as a whole and believes that rapid strides are being made in this direction. He is a staunch booster for Galveston and believes the future possibilities of the city to be unlimited.



**CAPTAIN EDWIN GOUDGE**, senior member of the well known maritime firm of Edwin Goudge and Son, with offices at No. 4 Marine Building, is and has been for many years one of the leading figures in maritime circles of Galveston. The captain has been a resident of Galveston since 1902, and during his more than two decades of active business life here has come to be among the city's most widely known business men. When Captain Goudge established his business in Galveston in 1902 it was known as the Calveston Stevedore Company, and operated under this name until 1921, when the style of the firm was changed to Edwin Goudge and Son, and Albert E. Goudge associated as an active partner.

Goudge and Son operate as special representatives in all ports of Texas for the Bureau Veritas, with headquarters in Paris, France. Besides the representation of the Bureau Veritas, Goudge and Son handle the stevedore work for a number of the larger steamship lines calling at the port of Galveston. It is one of the biggest concerns engaged in this line of work here and its personnel numbers scores of men with an annual payroll running into many thousands of dollars.

A native of England, Captain Goudge was born in London on November 6th, 1864, a son of Charles William Goudge, well known leather merchant. He received his education in the schools of London and Liverpool and in 1878 took service with J. L. Bowes and Brother, large wool brokers. Remaining with the brokerage firm for two years, he gratified a longing to see the world and went to sea in 1880.

He sailed first to Shanghai and from there to Portland, Oregon, and during the subsequent twenty-two years, in sail and steam, visited practically every port in the world.

Captain Goudge established an enviable record during the twenty-two years he sailed the seas. During this entire time he was in the service of James Chambers and Company, original founders and owners of the famous White Star Line of ships. He rose to a captaincy with this line and happened to be with his vessel, the Kendall Castle, at Galveston, during the disastrous storm of 1900. The Kendall Castle, of six thousand tons burden, was moored at Pier 33 on the morning of September 8th, which was the day of the storm. As the water rose and the intensity of the hurricane increased, the steamer drifted away from Pier 33, which was rapidly breaking up, drifted across the bay and eventually stranded at Texas City, two hundred feet from the shore line. When the water subsided, the vessel was hard aground, with only three feet of water around it. The Kendall Castle was eventually dredged off, and after minor repairs resumed her regular Galveston Antwerp direct service. Two years later the captain surrendered his master's berth and returned to Galveston to engage in business for himself. While a staunch lover of the sea, and a devotee of all its time honored traditions, he has never regretted the decision to settle down at Galveston where he might be with his family and establish a business of a permanent character and devoid of many of the hazards incident to deep sea shipping. In 1912 he obtained his full American citizenship papers.

In 1894 Captain Goudge was married in Liverpool to Miss Marion Agatha, daughter of James Ellison, commissioner of the Sunderabund District, India. They have five children, Albert Edwin, associated with his father in the business of Goudge and Son; Doris Marion, physical director in the Galveston High School; Mavis Agatha, assistant physical instructor at the Dallas Y. W. C. A.; Maurice Ellison, a student at the Naval Academy at Annapolis, and Marjorie Ellen. The family home is at 3128 Avenue J.

Captain Goudge, during his entire residence in Galveston, has been an active participant in the civic affairs of the city. He is an enthusiastic member of the Rotary Club and second vice president of the Galveston organization. He is vice president of the local Boy Scouts Council and a great friend and benefactor of the Boy Scout movement. He is president of the Master Stevedore's Association of Texas and for many years has been prominent in the work of this organization. Captain Goudge is a member of the Galveston Country Club and his church affiliation is with Grace Episcopal, where he is a warden and a member of the vestry.

A big hearted, public spirited man, Captain Goudge is a splendid representative of the type of citizenship that has made Galveston one of the leading ports of the world. Forgetfulness of selfish interests, with a desire to promote first of all the common good, has been characteristic of the life of Captain Goudge, and as a result he has woven into his business and into the civic fabric of the city of Galveston and impress of his character that can never be effaced.





**N**E. LEOPOLD has for more than a quarter of a century been actively identified with the business life of Galveston, Texas, where he is one of the Island City's leading merchants. Mr. Leopold is the owner of the Leopold, Shafer and Company, 2309 Avenue D, which was established in September, 1909, and are dealers in men's and boys' clothing, furnishings, hats, shoes and everything carried by a first class men's furnishings store. A feature of this store is the Kiddy Barber Shop, which is one of the most popular places in the city for the juvenile population. A specialty is made of bobbing ladies' hair in this department. Sixteen experienced people are employed at the Leopold, Shafer and Company establishment, where courteous treatment and service are the watch words. Mr. Leopold began his career in the clothing business with Ed Kiam of Houston, where he remained for two years. He then came to Galveston and for a period of thirteen years was associated with the E. S. Levy Company, where he developed into an energetic salesman, with wonderful salesmanship ability. Leaving this firm, he established his own business, where he has been very successful and has built up a trained organization which functions properly and readily with the executive head of this large establishment. The interests of Mr. Leopold have been many and varied and his business activities have covered a wide territory. His life has been of that ample kind which overflowed the confines of a great business, and he has been compelled by the resistless urge of his vibrant mentality to seek other fields in order to keep him and his keen business mind properly occupied. Hence among his many activities, he took over the Galveston Baseball Franchise in 1920, where he found a run-down organization, owning few players, and some worn-out bats and balls for equipment, besides owing debts for players purchased as far back as 1913. Today this organization is on its feet, with all debts paid, and every player on the 1924 team owned by the Galveston Club, which is as good as a AA Class Club. Splendid improvements have been made on the club grounds, and the Galveston organization is the only minor league team in the Texas Baseball Club which really owns its players in entirety. Mr. Leopold is the president of the club, and takes a keen interest in all its workings and successes, from which he obtains much pleasure.

A native Texan, Mr. Leopold was born at Houston on December 10th, 1879. His father, William E. Leopold, was well known in the business circles of South Texas. His mother was Miss Mary Dagenheart, a native Houstonian also, and a member of a prominent and pioneer family of that city. His education was obtained in the public schools of Houston, where he grew to manhood and started his business career, which has been wholly successful.

Mr. Leopold was married on May 15th, 1900, to Miss Linna Butts, a member of a prominent Michigan family. Mr. and Mrs. Leopold own their own home at 1323 Twenty-fifth Street. Mr. Leopold is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Harmony Lodge No. 6, of Galveston, where he is a member of the Scottish Rite body of this organization, and is also a Shriner of El Mina Temple of this city. He is a member of the Bayshore Coun-

try Club, the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Merchants Association, and all the civic organizations of the city, in which he takes an active interest. Mr. Leopold is ever ready to aid in the development and progress of Galveston, where he is regarded as one of the most able and active figures in the merchandising business, and a staunch, wise, resolute and constructive citizen.



**S**AM J. WILLIAMS, a native of Galveston, Texas, has throughout his business career been actively identified with the financial, commercial and industrial life of his city. Mr. Williams is the owner of the men's clothing and furnishing establishment bearing his name at 2113 Avenue D, which he established in 1908. This store is strictly a man's store, and sells only high class furnishings, clothing, hats, etc. and Mr. Williams takes great pride in this feature of his business, and says that in order to make good in Galveston, the best merchandise must be carried in stock by the merchant. From twelve to sixteen experienced people are employed in Mr. Williams' store, as the business and seasons demand. His store is very attractive from both within and without and in addition to the splendid stock of merchandise carried, the fixtures are ornate and assist in showing the goods to the best advantage to prospective customers. Mr. Williams' stock is valued at approximately \$50,000.00. All of Mr. Williams' business experience has been along the line in which he has now engaged. He started in this work with Robert I. Cohen and remained with this firm for a period of seventeen years, and during this time he mastered all the details of the business. He has his own delivery system, using Ford trucks and also makes his delivery system a feature of the business, and says that service is necessary to any business. Mr. Williams says that the retail business of Galveston is affected very little by outside conditions, and that the Galveston business in general is fundamentally sound, there having been very few failures in his line in the history of the city.

Mr. Williams was born on November 3rd, 1876. His grandfather, John Williams, came to Texas in 1854. His father, also named John Williams, was for many years engaged in the grocery business here. His mother and grandmother resided at San Antonio, Texas, as do also his brothers, who, along with Mr. Williams, obtained their training in the store of Robert I. Cohen. They are engaged in business for themselves at San Antonio. Their education was obtained in the public and high schools of Galveston.

Mr. Williams was married at Galveston on May 12th, 1898, to Miss Adele Turck, a member of a well known Galveston family. They have three children, Anita, Gladys, now the wife of Mark L. Stroud, manager of the Southern Tire Repair Company, and Sam J. Williams, Jr., who is a student at the Rice Institute and a leader in athletics of that institution. Mr. and Mrs. Williams reside at 1818 Avenue I. Mr. Williams is a member of the B. P. O. E. and has been a trustee in this organization for five years. He is also a member of the Redmen, the Galveston Country Club, the Knights of Columbus, and has attained to the fourth degree in the latter organization. He is a member of the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, being on the advisory board of the latter. He is past president of the Retail Clothier's Association of Texas and is former di-



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rector of the National Retail Clothier's Association, and is a member of the Catholic Church. He is also a member of all the civic organizations of the city, and is a director of the Galveston Playhouse Company. Mr. Williams has shown his faith in his city by investments in real estate here, which, together with his business, constitute his interests, all of which are centered in the Island City. He has always been prominently identified with all movements tending to promote the growth and importance of Galveston, and has an abiding faith in the future of his city. He has seen it grow into a busy, thriving metropolis, and is confident that its wonderful opportunities will cause it to become the leading city of the Southwest.

**W**ILLIAM A. EICHER, one of the progressive and constructive young business men at Galveston, who are exerting a favorable influence over the prosperity of the city, since coming here fourteen years ago has been active in the plumbing, paint and mill supply business. Mr. Eicher is manager of the Paul Shean Company, a business established in 1874 by Paul Shean, whose death occurred in 1915. The business is now owned by the estate, Mr. Eicher having been appointed manager, conducting the business for the estate. Paul Shean Company handle a complete line of plumbing, steam and mill supplies, boat supplies, paints, representing the Peaslie-Gaulbert line, the largest paint makers west of Cleveland, and also carry other products in the paint line. The establishment is located at 2021 and 2023 Avenue B., and is one of the oldest businesses of its class here.

William A. Eicher was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, the twentieth of June, 1881, the son of Frank Eicher, for a half a century superintendent of passenger car equipment for the Big Four Railroad, and Anna Eicher. Mr. Eicher obtained his early education at St. Michaels School, later entering St. Xavier College, where he was a student from 1893 until 1899. Leaving college he went on the yards of the Big Four Railroad, washing cars, and later as air brake inspector. Still later he went with the Pullman Company, as conductor, and was on the road five months, when he was made night agent for the Pullman Company, at Cincinnati, Ohio. Later, when the Mobile, Alabama, office was opened, he was sent there as the first agent, and in 1906 was sent to Galveston as agent for the Pullman Company here. Three years later he was sent to St. Louis, as assistant superintendent for the Pullman Company, remaining there until coming to Galveston to take over the management of the Paul Shean Company for the Shean estate.

Mr. Eicher was married at Galveston the sixth of October, 1909, to Miss Joan Shean, daughter of Paul Shean, founder of the Paul Shean Company, and pioneer of Galveston, whose death occurred in 1915. Mrs. Eicher's mother, Mrs. Paul Shean, is now living at Galveston. Mr. and Mrs. Eicher reside at 1914 Avenue M. Mr. Eicher is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, serving on the Advisory Board, and chairman of the Public Comfort Committee. He is a charter member, and was the first secretary of the Rotary Club, and has been president of the Playgrounds Association for five years. Mr. Eicher served during the war as secretary and director of the Red Cross and was very active in war

work. He is a member of the Artillery Club and the Galveston Country Club. Mr. Eicher belongs to the Catholic Church, and is a Knight of Columbus, fourth degree. He is very optimistic as regards the future of Galveston, considering that this city will continue to maintain its position as the leading port city of the state, and will expand along industrial and commercial lines.



**J. SMITH**, plumbing and heating contractor, with offices, display rooms and shop at Twenty-third Street and Avenue H, has been engaged in the plumbing and heating business in Galveston for a number of years. Careful attention to the minute details of every job entrusted to him has built for Mr. Smith a most enviable reputation as a careful, conscientious contractor and his business has experienced a steadfast growth as a result.

The shop operated by Mr. Smith is thoroughly complete and modern in every respect and equipped to handle practically any job in plumbing, hot water installations or steam fitting. The display room adjoining the shop is neat and attractive. A complete line of modern plumbing fixtures is carried in stock and the display room affords suggestions that are timely and helpful to those planning to build or remodel a home or business establishment.

Only the most competent workmen are employed by Mr. Smith and he insists upon strictly high grade work on even the smallest of repair jobs. Five and six men are employed the year round.

Mr. Smith is a native of Texas and was born in Galveston County on January 31, 1890. He is a son of Captain T. J. and Johanna Smith, pioneer residents of this section. Captain Smith was a sea captain and spent nearly his entire life on the water. He died in 1901.

Mr. Smith studied in the schools of Galveston and early in life entered the plumbing business as apprentice helper. Close application to his duties won for him in a few years a master plumber's certificate and for some years he was employed by other concerns of the city before engaging in business for himself.

In 1918 he established his own shop, which at that time was operated as Smith and Fisher, plumbing and heating contractors. In 1922 he purchased the interest of his partner in the business and since that time has operated it alone.

An important event in the life of Mr. Smith occurred in 1910 when he was married in Galveston to Miss Gertrude Matley, daughter of Fred Matley, well known in marine circles of Galveston, and an engineer on a sea going tug. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have three children, T. J., Jr., Gertrude and Katherine. The family own their home at 3123 R Street.

A typical representative of the self-made business man, Mr. Smith is a splendid example of the type of citizen upon whose shoulders the burden of civic development largely rests. He has forged his way to the front in his own particular line of business and has done so by reason of his splendid workmanship and a live and let live spirit of fair and honest dealing. He is an enthusiastic Galveston booster and takes an active interest in its civic and commercial welfare. Mr. Smith is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Galveston Chamber of Commerce.





**O. CLINTON** first came to Galveston in 1908 from Port Bolivar to attend Draughtons Business College as a foundation for his business career which has been spent largely with the major oil companies of the State. Since 1923, and until accepting his present position in the tax assessors office, Mr. Clinton was fuel inspector for the Humble Oil and Refining Company in Galveston. His duties were varied, such as supervising the delivery of fuel to United States Shipping Board vessels, and the making of laboratory tests on all incoming and outgoing shipments of oil.

Mr. Clinton first began his business career in Galveston as collector for the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company in April, 1909. He gave up this position in 1910 to go with John Christensen Company as bookkeeper, cashier, secretary and manager. He remained in this position until the summer of 1917, when he entered the service of the United States Army and served during the war. After being discharged from the service he resumed his business activities. He joined the Galveston organization of the Pierce Oil Corporation, March 22nd, 1919, as a salesman, and held this position until November 15th, 1919, when he was appointed local agent for the same company. He remained in this capacity until June 1st, 1921, when he was appointed assistant manager of the North Texas Division of the Pierce Company at Ft. Worth, Texas. In April, 1922, he was transferred to the Louisiana Division at Shreveport as cost accountant. In October of the same year the Louisiana and Arkansas divisions were consolidated and headquarters moved to Little Rock, Arkansas. On account of this change, Mr. Clinton was transferred to Little Rock as assistant credit manager for the combined divisions. He remained at Little Rock until January 1st, 1923, when he returned to Galveston.

Mr. Clinton enlisted in the Coast Artillery Corps of the Texas National Guard June 26th, 1917. A short time later he was transferred and attached to the Quartermaster Corps, U. S. A., and appointed as sergeant, with location at Fort Crockett, Galveston. He was discharged from the service February 13th, 1919. On December 2nd, 1919, he was commissioned first lieutenant of cavalry in the Texas National Guard. He retained this commission until March, 1923, at which time he resigned. On August 7th, 1924, he was commissioned as captain of infantry of the Texas National Guard to organize the division headquarters company of the 36th Division of the Guard in Galveston. This company is now functioning as an efficient military unit. On January 5th, 1925, he was appointed a captain of infantry in the Officers Reserve Corps. Mr. Clinton was also active in the creation of what has since become the American Legion in Galveston. In March, 1919, he organized, and obtained a charter for the United World War Veterans' Camp No. 1, Galveston, Texas. In a short space of time the membership grew to seven hundred. In the meantime the American Legion was in process of formation, and after it had obtained national importance, the United World War Veterans merged with the legion to form Post Number Twenty of Galveston.

J. O. Clinton was born at Port Bolivar, Texas, September 21st, 1892. His father, E. H. Clinton, is engaged in boat building at Harrisburg, and is well

known in this field. His mother was, prior to her marriage, Miss Cora Eve, a member of a well known New Orleans family. His preliminary education was obtained in the public and high schools of Galveston, also at St. Mary's College. Mr. Clinton has also devoted a great deal of his time to study by correspondence courses, comprised of auditing, cost accounting and business administration. Fraternally he is a Mason with membership in Harmony Lodge No. 6, of Galveston, the Texas Consistory Number One, and is a Shriner of El Mina Temple. He is a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church.



**MANLY C. ABRAHAMS**, automobile dealer and one of the proprietors of the Galvez Garage, operated near the water front and conveniently adjacent to the Galvez Hotel, has been a resident of Galveston for about fifteen years, having come to this city from Houston in 1910. His first experience in the automobile business was gained in Houston as early as 1908 and he is known as one of the successful and popular dealers in South Texas.

In the operation of the Galvez Garage Mr. Abrahams is associated with Sam Boyd, and these men with their sixteen employees render the people of the Island City and visiting tourists splendid service.

The Galvez Garage was purchased in April, 1922, and its operation under the management of Mr. Abrahams and his partner has been successful. The business is housed in a fine concrete building near the water front and affords a practically complete automobile service, including a modern and well arranged sales and storage room, completely equipped repair shop and a paint and upholstering department.

Mr. Abrahams is the local dealer for the Hupmobile and believes thoroughly in his car. He sold the first Hupmobile in South Texas many years ago and is very proud of the fact that this car is still running in service and affording its owner complete satisfaction.

The first experience had by Mr. Abrahams in the automobile business was with the City Motor Car Company at Houston in 1908, when he began selling Hupmobile cars. He came to Galveston in 1910 with the contractor engaged in building Fort Crockett and after a year re-entered the automobile business in 1911.

A native of Texas, Mr. Abrahams was born at Temple in Bell County on July 27th, 1889. His father came to Texas from Mobile, Alabama, and was connected with the Santa Fe Railway at Temple for a number of years. He died when the subject of this sketch was a mere boy and Mr. Abrahams has made his own way in the world since that time. He completed the public school course in his native town and entered the business world several years before reaching his majority.

On October 13th, 1923, Mr. Abrahams was married at Galveston to Miss Mamie Arnold of Forney, Texas, a member of a well known Kaufman County family. The family home is at 368 S Street, where Mr. Abrahams recently completed a new dwelling.

Mr. Abrahams is an active participant in many of the civic activities of Galveston and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Texas Automobile Dealers Association and the Young Men's Progressive League.



**T**HEODORE CHRISTIE, expert caterer and owner of the Sandwich Shop, located at 503 23rd Street, came to Galveston, Texas, in 1912, bringing with him an experience of many years spent in the service of the finest and best cafes of the United States. His first venture here was the Victory Cafe on the beach, which he owned and operated until the Crystal Palace was constructed, when he leased a cafe in this building. He operated this cafe with success until he secured his present location. Mr. Christie had during this entire period an interest in Snug Harbor, one of the Island City's most popular cafes, but throughout this time he was making preparations and plans for the establishment of his present business. He obtained a lease on this building which he now occupies, during the latter part of 1921, and opened for business in May, 1922. Mr. Christie's Sandwich Shop has proved a wonderful success, being among the first enterprises of its kind in the State. A feature of the Sandwich Shop is the coffee, which is Mr. Christie's own blend, the result of many years experience in blending experiments. Another feature of the establishment, and one in which it specializes, is sandwiches, fish, shrimp and crab meats and light appetizing meals served in a thoroughly sanitary and satisfactory manner. At the lunch hour each day people form in line on the sidewalk waiting to secure seats, and the seating capacity has been doubled since the opening of this popular cafe. Each day the minimum number of meals served reach fifteen hundred, while on Saturdays the number reaches two thousand. Twenty-two people are employed in the shop, each an expert in their particular line and have been trained by Mr. Christie. All the equipment is modern in every detail, with sanitary methods as the watchword. Every portion of garbage and scraps from table and kitchen are removed every four hours. Only the freshest and best food stuffs are used. Everything in the cafe is under the personal supervision of Mr. Christie, who knows every branch of the cafe business.

Mr. Christie was born of Grecian parents at Constantinople, Turkey, on October 14th, 1885. Both his parents are now deceased. His education was obtained at Roberts College, Constantinople, an American institution of learning famous throughout the world. Mr. Christie speaks fluently the French, Italian and English languages. He came to the United States in 1905 and immediately engaged in the cafe business. After he had gained the rudiments of American business methods, he spent several years in such well known cafes and hotels as Rector's Waldorf Astoria, Knickerbocker Hotel, Murrys and others where he was employed in the culinary departments. His knowledge of the operation of a modern cafe is manifested in the efficient conduct of his personal business at Galveston, Texas.

Mr. Christie was married at New York City on August 15th, 1915, to Miss Eleftheria Eleftherion, a native of Athens, Greece, where she was a member of a prominent family. Both her parents, natives of Greece, also, are deceased. Mrs. Christie is active in the operation of the Sandwich Shop and is a woman of keen business judgment. Mr. and Mrs. Christie reside at 505 23rd Street. Mr. Christie is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, and takes an active interest in this organization. His

church affiliation is that of his forebears, the Greek Orthodox Church. Mr. Christie is optimistic as to the future of Galveston and believes that the Island City is entering on an era of prosperity in every line. Since locating in Galveston Mr. Christie has become an outstanding figure in the cafe and business circles of the Island City, where he is regarded as one of its most progressive and public-spirited citizens.

**S**AM BOYD, one of the pioneers in the automobile business at Galveston, is held in high esteem here for his progressive participation in automotive affairs and in the business world generally. Mr. Boyd is a member of the firm operating the Texas Garage and the Galvez Garage, a partnership composed of himself and M. A. Abrahams. The Texas Garage, established in 1909, is under the active management of Mr. Boyd, while the Galvez Garage is under the direction of Mr. Abrahams. The Galvez Garage has charge of the sales end of the business, selling the Hupmobile in this territory, and has been instrumental in selling this dependable car to a large number of satisfied owners in this section. The Texas Garage has charge of the service end of the business, operating a repair department, a large general storage department and selling tires, accessories and batteries, and with equipment for tire and battery service. A fleet of six cars and two wreckers assure adequate and prompt road service, the Texas Garage being the first in Galveston to realize the need for road service and to organize a fleet of trouble cars for the convenience of their patrons and car drivers here. The Texas Garage is located at 2422 and 2428 Avenue F, where a large and modern automotive building is occupied and every facility provided to give car owners here real service. A force of twenty-five people, in which number are included trained mechanics, each specialists in their field, assist Mr. Boyd in making the service offered by the Texas Garage the best. Mr. Boyd has been identified with the automobile business at Galveston since 1907, when he opened his first business on Twenty-fourth Street, selling Regal cars at that time. Later he moved to Winnie Street, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Streets, selling Overland cars at that time. In 1913 he moved to his present location, this building having been built especially for a service station.

Sam Boyd was born at Galveston, the fourteenth of August, 1873, the son of William Boyd, a cotton merchant well known at Waco, Houston and Galveston, where he had business interests, prior to his death. Mr. Boyd attended public schools through high school, after which he entered Baylor University, finishing there in 1890. He then returned to Galveston, where up until 1907 he was variously employed, in that year going in the automobile business, in which he has since engaged.

Mr. Boyd was married at Dallas, Texas, the sixth of October, 1912, to Mrs. Pequigney, a member of an old Galveston family, and who has one son, Frank Pequigney, by her former marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd reside at 811 Eighteenth Street. Mr. Boyd is a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Young Men's Progressive League and has been a leader in the automobile business here, working for the advancement of this business and the adoption of the highest business standards.



**S**AMUEL P. FLEMING for two decades has been a factor in the warehouse and forwarding business at Galveston, and has perhaps done more for the development of these industries so closely related to the development of Galveston as a shipping center, than any other one man. Mr. Fleming is secretary, treasurer and manager of the American Warehouse Company, one of the largest companies at Galveston handling a general warehouse and forwarding business. The American Warehouse Company was organized at Galveston in 1907, starting with broom corn as their big business, and has gradually developed into the general warehouse and forwarding business. Associated with this company and having a direct working connection with them is the American Warehouse Company of Wichita, Kansas, exclusive broom corn dealers. The Galveston company also own the New Orleans Broom Supply Company and the New York Broom Supply Company at New York and Boston, and operates a branch at Havana, Cuba, which sell broom corn and broom supplies to the broom makers. The American Warehouse Company is located on Pier B, Southern Pacific docks, having a long time lease on the Southern Pacific Warehouse, providing seventy thousand square feet of floor space, and three thousand feet of railroad trackage. The warehouse is of concrete and steel construction. This provides a fine ship side warehouse and trackage, and in addition to this the American Warehouse Company also owns the property and warehouse at Thirty-sixth to Thirty-seventh Streets and facing Church and Winnie Streets, a property covering an entire square block and providing more than one hundred thousand feet of floor space. This warehouse is used for cotton storage. The American Warehouse Company handles any and all lines that are manufactured and shipped from Galveston by boat or rail, that are to be re-shipped and loaded for export or import, specializing in manufactured goods originating with eastern seaboard manufacturers and reaching Galveston via coastwise steamers. Officers of the company are H. K. Lindsley, president, of Wichita, Kansas, and J. H. Hill, of Galveston and Denver, vice president, with Mr. Fleming as secretary, treasurer and manager. The T. R. Rogers, Inc., operating package car lines from eastern seaboard territory in conjunction with the Baldwin Universal Company, 140 Rector Street, New York, is affiliated with the American Warehouse Company, and all goods stored with the American Warehouse Company, when shipped to interior cities of the state, are routed in care of T. R. Rogers, Inc., at considerable freight savings for their customers. The T. R. Rogers, Inc. accumulate less than carload lot shipments in eastern seaboard territory into carload lots, saving the difference between L. C. L. and C. L. rates.

Samuel P. Fleming was born at Atlanta, Georgia, the sixteenth of April, 1882. He secured his education in the public schools of Brunswick and Savannah, Georgia, and later went in a law office. Still later he spent three years in the fertilizer business, after which he came to Galveston in 1903, and was engaged in the importing and exporting business for four years. In 1907 the American Warehouse Company was incorporated with the same officers as are serving at present.

Mr. Fleming was married at Galveston, in 1903, to Miss Fannie E. Dunning of San Antonio. They have two children, Samuel P. Fleming, Jr., and Miss Alice E. Fleming, and reside at 1428 N½ Street. Mr. Fleming is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and has been one of the directors of this organization. He belongs to the Rotary Club and the Aziola Club. Fraternally he is a Mason. Mr. Fleming has been one of those sterling citizens of Galveston who have, through their interest in this city and its growth and welfare, made possible much of the present prosperity, and he has been active in encouraging the growing of broom corn in Texas, and in making it one of the crops which can be grown with profit, and through his business has provided an extensive steady market for all broom corn grown in this section.

**C**G. SWEET, president and member of the board of directors of the South Texas National Bank of Galveston, is a pioneer among the men of his profession, and has the distinction of having been associated with one banking institution for a period of more than forty years. Mr. Sweet has also been a factor in the developments that have taken place in the Island City during this time. In this development, his career is inseparably linked, not only with the financial interests of his city, but with its civic, social and religious life as well. The South Texas National Bank was established in 1874 under the name of the Galveston Bank and Trust company, and continued under this name until 1882 when the name was changed to H. Rosenberg, and conducted as a private bank until 1913, when it became the South Texas State Bank, and Mr. Sweet has been connected with this bank since 1882. In 1913, when the bank took its present name, J. P. Alvey was president, E. R. Cheesborough vice president and C. G. Sweet cashier. In 1919 Mr. Alvey died and soon thereafter J. J. Davis became president and continued in this executive capacity until his death in 1922, at which time Mr. C. G. Sweet became president and has continued to be the head of this institution since that time. In August, 1923, the bank was changed from a state to a national basis. The following are the officers of the South Texas National Bank of Galveston: E. R. Cheesborough, director and vice president; E. O. Cone, active vice president; and A. T. Schwarzbach, cashier. The following well known citizens compose the board of directors: E. R. Cheesborough, Sealy Hutchings, C. S. Peek, George Sealy, John Sealy, H. O. Stein and C. G. Sweet. The capital stock of the South Texas National Bank is \$200,000.00, surplus \$150,000.00 and undivided profits more than \$46,000.00 and the deposits are about \$5,000,000.00. The bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System.

A native Texan, Mr. Sweet was born at Beaumont, February 5th, 1865. His father, Sidney J. Sweet, came to Texas from New York State in 1849 and settled in Sabine Pass, where for many years he was a prominent hardware dealer and died there in 1875. His mother was Miss Elizabeth P. Granger, a native of Massachusetts, and came to Texas in 1854. His education was obtained in the public schools of Sabine Pass, and in various private schools. When seventeen years of age, Mr. Sweet entered the present banking institution, but prior to that he had some business experience in other lines. At Sabine Pass,



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he was employed for one year in a general store, and after coming to Galveston in 1879, was employed from that time to 1882 in the ship chandlery and grocery business.

Mr. Sweet was married at Weatherford, Texas, on January 15th, 1896, to Miss Ada P. Phillips, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of William Phillips, who was prominent in the business circles of Sabine Pass before the Civil War and died serving in this conflict. Mr. Sweet is a member of the Dallas Lodge of the A. O. U. W. and is a staunch and consistent member of the First Church of Christ Scientist of Galveston. Mr. Sweet is a splendid type of the southern gentleman and has by hard work and strict attention to the details of his business, risen to his high place with the institution which he has given forty years of his best business qualifications, which is a record equalled in very few instances. Mr. Sweet is regarded as a banker of the highest class, and has by his vast experience and trying times, learned the real lessons of banking. In the citizenship of the Island City, there has probably been no man who has worked harder for the development and advancement of his city than has Mr. C. G. Sweet.



**A. HORNE** came to Galveston, Texas, in 1918 as cashier of the City National Bank, and one month later became active vice president of this institution, and has been an active figure in the financial and commercial life of this city since he located here. Some years prior to coming to Galveston, Mr. Horne had been associated with several organizations which have as their as assistant cashier, and this was the beginning of his banking experience, which dates from 1905. Before entering the profession of banking, Mr. Horne was engaged in the grocery business with is father at Lometa under the firm name of A. L. Horne and Sons. In 1910 he went to West Texas and took up much acreage of state school lands, and established the first bank at Andrews, Texas, known as the Andrews State Bank, and was cashier of this institution until 1915. During this period, he made cattle loans among the ranch men of West Texas for a loan company. In 1915, Mr. Horne became state bank examiner, and held this responsible position until coming to Galveston in 1918. Mr. W. L. Moody, Jr. of Galveston, well known in the banking circles of the country, is president of the City National Bank of Galveston. During his residence in Galveston, Mr. Horne has been actively identified with financial and commercial affairs, and has been a factor in the progress of this city. In addition to his banking interests, Mr. Horne is a director in the Clark W. Thompson Company, a large department store in Galveston, a director in the Austin Mill and Grain Company of Brownwood, Texas, and many other of the city's financial and industrial institutions.

A native Texan, Mr. Horne was born at Lampasas on February 22nd, 1884. the fifth of a family of fourteen, there being seven boys and seven girls in the family. His parents removed from Lampasas to Lometa when Mr. Horne was three years of age and he was reared at Lometa. His father, A. L. Horne, was for many years a well known merchant of Western Texas. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Lometa, Texas.

Mr. Horne was married at Lometa, Texas, in

February, 1906, to Miss Bessie Huddleston, a native of the Lone Star State, and was reared at Liberty Hill, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Horne reside at 3207 Avenue R½. Mr. Horne is a member of the A. F. and A. M., Galveston, and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order; is a member of Consistory No. 4 and a Shriner of El Mina Temple of Galveston, and is also a trustee in this organization, and is a member of the Chapter and Council of the York Rite. He is president of the Kiwanis Club, vice president of the Y. M. C. A., and is a member of the following social clubs of the city: Galveston Country Club and the Aziola Club. He is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and is on the financial and executive committee of the Galveston Cotton Exchange. Mr. Horne is regarded as one of the most progressive bankers of this district, and one of the Island City's most public spirited citizens.



**FERDINAND OHLENDORF** has been a resident of Galveston, Texas, for almost forty years, and prior to 1919, when he retired from active business pursuits, was one of the leaders in the business circles of the Island City. For many years, Mr. Ohlendorf was identified with many of the city's financial institutions, and being an advocate of home ownership, he is associated with the Lometa State Bank of Lometa, Texas, object the assistance of the people toward this end. Among the institutions with which he is identified in an official capacity are the following, in which he is a director: United States National Bank, Galveston Suburban Loan and Improvement Company, and the Galveston Savings and Loan Company. He is vice president of the People's Loan and Homestead Company and is secretary of the Texas City Land Company. With keen foresight and business acumen, Mr. Ohlendorf saw a wonderful future for Galveston, and showed his faith and confidence in this city by his investments in real estate here, and is making the city of Galveston his home. A native of Germany, Mr. Ohlendorf came to America and direct to Galveston in 1886, and first started in business for himself here in the periodical, magazine and book business and in a few years, as his business increased, opened a little store, and this was gradually enlarged, until when at the time of his retirement from business, and the sale of his store, it was the oldest and among the largest of its kind in this city.

Mr. Ohlendorf was born on October 11th, 1862. His parents, Ludwig and Melusina Ohlendorf, were both members of prominent families of the Fatherland. His education was obtained in Germany, and prior to coming to America he served for three years in the army of Germany.

Mr. Ohlendorf was married at Galveston, Texas, in 1888 to Miss Fredecke Kobrock, a native of Germany also, but was raised and educated in America. Mr. and Mrs. Ohlendorf own their home at 1809 Broadway. Mr. Ohlendorf is a member of the Sons of Hermann and was for many years president of the Galveston Concordia Club, and was also president for a few years of the Galveston Garten Verein. Mr. Ohlendorf is highly esteemed by the citizenship of Galveston, his sterling qualities of character and high ideals have always been an inspiration to his friends and business associates.



**T**HOMAS JAMES ANDERSON came to Galveston, Texas, from England thirty-two years ago, and has established an enviable reputation and achieved success in his chosen field of activity in this portion of the Southwest. Mr. Anderson is a general marine surveyor, consulting engineer and naval architect, with offices located in the Steele Building. He does general marine surveying, acts in the capacity of consulting engineer on marine work and on ships, and does all kinds of naval architectural work. In his offices three experts are employed to assist him, and it is conceded that Mr. Anderson is the most efficient man in his line in the gulf coast territory. Along with his work in engineering and architecture, Mr. Anderson represents many of the big shippers and ship owners. After his education was finished, Mr. Anderson was for about seven years on the high seas, and during this period traveled all over the world. At the age of twenty-seven years, he was assistant superintendent for Watts, Watts and Company, pioneer ship owners in England and one of the largest companies in that country. Later he was appointed by Lloyds as a special representative for them, and since coming to Galveston he has been in this line of business continuously. During the World War Mr. Anderson was very active in the constructing of ships and in rebuilding ships.

Mr. Anderson was born at Newcastle-On-Tyne, England, on August 8th, 1864. His father, James Anderson, was also an engineer, and was one of the most prominent of his profession in his country. His mother was Miss Matilda Elder, a member of a well known Irish family of County Antrem. His education was obtained in the public and higher schools of England, where he had special tutors and pursued special courses, which fitted him for his profession. For sixteen years he was the representative of Lloyds at Galveston, and since 1898 has represented the Board of Underwriters of New York, who regard him as one of the best men in their vast number of agencies.

Mr. Anderson was married at Galveston on March 6th, 1893, to Miss Rissa Aline Haviland, a daughter of Capt. James E. Haviland, who was one of the most prominent citizens of the Island City, and was mayor of Galveston during the 60's and twice mayor during the 50's. They have one daughter—Rissa Lee Anderson, fourteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson reside at 1521 23rd Street. Mr. Anderson is a member of the A. F. and A. M., and has the distinction of belonging to one of the oldest lodges of this order in the world—Lodge De Loraine, No. 541, of Newcastle-On-Tyne, England, which received its warrant on August 7th, 1847. He is also a member of the Rotary Club, and is past president of this organization. Mr. Anderson holds membership in the Galveston Country Club, and many of the civic organizations of the city, in which he takes an active interest. He is also a member of the Institute of Naval Architects of London, England, the Institute of Marine Engineers of London and the Marine Engineers and Naval Architects of America, and the Northeast Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of England. During his long residence in Galveston, Mr. Anderson has identified himself with the business and social life of the city, and has made a host of staunch friends. In his profession of engineer and naval architect, Mr. Anderson is highly esteemed by his professional associates throughout the United States and in Europe.

**F**C. JOHNSON, for a number of years associated with the shipping business at Galveston, has had many years' experience in this field of activity, and is generally regarded as an authority on all shipping questions. Mr. Johnson is manager of the Tampa Inter-Ocean Steamship Company, which was established at Galveston in June, 1920, operating Shipping Board steamers to the Orient, Hawaii, the Philippines, Spain and Portugal. The company has three ships each month entering the port at Galveston, carrying freight cargoes only, and using Piers 16 and 18. They employ nine people permanently, which number is greatly increased with the arrival of ships. The Tampa-Inter-Ocean Steamship Company operates the only line to Portugal entering a gulf port, in Texas, and was the first company to operate such a line. Since the establishment of the company, a constantly increasing business has been handled, with an extensive eastern business. An office is maintained in Chicago, where business is secured for shipment through Galveston. The Galveston office is located in the United States National Bank Building, Rooms 1005, 6 and 7.

Mr. Johnson is also vice consul for Portugal, receiving this appointment in September, 1922. A number of years earlier, Mr. Johnson found that paper for shipment to Portugal had to be handled through New Orleans, causing serious delay, with resulting increased costs. At that time he put in motion steps to secure his appointment as vice consul, culminating in his appointment in 1922. Since he has received this appointment, he has put in operation a plan which enables shippers to get direct action, and has resulted in better return shipments from Portugal to Texas via Galveston, thus saving the shippers here a great deal of time and money, and at the same time stimulating trade between Texas and Portugal.

Mr. Johnson was born at New Orleans, Louisiana, the sixth of September, 1892, and reared in that city, attending the public schools there, and after his graduation from high school entering Louisiana State University, where he went two years, later going to Tulane University for two years. Mr. Johnson then entered the shipping business with S. J. Duhn Company, at New Orleans, remaining there for four years. He then went with the Morgan Line, also at New Orleans, and was with that line for a period of two years. The following two years he spent on the Shipping Board, where his expert knowledge of shipping made his work of practical importance. In the early part of 1920 Mr. Johnson came to Galveston, establishing the Tampa Inter-Ocean Steamship Company, in June of that year.

Mr. Johnson was married at New Orleans, in November, 1919, to Miss Ethel O'Neil, a native of New Orleans. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson now make their home in Galveston where they have an attractive home at 2112 Thirty-third Street. Mr. Johnson is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Cotton Exchange and the Artillery Club. In commercial circles he is regarded as unusually enterprising, his development of the large shipping business which he heads being the result of his highly specialized knowledge in the shipping field, and his practical application of this knowledge for the building of this business. Fraternally he is a Mason, of Albert Pike Lodge 376, New Orleans, Louisiana.



**ELIX PAQUIN**, analytical chemist, came to Galveston, Texas, in 1909, where he opened a small laboratory which has expanded as his business has increased. Prior to locating here, Mr. Paquin had many years of experience as a specialist in various branches of biological and bacteriological work. Recognized as a very competent chemist, painstaking and accurate in his work, Mr. Paquin is without a peer in this portion of the Lone Star State in his chosen profession. His laboratory is completely equipped with everything modern that is necessary to perform any and all kinds of analytical work. Mr. Paquin does special work for the National Fire Protective Association under the auspices of the American Bureau of Shipping. He also specializes in the inspection of fuel oil tanks on steamships, in which branch of his work his services are eagerly sought. His office is located at 305½ 22nd Street, where his laboratory is also located.

Mr. Paquin started his career in his chosen profession after leaving St. Louis College of Pharmacy, and for one year worked in a biological laboratory, where he specialized in the preparation of toxins and anti-toxins. He then went to Memphis, Tennessee, as city chemist and bacteriologist, and while occupying this official position with the City of Memphis, he was retained as official chemist for the Merchant's Exchange of that city. He remained in Memphis until 1909, when he removed to Galveston and opened his office here, where his business has grown to large proportions and where he has established a record second to none as an analytical chemist.

A native of Canada, Mr. Paquin was born at St. Andrews, Province of Quebec, on December 17th, 1865. His father, Julian Paquin (deceased since 1873), was also a native of Canada, where throughout his life he was engaged in farming and contracting, being well known in both fields of activity. His mother, Mrs. Celina (Desjardin) Paquin, was a member of a prominent French-Canadian family. She is now residing at Clinton, Missouri. His early education was obtained in the public schools of St. Andrews, Canada, after which he became a student of Columbia University in Missouri. He later entered St. Louis College of Pharmacy, becoming a student of that institution in 1893 and graduating in the class of 1895 with the Ph. B. degree.

Mr. Paquin was married in St. Louis, Missouri, on July 9th, 1895, to Miss Sara Scott Young, a native of Mississippi, but reared in Illinois. Her father, E. H. Young, a native of Ireland, came to the United States when quite young, settling first in Mississippi, but later removed to Illinois, where he remained until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Paquin have one son, Felix Paquin, Jr., seventeen years of age. The Paquin residence is at 2605 O½, Galveston, Texas. Mr. Paquin is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Tucker Blue Lodge of Galveston, where he is a Shriner of El Mina Temple. He also holds membership in the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and other of the Island City's business, social and fraternal organizations, in all of which he takes an active interest. Mr. Paquin has made a host of friends in Galveston, where he is held in the highest esteem by the citizenship in general and among his professional associates. He is optimistic as to the future of Galves-

ton and still believes that he has selected the liveliest town in the Southwest for business and the most pleasant place in which to live.



**W. SPANGENBERG** has, during his residence in Galveston, covering a period of almost fifteen years, been an active figure in the business and financial circles of this city. Mr. Spangenberg is the owner and manager of the Panama Hotel, which was built by private capital, the construction work, which was started in 1911, was completed in 1912. He leased and opened this hostelry during the same year of its completion, and has made it one of the most popular hotels in the city. The business of the Panama Hotel is almost exclusively of the commercial trade, and is at all times filled to capacity, which is about one hundred and fifty guests. Every detail of the operation of this hotel is under the personal supervision of Mr. Spangenberg and it is known to the traveling public as one of the most modern hotels in this city, and at the same time maintains an air of home life, through the many comforts afforded. Mr. Spangenberg has shown his faith in Galveston and her varied institutions by his many investments here. He is one of the principal stock holders in the Galveston Dry Goods Company, and has numerous and varied investments in Galveston business and financial projects. He was for two years secretary of the Krause, Creath and Company, wholesale grocers, and remained in this position until January, 1924, when this firm was reorganized. Mr. Spangenberg began his business career as a baseball player, with the White Socks under Pop Anson. At the age of twenty-two years, he went to Huron, South Dakota, and took up a mining claim there, but after eight hard years spent there, a blizzard larger than preceding ones, drove them to the South and they located at Brownwood, Texas, in 1888. He operated the Plaza Hotel there for three years, and then engaged in the bottling business that that place, and remained in that field of activity for about twelve years, before coming to Galveston.

Mr. Spangenberg was born at Chicago on February 22nd, 1860. His father, John Spangenberg, also a native of Illinois, was well known in the business circles of that state.

Mr. Spangenberg was married at Chicago on September 22nd, 1880, to Miss Delia C. Boyle, also a native of Chicago. They have one daughter, Grace, now the wife of S. P. Scott, who is associated in the hotel business as clerk. Mr. and Mrs. Spangenberg reside at the Panama Hotel but own a magnificent residence on Broadway. Mr. Spangenberg is a member of both York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic order and is a Shriner of El Mina Temple. He is also a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce and takes an active interest in this organization. Mr. Spangenberg says that 1914 and 1915 were the banner years of the hotel business for this city, but that the hotel business in general depends very much on conditions outside of Galveston. He is optimistic as to the future of Galveston and all business of the Island City, as he says that this city is becoming better known all the time as an all the year resort, and that people are coming here during the past few years, who have been going to California and Florida, and all leave praising the climate, people, bathing beach and the many attractions offered to the tourist here.





**E. RITTER** of Galveston, Texas, has had a wide and varied business experience which began when he left home at the age of sixteen years to see the world. Mr. Ritter is the president and owner of the Galveston Model Dairy, which was established here on November 1st, 1912, and at that time was operated with old style machinery and equipment. Mr. Ritter was employed by this dairy and in 1915 he purchased the controlling interest in it and began building the business up by installing modern equipment and the new methods of operation. In 1918 he discontinued the retail business and since that time has sold his output at wholesale to stores, restaurants and hotels. He buys his raw milk through the Dairymen's Association of Galveston County from the mainland and sells pasteurized milk, lactic butter milk and cream. The Model Dairy uses about seven hundred gallons of milk daily during a part of the year, but during the summer months in excess of twelve hundred gallons are used each day. Fourteen people are employed at the dairy and the delivery fleet consists of six large trucks. The plant of the Galveston Model Dairy is located at 706 Twenty-third Street, where there is also a large warehouse for the storage of bottles. Mr. Ritter obtained all of his dairy experience in Galveston, but after being employed at the Model Dairy, he made a close study of all the branches of the business, with a view to finally purchasing and improving it. Other officers of the dairy are Mrs. S. T. Ritter, secretary and treasurer of D. L. Gilder, vice president. After leaving home, Mr. Ritter began his business career in Panama on canal work, where he was later employed as a railroad conductor by the government there and remained in this position for a period of four years. He then came to Texas City, Texas, and engaged in the hardware and furniture business, where he remained for almost two years, and sold his business in order to come to Galveston, where he has since remained, in the dairy business. Mr. Ritter is also president of the F. C. Mudhenke and Company, exporters and importers of general merchandise.

A native of Michigan, Mr. Ritter was born at Petoskey on February 2nd, 1883. His education, up to the age of sixteen years, was obtained in the public schools. On leaving school, Mr. Ritter entered the railroad business, in which he was continuously engaged until his return from the Canal Zone.

Mr. Ritter was married at Galveston on December 4th, 1916, to Miss S. T. Gilder, a daughter of D. L. Gilder, who is the vice president of the Galveston Model Dairy. They have two children, David Preston and Margaret Elizabeth. Mr. and Mrs. Ritter own their home at 3420 Avenue O, which is considered one of the handsomest and best constructed in the city. Mr. Ritter is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Tucker Blue Lodge of this city. He is also a member of Consistory No. 1 and El Mina Shrine, both of Galveston. He holds membership also in the Lions Club, Galveston Chamber of Commerce, the Y. M. P. L. and the Retail Merchants Association. Mr. Ritter is one of the most progressive men engaged in the dairying business of South Texas and believes in the use of modern methods in his business and along all other lines. He is largely interested in the fig development on the main land and believes that this will soon become one of the leading money crops of this portion

of the state. He is optimistic as to the future of Galveston and South Texas, and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines.



**H. CROTHERS** came to Galveston in 1913 and in May of 1921 established the Sanitary Creamery in this city, which has proved a great success financially for Mr. Crothers, besides giving Galveston one of the most complete creamery plants in the Southwest. The Sanitary Creamery, of which Mr. Crothers is the sole owner, is the maker of the well known Oleander butter, used and liked throughout South Texas for its superior quality and flavor. Milk and cream are handled at this plant, and the butter is sold at wholesale to stores and restaurants, while the milk is sold at both wholesale and retail. The supply of milk used in the Sanitary Creamery comes from the towns on the mainland, and the cream for the butter making is purchased by the various purchasing agents, who are located in the Central Texas territory. The Sanitary Creamery, which is located at 1902 Avenue D, has its own delivery system, consisting of eight Ford trucks, and has its own garage and mechanics. The machinery in this plant is the latest and also the fastest that can be obtained. The butter output of the Sanitary Creamery is one thousand pounds daily, with nine hundred gallons of milk, but this is greatly increased during the summer months. The output from this plant during 1923 exceeded \$200,000.00 in value. Mr. Crothers began his career in the Army at an early age, and his service has been along many lines. He first joined the Army and served in the 19th Infantry, where he saw service in Mexico. In 1913, he was discharged in Galveston and remained here, where he entered the employ of the Model Dairy as a bookkeeper, and did general work in order to obtain the experience which he desired. During his spare moments he read all the books which he could obtain on the subject, with the idea always in mind of entering business for himself. While thus engaged, the World War came, and he went to the Second Officers Training Camp in order to better fit himself for duties, and on November 27th, 1918, he was commissioned first lieutenant and assigned to the Third Officers Training Camp as an instructor. After serving for some time in this capacity at this camp, he was sent to Camp Lee, Virginia, where he won his captaincy, and later to Camp Perry school of small arms practice. He was assigned later to the 812th Pioneer Infantry at Camp Grant, Illinois, and from there was sent to Camp Merritt, New Jersey. At this time the armistice was signed, and Mr. Crothers was returned to Camp Grant, Illinois, where his regiment was demobilized. He, however, was re-assigned to a discharge unit for special duty. He obtained his discharge March 3rd, 1919, when he returned to Houston, Texas. He was employed in Houston by the York Engineering and Supply Company and remained with them for a short time, when he came to Galveston and founded his present business.

Mr. Crothers was born in Maryland on April 27th, 1890. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native state, which he left at an early age to engage in business.

Mr. Crothers was married in Galveston on January 19th, 1924, to Miss Mary Agnes Cross, a native of Galveston and a member of a pioneer family of



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this city. Her father, C. W. Cross, was also a native of the Island City and her grandfather, T. L. Cross, was one of the very early pioneers here. Mr. and Mrs. Crothers reside at 3327 Avenue O ½. Mr. Crothers is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Merchants Association and the American Legion, in all of which he takes an active interest. Mr. Crothers is popular in the business and social circles of Galveston and is regarded as a leader among the younger business men of this city.

**S**AN JACINTO GAIDO of Galveston, Texas, began his career in the business world when eleven years of age, and has been engaged in the cafe business since 1902. In 1916, Mr. Gaido established Gaido's Cafe in this city, and is one of the few cafes which are operated throughout the year. He caters particularly to people who desire good, wholesome food, and who take a delight in eating over the waters of the Gulf. Mr. Gaido knows every branch of the cafe industry, from buying, cooking and serving up to the management and ownership. Forty experienced people are employed at Gaido's Cafe, and this number is greatly increased during the busy tourist season. The location of Gaido's Cafe is at 23rd Street and Boulevard, and a trip to Galveston is not considered complete unless the tourist has had a meal at this famous over-the-water cafe. In May, 1924, a supplementary cafe was opened downstairs for the convenience of those who wished to dine in their bathing suits. This addition has been highly popular, as high as 2100 people having been served in one day. Only the very best foods as served, a specialty being made of waffles.

A native of Italy, Mr. Gaido was born in 1886. He came to the United States when two years of age, an orphan, and was placed in an orphanage here where he was reared. His education was obtained in the public schools of Galveston, and he speaks the English language without a trace of accent. To Mr. Gaido's great credit, is the fact that he has made his way in the world since he was eleven years of age, and has developed into a keen, alert business man, highly esteemed by all who know him for his fair dealings with the public, and his clean business methods.

Mr. Gaido was married at Galveston, Texas, on April 6th, 1911, to Miss Josephine Smith, a member of a pioneer Galveston family. They have three children, M. J., Frederick James and San Jacinto Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Gaido own their home at 2115 Avenue O ½. Mr. Gaido is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce and takes an active interest in this organization. He is also a member of the Beach Association, the Young Men's Progressive League, the M. M. M., and the Bayshore Golf and Country Club, the Italian associations of Galveston, the Galveston Credit Mens Association and the Optimist Club. Mr. Gaido is active in all matters having to do with the civic improvement of Galveston, and is a constant worker for all things tending to make this city an all-the-year resort. He believes that all danger from storm damage to Galveston passed with the building of the new sea wall, and that this fact, together with the many attractions offered by this city as a resort, will make it one of the most popular pleasure resorts of the en-

tire country. Mr. Gaido has shown his faith in the future of Galveston by his investments here, and he believes that this city is entering on an era of business prosperity in all lines. Mr. Gaido is a worthy and honored citizen, a man of vision, far seeing yet conservative. An honorable and highly respected business man, esteemed alike by customer and competitor. Mr. Gaido has wisely builded his business on a foundation that will endure.



**O. BERGSTROM** has for more than a score of years been associated with the business interests of Galveston, Texas, and the mercantile establishment at 317 Twenty-third Street bearing his name has since 1902 been the popular headquarters for sporting goods, fishing tackle, guns, ammunition, etc., in this city. Mr. Bergstrom is also wholesale jobber for Winchester and Western Cartridge Companies. Prior to engaging in his present business, Mr. Bergstrom was for a period of twenty-seven years employed in the freight department of one of the railroad companies entering this city, and is well known in the railroad circles of Galveston and of Texas. In 1902, while he was in the service of the railroad company, he purchased a bicycle shop on Twenty-third Street, and began his present business in a small way in that shop. He later left the service of the railroad in order to devote his time to the business which he has succeeded in making one of the largest of its kind in the Island City. Associated in business with his father, and active in the management of the store is his son, W. F. Bergstrom, one of the leading young business men of Galveston, who is popular in the social as well as the business circles of this city. Before entering the service of the railroad here, Mr. Bergstrom was engaged in boating on the bay and other lines of endeavor. He says it took him many years in which to make up his mind to enter business for himself, and get away from the salaried position, but he has met with great success in his chosen line of work, and his son has been raised in an atmosphere of this particular business.

Mr. Bergstrom was born near the mouth of the Brazos River, Texas, in 1854, and was brought to Galveston when one year of age, and consequently feels that this city is his native home. His father, Swen Bergstrom, came to the United States from Stockholm, Sweden, where he became well known in the business circles of the Lone Star State. His education was obtained in the public schools of Galveston, which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world.

Mr. Bergstrom was married at Galveston in 1880, to Miss Mary Simpson. They have three children, the son mentioned above, Mrs. Jennie Eckert and Mabel Freeze. The Bergstrom home is located at 3218 N ½. Mr. Bergstrom is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, the Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World and the United Charities, and many of the civic organizations of Galveston, in which he takes an active interest. Mr. Bergstrom has seen every storm which has visited this city since 1854, but the severe storms which have visited the Gulf Coast since the completion of the sea wall is sufficient proof that this city is now safe from winds or tides, which fact along with many other advantages makes this city one of the most desirable places in the Southwest.



**B**ARRELL COX, one of the younger generation of business men in Galveston and recognized as a factor in the life insurance field, maintains offices at 706 American National Insurance Building. He represents the Reliance Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, one of the strongest and most conservatively managed companies in the country. They write complete protection policies, that are considered to be unique in the life insurance field. Mr. Cox specializes in life insurance but also does a large volume of business in other lines such as fire, tornado, bonds, plate glass, health and accident, etc. The following are a few of the companies he represents: Security National, American Fire and Marine, Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, Norwich Union Indemnity, and Atlas Company. Mr. Cox first began his active business career with the American National Insurance Company where he formed the foundation for his present business, prior to entering the military service of his country during the World War.

He entered the First Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs May 8th, 1917. After his training period was over he was commissioned as second lieutenant and served on the staff of General William H. Johnson, commander of the 180th Brigade at Camp Travis, San Antonio, January 1st, 1918. He was later transferred to the 360th Infantry serving as battalion intelligence officer overseas where he spent one year; six months in France, where he saw active service at St. Mihiel and the Argonne, and six months with the Army of Occupation in Germany. He went overseas June, 1918, and returned to this country June, 1919, receiving his discharge at Camp Travis July, 1919. He is a member of the O. R. C., being battalion adjutant, Third Battalion, 360th Infantry. After his discharge he returned to Galveston and entered his present business, in which he has been continuously engaged since, except for a period of a few months spent in Seattle, Washington during 1921.

Mr. Cox was born in Galveston, January 1st, 1896. His father, Eben S. Cox, a native of Kentucky, came to Texas when quite a young man first settling in Alice, Texas, and later moved to Galveston, where he was recognized as one of the city's foremost physicians. He was county health officer for twenty-five years. He passed away June, 1922. His mother prior to marriage, was Miss Rhoda Ann Lamb, a member of a well known family of Lagarto, Live Oak County. She died in August, 1924.

Barrell Cox received his preliminary education in the schools of Galveston, being a graduate of Ball High School. He spent two years at the University of Texas at Austin, and one year in the medical department at Galveston. He gave this study up in order to enter the insurance business in 1916, being associated with the American National Insurance Company for one year.

He was married at Galveston, December 31st, 1917, to Miss Farquhar Price, who was born in St. Louis, but who was brought to Texas when four years old by her parents. Her father, Alexander Price, was for many years Texas representative of Warren, Jones and Gratz. He died in 1916. Her mother died when Mrs. Cox was very young. They have three children: Mary Farquhar and Charles Barrell, Jr., and Rhoda Ann. The family make their

home at 3028 Broadway. Fraternally Mr. Cox is a Mason, holding membership in Tucker Lodge, Scottish Rite and El Mina Temple Shrine, Galveston. He is a member of the Rotary Club, and the Galveston Insurance Board, Kappa Alpha and Alpha Mu Pi Omega fraternities. Mr. Cox is recognized as one of the real comers in the insurance business and his friends do not hesitate to predict for him a splendid future.

**K**LEPINGER came to Houston, Texas, more than fifteen years ago as Special Agent of the New York Underwriters Agency for the Southern half of Texas. This office was established here at that time in order to take care of the business of this portion of the State. There are one hundred and fifty agents in this territory and Mr. Klepinger looks after the agents and the company's interests in the counties embodied in his territory. He started as a very young man in the insurance business and has spent his life in the various branches of this industry. He is considered an authority on insurance matters and is a leader in this line of endeavor, and in his every day business, no detail is too small for him to work out. Mr. Klepinger's office is located at 1602 Second National Bank Building. He first engaged in the insurance business at Dallas, Texas, for the New York Underwriters Agency and had charge of the entire State of Texas until the business of this company grew to such proportions that another office was necessary. Accordingly, the Houston office was opened, and he was made Special Agent here.

Mr. Klepinger was born at LaFayette, Indiana, on July 27, 1871. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Indiana, after which he attended Normal College in Kansas and Nebraska.

Mr. Klepinger was married at Dallas, Texas, on November, 26, 1914, to Belle Kimmel, a native of Dallas County and a member of a well known North Texas family. Mr. Klepinger is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1 of Houston, and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite Body of this order, and is also a Knight Templar of the Houston Commandry, and a Shriner of Arabia Temple of this city. Since coming to Houston Mr. Klepinger has identified himself with the business and social life of this city, where he is regarded as one of the leading insurance men of South Texas. He has for a period of twenty-three years been associated with the New York Underwriters Agency, the greater portion of this time as Special Agent. When it was found necessary to open an office in Houston, the agency looked around for a good man, knowing that it would require a master hand to handle the large business here, and Mr. Klepinger was selected for the position and has successfully piloted the business of his company since that time. Mr. Klepinger has made a host of friends in the Southern portion of the State for himself and the company he represents. He is optimistic as to the future of the insurance business here and says that each year will find a much greater business in this section of Texas. He is enthusiastic as to the future of Houston and says that with the deep water facilities, low freight rates and its many other advantages that manufacturing concerns will continue to locate here, as the history of all that have been in operation here has been one of unusual success.



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Scott Marshall



**SCOTT MARSHALL** for many years has been associated with the customs service at Texas City, winning an enviable reputation for his work in this field, and in other branches of government service, and also taking an active part in the commercial life of the city. Mr. Marshall is customs collector in charge of the United States customs service at Texas City, a position he has held since 1908. Mr. Marshall has made an exceptional record in this office, handling all customs matters in an efficient, capable manner, and one reflecting much credit on his executive and business ability. In addition to his service in the customs office, Mr. Marshall has also been deeply interested in the advancement of Texas City, and has made investments here of a substantial nature. He is also heavily interested in real estate in Eastland County, having 1500 acres of ranch property on which oil has been found. He established the First National Bank, and was president of that institution for the eight years following its organization, directing banking activities in the same efficient manner that he has dispatched his duties as customs officer. He later sold his interest in the First National Bank and later became a director of the Texas City National Bank, also one of the strong and capably directed financial institutions of this city. Mr. Marshall is also financially interested, and is a director of the Home Building and Loan Association, an organization that since its establishment has enabled many residents of Texas City to become home owners, and that has been of special importance as a medium of community progress.

Scott Marshall was born at Kentucky Town, Texas, the twenty-first of April, 1880. His father, Jackson Richardson Marshall, was also a native of this place and lived there for many years. He was the son of Thomas Jackson Marshall, one of the real pioneers of the Lone Star State, who came here in the early thirties from his native State of Kentucky, and named the town in honor of the Blue Grass State. Scott Marshall spent much of his boyhood in Sherman, to which place the family had removed, and attended the public schools of that city. After leaving school he became a telegraph operator, working for the Western Union. Later he spent several years with Cecil Lyon, and it was through his influence that Mr. Marshall finally entered the customs service. Prior to coming to Texas City he spent four years on the Mexican border, and established an enviable reputation for his service there. He was at Rio Grande City during the troublesome days of the early part of the twentieth century, and his fine example of patriotism and bravery was worthy of note, and reflected credit on the service. He came from border duty to Texas City in January, 1908, and has since been stationed at this city, in charge of the United States customs service at this point.

Mr. Marshall was married at Sherman, Texas, the seventh of September, 1904, to Miss Sophia Dick, a member of a well known Sherman family. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have made Texas City their home for many years, and are valued and popular members of the community. They have two children—Mary Mildred and Janet Aline. Mr. Marshall is a Mason, Texas City Blue Lodge No. 1118; Galveston Consistory No. 1, and a member of El Mina Shrine at Galveston. He is a thirty-second degree Mason, Knight Commander of Court of Honor, and active in all Masonic work. Few men have taken a

more interested and active part in furthering the development of Texas City along progressive lines than has Mr. Marshall. From the early days of his residence here he foresaw in this city a future that the passing of the years has seen realized, and the busy, prosperous city of today owes much to his early influence. He is a public-spirited citizen, ready to do his part and more in all civic activities, and interested in the welfare of the city and its residents. A natural leader, with those qualities of friendship and citizenship that have made him one of the best liked citizens of Texas City, he has taken a place of leadership, entirely without ostentation, and few men occupy a more vital place in the life of Texas City.



**L. GRANT**, for many years associated with refining activities at Texas City, is a thoroughly practical refining man, whose years of experience in the refining of petroleum and as a practical engineer qualify him to speak with authority on this phase of the oil business. Mr. Grant is superintendent of the oil refinery of the Pierce Oil Corporation at Texas City, a position to which he was appointed in May, 1922. The plant employs about two hundred people, except when construction is in progress, when the force is increased, and is one of the large refineries in this city, manufacturing petroleum products that are shipped from this point to all the oil marts.

Mr. Grant came to Texas City in February, 1909, to work for the Texas Refining Company, builders of the plant taken over by the Pierce Oil Corporation in 1911. At that time he was engaged in construction work, but already had a practical knowledge of engineering, from some time spent on a steamboat, and he made the decision to study refining operation and engineering. Nine years later he had advanced to assistant superintendent, and was active in the refining business at Texas City. He was then sent to Fort Worth, as superintendent of the plant of the Pierce Company at that point, and after a year there was transferred to Sand Springs, Oklahoma, as superintendent of the plant there, and in 1922 was sent back to Texas City, as superintendent.

Mr. Grant was born at Chesterfield, South Carolina, the fourteenth of April, 1881, and was educated in the public schools of that State, engaging in his first business there. He came to Texas City from Galveston, where the ship he was on was laid up for repairs, in 1909, and has since made this city his home, with the exception of the two years as superintendent of Pierce plants at other points.

Mr. Grant was married at Galveston, Texas, the tenth of November, 1909, to Miss Alice McKay, daughter of H. B. McKay of Chambers County, Texas, and a member of the well known Lawrence family, for many years associated with the cattle business. Mr. and Mrs. Grant have two children, Verna and D. L. Junior, both of whom were born at Texas City, where the family make their home. He is a director of the Home Building and Loan Association, and takes a deep interest in the development of Texas City. Fraternally he is a Mason, Texas City Lodge No. 1118; Consistory at Galveston, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Grant's position in the refining world has been achieved entirely by his own efforts, and his engineering knowledge has been gained in the practical school of experience.



**PAUL E. COOPER**, for the past eighteen years actively identified with the business life of Galveston, has established an enviable reputation in the State as a teacher of modern business methods having been president and treasurer of Draughons Practical Business College of Galveston since 1908. For over a quarter of a century he has been engaged exclusively in this work and is thoroughly alive to the needs of both pupil and prospective employer alike.

Mr. Cooper first began his career as an educator as a teacher in the public schools of Logan County, Kentucky, acting in this capacity from 1885 to 1897. In 1897 he attended the Bowling Green Business University and completed the full shorthand and bookkeeping courses in one year. From 1898 until 1901 he was principal of the commercial department at the Monterey High School of Tennessee. From there he went to the University of Florida at Lake City as principal of the shorthand department in which position he remained from 1901 to 1903. In 1903 he went to Santa Cruz, California, and was principal of the Chestnutwood Business College, shorthand department, until 1905. At this time he came to Texas, joining Hills Business College as principal of the shorthand department at Waco, Texas, where he was occupied until December, 1907. In December, 1907, he came to Galveston as manager of Draughons Business College and in 1908 bought the school.

Since Mr. Cooper took over the school considerable improvement has been made both in the faculty and in the equipment used in training students. The school was originally located in the Y. M. C. A. building but moved to Twenty-third and Postoffice Streets in 1898. The school moved to the present address October 1st, 1922. The location is at 2311½ Avenue D. It has a seating capacity for 400 pupils the classrooms being large and airy and well designed for their purpose. There is a faculty of nine highly competent instructors, including Mr. Cooper, who exercises general supervision over the school. Instruction is given in typwriting, shorthand, commercial law, banking, bookkeeping, penmanship, multigraphing, printing, the use of calculating machines and other allied subjects. Before they graduate they must successfully pass rigid tests. While the student body is recruited largely from Galveston there are also a number of students who come from other parts of the state and from other states. Individual attention is given to each student, this feature is largely responsible for the success of the school.

Paul E. Cooper was born at Auburn, Kentucky, February 12th, 1873, the son of Ryland D. Cooper, a native of Virginia, but who for the greater part of his life was a well known farmer of Kentucky. His father died April 4th, 1873. His mother, Nellie (Lewis) Cooper, was a member of a highly respected family of Auburn, Kentucky, and resides in Kentucky at the advanced age of 82 years. His preliminary education was obtained at the public and high schools of Auburn and Middleton, Kentucky.

Mr. Cooper is a Mason of Tucker Lodge, Galveston, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of the Rotary Club and the Galveston Chamber of Commerce. He is a staunch supporter of the First Methodist Church, having been in charge of its

finances for fourteen years. Mr. Cooper takes an active interest in the Boy Scout movement and the Y. M. C. A.

Paul E. Cooper fills an important niche in the business life of the Island City and his ability as an educator is recognized by the fact that practically every business institution in Galveston calls upon him to supply trained people for their needs. He is a modest and unassuming gentleman who believes in letting his work speak for itself.

**THOMAS G. DODD** of Galveston, Texas, inherited his taste and talent for marine and technical work, both his father and grandfather being naval architects. Mr. Dodd is ship and engineer surveyor for Lloyd's Register of Shipping, and is the exclusive representative of this large concern here. This office has supervision of the gulf coast west of New Orleans territory. Mr. Dodd has had much experience in various parts of the world, and has been in every port on the globe. He came to Galveston in August, 1922, and immediately identified himself with the business and social life of the city, where he has made many friends. The office of the Lloyd's Register of Shipping is located at 925 American National Insurance Building.

Mr. Dodd was born in Scotland on July 12th, 1881. His parents, Thomas J. Dodd and Amy Dodd, were well known in the business and social life of their native land. His education was obtained in Scotland, where he attended the Glasgow Technical College, and graduated from this institution with a diploma in engineering. After leaving college, Mr. Dodd entered the machine shops to learn the art of moulding and pattern making. In 1897, he went to sea as an engineer, and in this capacity traveled all over the world, serving as an engineer during the six years at sea. He then became associated with the Fairfield Ship Building Company at Glasgow, Scotland, and remained with this company for two years, and during this period he was in charge of fitting out and final trials of ships. In 1910, he went with the Lloyd's Register of Shipping, and was stationed at Middlesburgh, England, in the same position which he now occupies. He remained at Middlesburgh for one year, and was transferred to Hull, England, where he remained for three years, after which he came to America. He was first located at Philadelphia, in the same kind of position which he now holds, and after serving for a time in Philadelphia, he was transferred to various eastern ports and the Great Lakes, until he came to Galveston.

Mr. Dodd was married in England in 1919 to Miss Delia Graham, a member of a prominent English family. They have one son, Thomas James Dodd, aged one year. Mr. and Mrs. Dodd reside at 3223 Avenue Q. In social organizations here, Mr. Dodd is a member of the Aziola Club and the Galveston Country Club, in both of which he is active. Since leaving college, Mr. Dodd has devoted himself exclusively to the engineering profession and it is conceded that he is one of the best in his line of endeavor in this portion of the country. He is internationally known, having lived and practiced his profession in many parts of America and the Continent, as a man of the very highest attainments along his chosen line.



*P. E. Cooper*





W. L. Farnsworth

**CAPTAIN W. L. FARNSWORTH**, for some thirty years connected with marine and shipping activities, has recently come to Galveston as surveyor for the New York Board of Underwriters. He has offices in the American National Bank Building. Due to his connection with shipping interests in years past he is in a position to render the Board of Underwriters a particularly valuable service, and the board's interests, both at Galveston and Houston, which port he also has under his direction, are being adequately looked after.

Captain W. L. Farnsworth was born at Jonesport, Maine, the fourteenth of February, 1879, son of L. L. Farnsworth and Mrs. Judith (Foss) Farnsworth. Mr. Farnsworth, Sr., is also a native of Maine, and is well known in business circles there. The first American Farnsworth came over in the Mayflower, and the family has been prominently connected with the early history of our country, the great-grandmother of the subject of this sketch having melted her pewter spoons to make bullets to be used in the first moral battle fought by the colonists.

Captain Farnsworth attended the schools of Jonesport, and graduated from high school there in 1897. Prior to that, however, he had had his first sea experience, going to sea in 1893, at the age of fourteen. In 1903 he became captain of a sea-going vessel, at that time being but twenty-four years of age, holding that office until 1915. From 1915 until 1917 Captain Farnsworth was marine superintendent for Marden, Orth and Hastings in New York City, resigning that position to enter the United States Navy as lieutenant commander, U. S. N. R. F., in command of the U. S. S. Hilton, commanding that vessel in foreign waters until April, 1919, transporting supplies to the allied armies between France and England. While in command of the Hilton, Captain Farnsworth was attacked four times by the enemy and got away without any damage to his ships or men. During his service thirteen ships that he was with in Conway were torpedoed and sunk. He was recommended by Admiral Andrews, in charge of Base 29, for the Distinguished Service Cross for extra effort in getting in and out of port without bringing any charges against the government and for keeping off the rocks and for not getting hit by mines nor torpedoes. At the close of the war Captain Farnsworth retired to private life, and went with A. H. Bull Steamship Company, in command of trading between New York and the West Coast of Africa, being engaged in that work until 1922, when he became agent for the Bull line at Grand Bassam, French Colony in West Africa. He also represented the New York Board of Underwriters, the American Salvage Association and the American Bureau of Shipping in West Africa, remaining there until the early part of 1925. He then returned to the states, and was appointed surveyor to the New York Board of Underwriters in New York, remaining there from May until the middle of July, when he was transferred to Galveston as representative of the New York Board of Underwriters at the ports of Galveston and Houston, entering upon his duties here on the fifteenth of July, 1925.

Captain Farnsworth was married at Jonesport, Maine, the third of August, 1903, to Miss Laura Rogers, daughter of Captain and Mrs. G. N. Rogers.

Captain Rogers is a sea captain and connected with the Baltimore Rio de Janeiro, coffee packet business. Captain Farnsworth resides at 1812 Avenue P, and has four children: Hazel, Elmer, Dorothy and Walter, Jr. He is a Knight Templar, and member of Kedive Temple Shrine at Norfolk, Virginia. Captain Farnsworth was already known in Gulf ports prior to coming here in his present connection, having brought the first ocean-going ship, the S. S. Dorothy, belonging to A. H. Bull, into the Houston Ship Channel on the twelfth day of October, 1915.



**E. WATSON**, marine engineer, and one of the best known men in maritime circles in the Southwest, has been a resident of Galveston since 1920, having come here in February of that year, to accept the position as superintendent of the Galveston Dry Dock and Construction Company. He remained with this concern for more than two years, resigning his position to engage in business for himself, specializing in marine surveying and appraisal work, being especially well qualified by education and experience for work of this character.

Mr. Watson maintains office at 412 American National Insurance Building and is splendidly equipped for giving the best of service to his clients, among whom are included a number of the larger maritime and ship building companies of Galveston and other gulf ports.

A native of Wisconsin, Mr. Watson was born at Manitowoc, on September 9, 1881, a son of William and Ella Louise Watson. His father was a well known watch maker and jeweler and after the younger Watson had completed his preliminary education, he entered the Massachusetts School of Technology at Boston, Mass., where he specialized in marine architecture and mechanical engineering, completing his studies there in 1901. After finishing his studies he joined the engineering department of the United States Navy, entering the service as a machinist of the first class and being discharged in 1906, with the rank of warrant machinist.

Upon completing his term of service with the navy, Mr. Watson, in 1906, became connected with the Cramp Ship Building Company of Philadelphia, as superintendent of outside machinery and remained with this company until 1910, when he went with the Union Iron Works of San Francisco. After four years with this concern he became identified with Harland and Hollingsworth at Wilmington, Delaware, where he remained until 1916. From Wilmington, Mr. Watson went to Alabama, where he was employed as chief engineer of construction for the Alabama Dry Dock and Ship Building Company until 1918. He then was with another dry dock company in New Orleans, where he remained until his removal to Galveston in 1920.

Mr. Watson is a very busy man, but takes an active interest in civic affairs of Galveston. He is a member of the Aziola Club and of the Scottish and York Rite Masonic organizations. He is also a member of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, being affiliated with Alba Temple at Mobile, Alabama. Among technical organizations in which he holds membership are included the Association of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers, and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers. A man of splendid personality, Mr. Watson is also one of the leaders among his profession.





**C. EVANS**, one of the younger and most progressive business men to take part in the industrial advancement of Texas City, has been active in the petroleum business since coming here several years ago. Mr. Evans is superintendent of the Humble Oil and Refining Company at this point and has charge of storage and pipe lines, docks, the loading of boats, and activities of a like nature. The Humble plant is one of the larger loading terminals located at Texas City, and has a storage capacity of around five hundred and thirty-five thousand barrels, and a loading capacity of seventeen thousand five hundred barrels per hour. Mr. Evans has an efficient force of workmen under him, and his department is one of the smooth functioning units that go to make up the Humble organization. Mr. Evans began with the Humble Company after leaving the navy, in 1919, when he went in the pipe line department at West Columbia. Several months later he was sent to Goose Creek, and later to Texas City, coming here as timekeeper, and later being made dockmaster, which position he held at the time of his appointment as superintendent in June, 1922.

Mr. Evans was born at Chandler Valley, Pennsylvania, the thirteenth of May, 1898, his family removing to Texas during his boyhood. He was educated in the public schools of Beaumont and Saratoga, Texas, graduating from high school at the latter place. He then entered the University of Valparaiso, in Indiana, and after leaving there began in the oil business, with the Gulf Company, in the Saratoga field, in 1914, working in various departments until his enlistment in the navy, the fourteenth of December, 1917. He served in the U. S. Armed Guard Service, rate, A. B., on various ships, crossing the Atlantic, serving as gun pointer. While in service he made twenty trips across the Atlantic, and was discharged the fourteenth of August, 1919, coming with the Humble Company shortly thereafter.

Mr. Evans was married at Texas City the twenty-second of May, 1920, to Miss Bessie Latimer, daughter of G. A. Latimer of this city. They have two children, Bernice Evans and Betty Evans, both of whom were born here. The family have an attractive home here. Mr. Evans is a Mason, Texas City Blue Lodge No. 1118, and Consistory of Galveston. He has taken the thirtieth degree, and intends to reach the higher degrees in this order. He is a member of the American Legion. Mr. Evans takes a deep interest in the future of Texas City, and is ready at all times to assist in any movement for the advancement of this city along civic or commercial and industrial lines.



**GEORGE B. STOWE**, architect, senior member of the firm of Stowe and Stowe, with offices at 309½ Twenty-second Street, has been engaged in architectural work in the city of Galveston for more than thirty years and is the oldest architect here. During the three decades Mr. Stowe has been engaged in designing and superintending the construction of important buildings in Galveston he has seen the city develop into a leading seaport of the Southwest and has witnessed the wonderful restoration and transformation that followed in the wake of the disastrous flood of 1900. Associated with Mr. Stowe is E. E. Stowe. The firm has done more construction work in the city of Galveston

than all the other firms in the city combined.

A branch office of Stowe and Stowe is located in Houston and looks after the work of the firm there. Most of the prominent buildings in Galveston and quite a number in Houston and other cities were designed by Mr. Stowe and erected under the supervision of his firm.

Mr. Stowe is a native of Galveston and was born in 1873. He is a son of W. N. and M. E. (Beadles) Stowe. His father for many years was prominently identified with the banking interests of Galveston and for many years was vice president of the First National Bank here.

Receiving his education in the schools of Galveston and at Crawford's private academy, Mr. Stowe, following the completion of his studies, took up architecture and has been engaged in this line of work all his life. He had advanced in his chosen work so rapidly that at the time of the storm in 1900 he had in his office more than two million dollars of work. At one time Mr. Stowe had one of the largest architectural offices in the entire state of Texas and was regarded as the leader of his profession in this state. Among other important pieces of construction at Galveston designed and built under his direction is the immigration station of the United States government. He also designed and constructed many other government buildings here.

Mr. Stowe was married at Austin, Texas, in 1905 to Miss Naomi Perry, member of a well known Texas family. Mrs. Stowe died in January, 1913.

A splendid business man as well as architect, Mr. Stowe has enjoyed a successful career and has left an indelible impression on the commercial and industrial life of his native city in the substantial character of the buildings he has constructed. Mr. Stowe has always been intensely interested in any movement for the upbuilding and development of Galveston and has done much for the city in many ways.



**R. BENNETT**, who has recently come to Texas City, has entered actively into the commercial life here, and as an engineer has been a factor in the industrial development of the city. Mr. Bennett is superintendent of the Swiftsure Petroleum Company, coming to Texas City in May, 1921, to build the plant, and remaining here in charge of its operation. Under his management the plant has developed into a well organized, efficiently operated terminal, and is one of the important industrial enterprises of Texas City, furnishing employment to a large number of people. The plant is modern in every detail, and all equipment of the best. The manufactured products are shipped from Texas City to various points, and are of recognized quality. Mr. Bennett is exceptionally well equipped for his work and has had the advantage not only of an excellent technical education, but of practical experience.

H. R. Bennett was born in New Brunswick, Canada, the eighth of September, 1895, his father being at that time stationed there. In 1900 the family returned to the United States, to Massachusetts, and Mr. Bennett received his elementary and high school education in the public schools of that State. He then entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, taking the B. S. degree there in 1916, and entering upon his active business career. He spent one year with H. Koppers Company of Pittsburgh, Penn., at Jersey City, and then entered mili-



*T. C. Avery*





*Carl Herley.*

tary service, shortly after the entrance of the United States in the World War. He enlisted in the air service in June, 1917, as first class private, and was later cadet and then second lieutenant, air service. He spent four months overseas, and was discharged the seventh of February, 1919. After leaving the army he resumed his professional career, and was engineer for the Arkansas Natural Gas Company in Louisiana. After a period in business for himself, in Shreveport, he came to Houston in 1920, with the Crown Oil and Refining Company as engineer, on construction work. He later spent a short time with E. E. Sands, coming to Texas City in May, 1921, to build the Swiftsure Petroleum Company's plant, and has remained here as superintendent.

Mr. Bennett was married at Dallas in April, 1918. He has made Texas City his home since his business has been centered here, and takes an active interest in all community progress. He belongs to the American Legion and has served as post commander of the Texas City post.

**C**ARL NESSLER, public official, banker, business man, and citizen of high order, has for more than a decade been a factor in the progress of Texas City, and has contributed materially to the advancement of this city. Mr. Nessler came to Texas City in December, 1911, and shortly after his arrival built the ice and cold storage plant, one of the most important industrial enterprises of the city, and has since been president and manager of this concern. The plant, one of the best organized refrigerating plants in this section, has a storage capacity of sixty thousand cubic feet, and a manufacturing capacity of forty-five tons of ice each twenty-four hours. A force of skilled operatives are employed to maintain the plant, and ice is supplied to Texas City and other towns in Galveston County and surrounding counties. The plant also supplies ice to a number of ships, and is operating to full capacity. In addition to the ice and storage business a large fuel business is operated in connection with the ice plant. Mr. Nessler has recently built an ice plant at Hitchcock, Texas, which was completed in July, 1923, and has since been one of the prosperous industrial concerns of that place.

Mr. Nessler is president of the Texas City National Bank, one of the strong financial institutions of Texas City and as a banker his sound financial policies have directly influenced community prosperity. He is also president of the Home Building and Loan Association, a capably directed association that since its organization has encouraged home ownership, and has done much to make Texas City a desirable residence city.

Mr. Nessler was elected mayor of Texas City in 1916, and has since been re-elected four times. He brought to bear in directing the municipal affairs of the city the same enthusiasm that characterized his activities in the business and banking world, and has insured his success. As mayor he devoted his time to the advancement of Texas City, extending public utilities, such as water mains, sewerage, and like services, and encouraged all progressive and constructive public advancement. Under his administration the entire municipal government has been placed on an efficient, businesslike basis. The result has been a marked civic improvement, and an excellent financial condition, and Texas City has en-

joyed one of the most prosperous periods in its history.

Mr. Nessler was married at St. Charles, Missouri, the twentieth of April, 1912, to Miss Eda Burtes Salveter. They have since made their home in Texas City, and have four children—Leneda, Margurite, Mary Louise, and Carl, Jr. Mr. Nessler belongs to the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers, and the Southwestern Ice Manufacturers' Association. He is ex-president of the Practical Refrigerating Engineers' Association, an organization including the United States, Canada, and other countries of the world, having served as president in 1914. He is also treasurer of the Galveston County Fair Association, and a member of the County Fair Board. Mr. Nessler is interested in all that concerns the development of Texas City, and there are few men who have taken so vital a part in the upbuilding of this community.



**W**ILLIAM HASTINGS, who has been a prime factor in the petroleum industry at Texas City for the past several years, is a real pioneer in the oil business, and his three decades and more of practical experience qualify him to speak authoritatively on any phase of the industry, particularly from construction and pipe line angles. Mr. Hastings is superintendent of the Vacuum Oil Company at Texas City, coming to this place the first of January, 1921, to take this position. Since he took charge of the plant the business has been materially built up, and the plant is operating on an efficient, economical basis.

Mr. Hastings was born at Wellsville, New York, the twenty-eighth of April, 1865, and spent his boyhood on his father's farm, where, although he did not at the time realize it, he learned from nature the most valuable lessons of his life, and laid the foundation of his career. The farm he calls "Nature's College." He attended the public schools near his home, and later worked around the tanneries, and also learned telegraphy and did some railroad work. He then began in the oil industry, and spent thirty-three years with the Iroquois Natural Gas Company in New York, as superintendent of field construction, pipe lines, and work of this kind. He was later with other companies for a short period of time, and then came to Texas City, where Mr. W. C. Brower got in touch with him and induced him to take charge of the plant of the Vacuum Oil Company at Texas City.

Mr. Hastings was married at Olean, New York, the fifteenth of January, 1889, to Miss Catherine T. Malone. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings have one son, William Hastings, Jr., with the sales department of the Vacuum Oil Company, who makes his headquarters at Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Hastings reside at Texas City, and are members of the Catholic Church. There has ever been associated with his name a sterling integrity that has influenced his entire career, and has made him known to his many friends and associates as a "mighty square man." He enters heartily into the life at Texas City, and is active in all work for the advancement of this place, both as a residence city and as an industrial center. In the oil business there are few men more highly regarded, and his many years of practical experience, and the fund of practical knowledge he has acquired, make his opinion on petroleum matters of especial weight.



**L**OUIS P. TSCHUMY, who has found Galveston ripe in business advantages during his many years of residence here, is one of the leading marine electrical experts here, and has a large and well established electrical business. Mr. Tschumy is the owner of the firm of L. P. Tschumy and Company, operating a large Marine Electrical works, and also dealing in electrical machinery and supplies, as well as doing a large house wiring and ship wiring business. Mr. Tschumy specializes in marine work, a field to which he has given special study, and in insulation and construction work in the electrical field. He has a fine retail store at 517 Twenty-first Street, where he keeps a large stock of electrical goods, employing some fifteen skilled workers. His is one of the oldest electrical houses in Galveston, and has handled many of the larger and more important contracts here for years. Some of the electrical work done by Mr. Tschumy is as follows: Southern Compress & Warehouse Co., steel building; Tschumy Jewelry Store; "Roosevelt" boat owned by Galveston Pilot Association; "Maybell" boat owned by W. L. Jones, Houston Pilot Boat No. 2, and many others. He builds entire radio plants and has been very successful in everything electrical he undertakes. He represents the General Electric Co. in Galveston, in matters pertaining to motors, lamps and electrical apparatus. During the war he did work for the United States government.

Louis P. Tschumy was born in Europe, the second of May, 1875, the son of Louis Tschumy, who later came to Galveston where he engaged in the jewelry business for many years, until his death in 1911. His son, Louis P. Tschumy, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Galveston, attending the schools here, and after finishing his education went in the machine shops of the Santa Fe Railroad, remaining there for one year. He spent the next three years in various foundry and machine shops, then went to California, where he remained one year, following this with one year engaged in electrical work in New Mexico, and one year engaged in electrical construction work at Dallas. He then returned to Galveston, doing electrical work for the Galveston News for a time, and later working with Clark and Courts. In 1903, he established his present business, the firm at that time being known as Lowe and Tschumy. Two years later this firm was dissolved, and Mr. Tschumy spent three years as United States engineer in fortification work, in charge of all electrical installation in this district. He then resumed his business, reorganizing the firm as L. P. Tschumy & Co., in which R. J. Murray was a partner. This company was dissolved in 1912, and the business continued as L. P. Tschumy & Company.

Mr. Tschumy was married at Galveston, in 1909, to Miss Bertha Virginia Seixas, a native of Louisiana, and the daughter of DeLeon Seixas, a cotton and hardware dealer of Dallas and Shreveport. Mr. and Mrs. Tschumy have three children: Louis Seixas, DeLeon and Elsie Bertha Tschumy. Mr. Tschumy is a member of the Elks Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Commercial Association and is a charter member of the Houston Builders' Exchange. For many years he has been particularly active in all work directed toward the commercial development of Galveston.

**R**AYMOND R. RAPP, well known Galveston architect, has been a resident of the Island City for a number of years, having come here in 1917. During this time he has been connected with a number of major building operations and since 1920 has been engaged in general architectural practise under his own name. Mr. Rapp maintains offices at 417 Guaranty Building, where he has one of the most complete architectural establishments to be found in this section of the state.

Among the building operations conducted under the direction of supervision of Mr. Rapp are a number of schools, churches and fine residences in Galveston and other South Texas cities. The value of buildings constructed under the supervision of Mr. Rapp and from plans drawn by him, during the year 1924, totaled more than a quarter of a million dollars, making the large building program since he began business for himself in 1920.

A native of Kentucky, Mr. Rapp was born at Louisville on August 1, 1896, a son of H. T. and Theresa Rapp. After receiving his preliminary education in the parochial and high schools of Louisville, Mr. Rapp attended Saint Xavier's College and the University of Louisville, specializing in architectural design.

After completing his University course, Mr. Rapp came to Houston as special architect for the Russell-Brown Company, remaining with this concern for a year before locating in Galveston.

During the World War, Mr. Rapp was connected with the Infantry forces of the United States and attended the officers training camps at Waco and San Antonio, receiving his discharge on December 10, 1918. He was then connected with the United States engineering department for a while, doing special work in the designing of concrete foundations and abutments for forts and harbor work.

In 1919 Mr. Rapp was married in Galveston to Miss Edith Reybaud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Reybaud and a native of Galveston. Mr. Reybaud is a well known accountant. Mr. and Mrs. Rapp have one son, Raymond, Jr., four years of age. The family home is at 1810 Avenue K.

A man of splendid and engaging personality, Mr. Rapp takes an active interest in civic affairs and is a member of the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and of the Knights of Columbus, fourth degree.

**H**AMILTON R. ANDERSON is one of Galveston's younger business men whose efforts have been crowned with success. He is the proprietor of the Broadway Cleaners, a modern and scientific cleaning plant located at 2215 Avenue F. Mr. Anderson first came to Galveston in 1912 in charge of the cleaning plant in connection with the Rex Laundry. He remained with this concern until the latter part of 1918 at which time he started business for himself in the same line, cleaning and pressing, at 2023 Broadway. His work met with instant favor and in March, 1919, he was able to move his business down-town to its present location at 2215 Avenue F. He bought outright the lot on which the plant stands and erected the building which he now also owns. This building was specially designed as a cleaning and pressing establishment and is of brick and concrete construction. The latest and most modern equipment



is used and continually old equipment is being replaced by more modern appliances. Mr. Anderson believes thoroughly in keeping abreast of the times. He recently installed at great expense the Continuous Flow System of cleaning which is the most recent advance in this art. The plant is equipped to do all forms of cleaning from the sheerest silks to the greasiest of overalls. Associated with Mr. Anderson in the business is Mr. H. E. Spear, as office manager, who has proven to be a decided acquisition to the business because of his experience and an unusual ability to sense the needs of the public. Fifteen people are employed the year around and three automobile wagons are kept constantly on the go. Mr. Anderson is president of the Broadway Cleaners and his wife, Mae Anderson, is secretary and treasurer.

Hamilton R. Anderson was born at St. Paul, Minnesota, July 13th, 1884, son of Charles B. Anderson, a native of Minnesota, but who was for many years a farmer in Oklahoma. His mother, prior to marriage, was Miss Lusetta Edwards, a native of Indiana. She died when the subject of this sketch was fifteen years old. He received his preliminary education at the public schools of Kingfisher, Oklahoma. After leaving school he engaged in various forms of commercial work until 1908. From 1910 until 1912 he was in the dry goods business at Verdon, Oklahoma. In 1912 he moved to Galveston where he laid the foundation for his present business.

On January 16, 1907, he married Miss Mae John at Verdon, Oklahoma. She is a member of a well known Kansas family, her father being well known in railroad circles. Two children were born of the union: Gerald, a student of Allen Academy, Bryan, Texas, and Christine, a student at Fort Crocket. Fraternally he is a Mason of Tucker Lodge, Galveston, and is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. His church association is with the Central Christian Church.

Mr. Anderson has by strict attention to business and a study of scientific methods, built up an organization that is a credit to Galveston, of which city he is an ardent booster.



**E. STOUT** for the past quarter of a century has been well known at Friendswood for his activities incident to the development of this section, and in addition to being a practical horticulturist, has done much experimental work of a scientific nature. Mr. Stout came to Friendswood in 1896, and is not only one of the oldest settlers of this community, but one of the first to give serious attention to figs as a commercial crop. Since that time he has been a factor in developing the Magnolia fig in this locality, and has done as much, if not more, development work than any man here. He has twenty acres of Magnolia figs, carefully cultivated, and yielding a large crop of high class fruit. Mr. Stout was also one of the largest orange growers here some years ago, and had one of the big orange groves in Friendswood, but has recently been giving his attention to figs, which he finds better adapted to local conditions than citrus fruits.

Mr. Stout was born in Chatham County, North Carolina, the twelfth of May, 1849, son of William M. Stout, a farmer and land owner of that state, and Phoebe Stout. He attended the public schools of

North Carolina, and after finishing school turned his attention to farming and horticulture. In 1865 he went from North Carolina to Kansas, where he engaged in farming and stock raising until 1896, when he bought a farm at Friendswood, and came here. He planted his first figs in 1899, and his first oranges in 1902, getting his first crop in 1906. In 1909 he had six acres of Satsuma oranges, for which he received more than six thousand dollars gross receipts. Heavy frosts, however, have damaged his citrus groves. Mr. Stout gives most of his attention to figs and encouraging the Satsuma orange growing in this section.

Mr. Stout was married in Kansas, in 1892, to Mrs. Sarah Mowry, daughter of a farmer of Ohio. They have one of the attractive homes in Friendswood, and are Quakers. Mr. Stout is especially interested in experimental work along horticultural lines, and has done much of importance in this field. He early turned his attention to development work with the Magnolia fig, and through careful selection of stock, has developed a pure stock of proven adaptability, and that can be profitably developed in this locality. Mr. Stout has been a leader in the fig growing industry here, working co-operatively to solve not only his own problems, but those of other growers, and the locality owes much to him for his patient experimental and development work.



**ZIEGELMEYER, JR.**, has for twenty-eight years been engaged in the cotton business in Galveston and is firmly established in this cotton center as one of the leaders in this important industry. His offices are at 2010½ Avenue B, where he is engaged in the cotton brokerage business at this time and has many clients in this field. Mr. Ziegelmeyer is well known, not only in this country but throughout Europe, where for many years he has been active in the cotton markets.

A native Texan, Mr. Ziegelmeyer was born at Richmond, Texas, on August 10th, 1883. His father, A. Ziegelmeyer, a native of Germany, has been a resident of Galveston for many years, and during much of the time he has resided in the Island City, he has been associated with the Merchants Association as secretary of this organization, and is well known in the business circles of Texas. His mother was prior to her marriage, Miss Antoinette Koschel, a native of Brazoria County, Texas, where she was a member of one of the pioneer families of the Lone Star State. His education was obtained in the public schools of Galveston and at other cities of Texas.

Mr. Ziegelmeyer was married at Galveston in 1911, to Miss Claribel Burch of Galveston, and a member of a well known family of this place. Mr. and Mrs. Ziegelmeyer reside at 2002 31st Street. Mr. Ziegelmeyer is a member of the B. P. O. E., and takes an active interest in this organization. He is a member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Ziegelmeyer has devoted his entire life to the various branches of the cotton industry and knows cotton, perhaps as few men know it. He has made a complete study of cotton, its cultivation, gathering and preparation for market, and this study has been a valuable asset to him in conducting his business, and has had much to do with the success which he has attained along the lines of his chosen profession.





**F** B. DAVISON, one of the first residents of Texas City, has been associated with the development of this community from the earliest days, witnessing the progress here from the days of the straggling village of the early nineties, until it has become a prosperous city, the center of a great petroleum area, and in all this development has taken an important part. For about a quarter of a century of this time Mr. Davison has engaged in the merchandising business, building a mercantile establishment that is an integral part of community life, and a distinct addition to the business center. He carries a full line of groceries and general supplies, the business occupying a good location in the Southern Hotel building. In addition to the retail store a large warehouse, centrally and conveniently located, is used for the storage of surplus stock. Mr. Davison is also financially interested in several enterprises of importance to the prosperity of the city, and holds stock in the Texas City Ice Plant, and the Texas City National Bank. Although primarily a business man, he has not neglected his public duties, and has held at various times public offices, and has taken a leading part in all civic advancement.

Mr. Davison was born in Michigan, the second of October, 1854, the son of Oliver Perry Davison, who was named for Commodore Perry, and Mary Clarke Davison, a native of Yorke, England. His grandfather, Colonel Davison, was an officer in Washington's army during the Revolutionary War, and was later sent to Western New York to handle Indian trouble there, and after leaving the army settled near Rochester, New York. The family has been identified with the history of the United States since the early colonial days, and is among the oldest American families. As a boy F. B. Davison attended the public schools of Michigan, and later went into the grocery business in that State, spending a number of years in that business at various points in the State. He first came to Texas in 1891, locating at Galveston, where he made his home and engaged in business at Texas City in April, 1893, when he was appointed postmaster here, serving four years, until 1897, and resigning upon the election of President McKinley. Mr. Davison was the first postmaster to serve at Texas City, and he saw the early beginning of the town, being in the employ of the land company that laid out Texas City, and established the townsite. In 1900 he established a grocery store, in a small way, this store growing and prospering to keep pace with the rapidly growing community, and is now one of the largest merchandising establishments here. Mr. Davison also served one term as city commissioner.

Mr. Davison was married at Howell, Michigan, the twenty-sixth of February, 1884, to Miss Florence Haven. They have a family of eight children—Mary, Gene, George and Dan, born in Michigan, and Christine, Margaret, Perry and Florence, born in Texas City. Two of the sons, Dan C. and George O., are associated with their father in the mercantile business. Mr. Davison has been for many years a Mason, and belongs to Lodge No. 1118, Texas City. One son, Dan, is a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine of Galveston, and the other, George, is a member of the Blue Lodge, and to the eighteenth degree in the Consistory of Galveston. The daughters are all members of the Eastern Star.

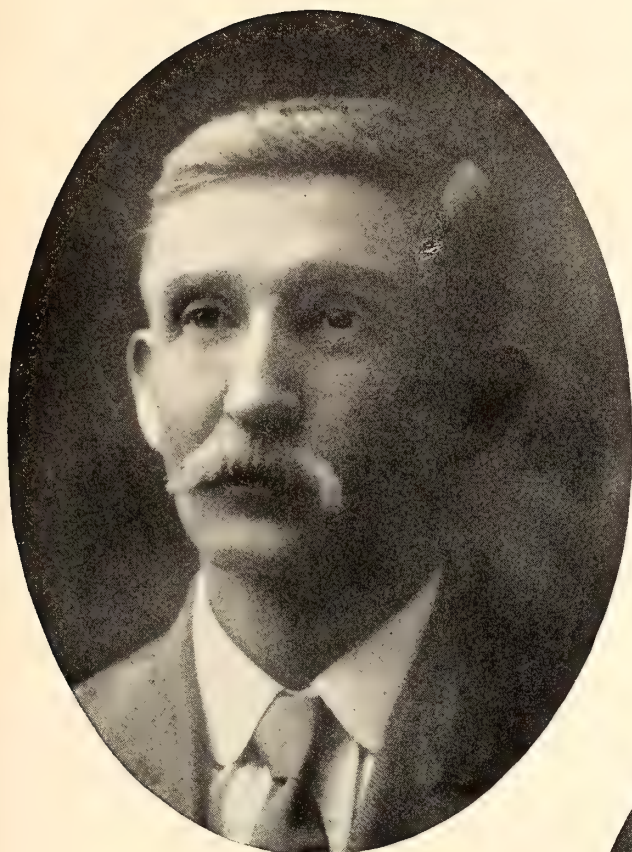


**W** T. SMITH came to Texas in 1909 from Pearl River County, Mississippi, and located at Friendswood, where he engaged in the raising of oranges, which he still continues to do. After a short while at Friendswood he turned his attention to fig growing, which was already started here by others. At that time the preserving plants had not been established, and while the climate and soil were admirably adapted to this industry, there was no market for the large crops of figs produced. He next engaged in farming, having his land planted to cotton, corn, peanuts and other farm products in which he was very successful. In 1920 he purchased his present homesite which had at the time splendid fig acreage, which is now twenty acres. The four acres of the oldest trees produced in 1922 an average of \$500.00 per acre in revenue, and after the freeze and cutting back in 1923, produced approximately \$200.00 per acre. During this same year, from two acres of nursery stock, Mr. Smith sold \$3,200.00 worth of trees which were transplanted, and in fine condition. Mr. Smith owns thirty-five acres of very fine land in the Friendswood area, all of which he has planted to various fruits and nursery stock. In 1919 he took charge of the N. E. Stout place here on working interest plans and has made a success of this farm, which he operated from 1919 to 1923 inclusive, and it was here that he became known for his successful fig culture. During these years he purchased his present farm, and began the development on same. He plans to have here in the near future, a model, modern orchard home, in every respect in keeping with his modern horticultural methods. His land would produce good crops for many years without fertilizers, but he fertilizes his trees by modern, scientific methods, and is regarded as an authority on fig growing, orange breeding and modern horticultural methods in this portion of Texas, all of which he has gained through experiments and practical application. Mr. Smith is active in the affairs of his county and State and in July, 1922, was elected to the office of justice of the peace of Precinct No. 6, and established a reputation in this office. In July, 1924, he was nominated for the office of county commissioner, Mainland Precinct No. 6, Galveston County and carried this election over two other strong candidates.

Mr. Smith was born in Pearl River County, Mississippi, on June 14th, 1888. His father, Ira Smith, was engaged in farming in Mississippi. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native State.

Mr. Smith was married at Houston to Miss Elsie Marie Allen, a native Texan and a member of a well known family of Friendswood. Her father, S. V. Allen, resides with Mr. and Mrs. Smith, her mother having died when she was an infant. They have one daughter, Velma. Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside at their country home at Friendswood. Mr. Smith is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in League City Blue Lodge No. 1053, and is a member of the I. O. O. F. at Pearland, Texas. He is ex-president of the Farm Bureau and is very active in this organization. He is very interested in all organizations, for the betterment of the fig growing industry in this portion of the State, and is known as an authority on horticulture, and is very popular in his own and contiguous counties.





*Frank B. Dawson*



*Mrs. Florence H. Dawson*





*E D Altemus*



**LDGAR DAVID ALTEMUS** has for more than a decade been one of a group of horticulturists who have taken an important part in the development of Friendswood, and his name is of special significance in the fig-growing industry. Mr. Altemus has the largest individually owned fig orchard in this section, with three hundred acres planted in figs. He has spent many years studying this branch of horticulture, and this, with years of practical experience, has been a factor in his success. Mr. Altemus uses tractors to handle the work of cultivating his orchards, and employs modern methods in all his operations. His stock is unusually good, and in addition to raising figs for the market, he also sells nursery stock. Mr. Altemus gets exceptionally good yields, as a result of his strict censorship of figs planted, and his scientific management of the orchard. The soil is admirably adapted to fig growing, being of the black waxy, or buck-shot type, and this, with the favorable climate and other conditions, make this one of the most important fig growing sections of the State. Mr. Altemus is vice president and director of the Fig Growers' Association, organized in 1924, as a subsidiary of the Texas Farm Bureau. This is a marketing association planned along the same lines as the California Citrus Growers Association.

Mr. Altemus was born at Stoughton, Wisconsin, the nineteenth of November, 1869, the son of Nicholas Altemus, a farmer and land owner, who came to Wisconsin from Pennsylvania, and Sallie Anne Altemus. He was educated in the public schools of his native State, attending high school there, and after finishing his education engaged in farming. He came to Texas in 1910, locating at Friendswood, and planted an orange grove of fifty-five acres. This was one of the best groves of citrus fruit here, and until the hard freeze of 1917, which destroyed it, produced fine flavored fruit which found a ready market. In 1914 Mr. Altemus first began planting his fig orchards, and after the orange grove was destroyed, gave his entire attention to this crop.

Mr. Altemus was married in Wisconsin, in 1894, to Miss Myrtle Eva Robb, daughter of Nelson Robb, a dairyman of that State, and Corinda Robb. Mr. and Mrs. Altemus make their home in Friendswood, and have three children—Nicholas Nelson, Hazel Zeo and Merle Laverne. The family attend the Methodist Church. Fraternally Mr. Altemus is an Odd Fellow. Since coming to Friendswood Mr. Altemus has taken a deep interest in the development of this section, and has done much in a material way for its advancement. He is a member of the Texas Farm Bureau, working with that organization for the improvement of agricultural and horticultural conditions, and in 1923 was asked to make a talk on fig culture at Texas A. and M. College. In this latter field he is regarded as one of the foremost authorities in the State, and few men have done more to develop the fig orchards of this section than he.

**E. MILLER**, one of the recent recruits to the petroleum industry at Texas City, since coming here has been active in this field, and as an authority on exports is exerting an influence that is materially affecting the petroleum industry generally, when viewed from an ex-

porting angle, and is of vital importance to the prosperity of the city. Mr. Miller is manager of the Marland Refining Company, coming here from New York City in July, 1923, to take charge of operations. Mr. Miller is concentrating his attentions on building up the terminal facilities in barreling plant operations along with the bulk station. The Marland Refining Company has built a large foreign market for the products, and is gradually reorganizing the export shipping end of the business so that all export shipments, formerly being made through New York, are being diverted through Texas City, and all export shipments are made direct from this point to all parts of the world. Mr. Miller's work in this line is attracting the attention of the business world at Texas City, and is one of the most important steps forward that has been taken in the Marland plant since its establishment, and marks a new era. As an export terminal manager Mr. Miller is well equipped, both by education and experience, and fills this most difficult position in a capable manner.

Mr. Miller has been with the Marland Refining Company since July, 1920, at which time he became assistant manager in the New York division and export office, and, with Mr. Hood, established the office there on a sound basis. He was then transferred to Texas City, and with a modernly equipped plant, safeguarded in every way, already established, he has been able to devote a large measure of his time to the export end of the business, and the diversion of foreign trade shipments through this port.

Mr. Miller was born the seventeenth of November, 1896, at Franklin, Pennsylvania, and received his education in the public schools, complementing his school work with practical work along exporting lines, and giving special study to foreign trade problems. His first business experience was at Franklin, Pennsylvania, his native city, in the compounding plant of the Wolverine Lubricants Company. He was assistant manager of that plant for four years, enlisting in the army at the expiration of that time. After his discharge he resumed his business career, going with the Advance Oil Company, at Oil City, Pennsylvania, and later with the Biery Oil Company, as district manager of the Pittsburg office, and later in the export office in New York, handling portions of the export business of that company. He then came with the Marland, with which he has since been associated. Mr. Miller enlisted in military service the twenty-fifth of May, 1916, with the Sixteenth Pennsylvania Infantry, which unit later formed a portion of the 112th Infantry. He served overseas with the Twenty-eighth Division, and was discharged the twenty-fourth of April, 1919. Mr. Miller graduated from the Third Officers Training Camp, but never accepted his commission, enlisting as a private.

Mr. Miller was married in New York City, in 1922, to Miss Minerva C. Schlemmer, a New York girl. Although a resident of Texas City but a short time, Mr. Miller has been active in all industrial advancement, and is a factor in the commercial world. He has impressed his associates with his ability to command foreign trade and built up a large export business, and his cosmopolitan outlook has had a broadening influence over the business life of the city. A man just at the beginning of his career, and with the ambition and ability to make export trade his life's work, the future promises much.





**WILLIAM H. SCHNEIDER** has devoted his entire business life to the cotton industry and since 1911 has been associated with the firm of William Schneider and Company, which is one of the largest cotton firms not only of Galveston, but of the entire state. This firm, with office at 2116½ Avenue B was established by Mr. Schneider's father, William Schneider, in 1896, and handle from 150,000 to 175,000 bales of cotton annually. In addition to the main office located here, William Schneider and Company have branch offices at Houston, Dallas and San Antonio, Texas. Seven experienced people are employed in the Galveston office, and this firm are numbered among the largest cotton factors and brokers in the country. Mr. Schneider entered the cotton business at the age of nineteen years, and was with several of the largest firms here until engaging in business with his father. For several years he was associated with Kuhn and Fransen, and T. W. Stewart and Company of Galveston, and during this period, he applied himself very closely to the details of the cotton business, having always in mind the object of mastering a business which will always be the greatest in the Southland. He wished first to master the details of the business before seeking admission to the firm as a partner. This he did and was admitted to partnership in his father's firm in 1911.

A native Texan, Mr. Schneider was born in Galveston on July 15th, 1877. His father, William Schneider (deceased) was also a native of Galveston, and was one of the pioneers of this city in the cotton business and was closely identified with the social, civic and commercial life of Galveston throughout his entire life. He exerted an influence for good throughout a wide range of the city's activities, and was a leader in the cotton industry and a steadfast exponent of its highest standards. He was ever ready to contribute his material aid and time toward the upbuilding of his beloved Galveston. His mother was Miss Emma Cordes, also a native of the Island City and a member of a pioneer family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Galveston.

Mr. Schneider was married at Galveston in 1915 to Miss Louise Cox, a member of a well known South Texas family. They have one daughter, Dorothy Schneider, seven years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Schneider own their home at 1705 Avenue M. Mr. Schneider is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order, is a Shriner of El Mina Temple of Galveston, is a life member of Arabia Temple of Houston and is an honorary member of Hella Temple of Dallas. He is Past Potentate of El Mina Temple of Galveston, also Past Master of Tucker Lodge No. 297 of Galveston. He has been the leader of the Shrine band of Galveston since 1912. He is a member of the Galveston Cotton Exchange and is active in this organization, and is a consistent member of the Lutheran Church. Mr. Schneider is interested in all agencies working for the greater development, civic improvement and advancement of this city.



**RICHARD PETER WILLIAMSON** is a native of Galveston, Texas, where for many years he has been an active figure in the business, financial and political circles of his city. Mr. Williamson is the owner of the R. P.

Williamson Stevedore Company, which is one of the largest and is the third oldest company of its kind here. Prior to entering business for himself, Mr. Williamson was for many years associated with the leading steamship agents of this city, in official capacities. It is conceded that the R. P. Williamson Stevedore Company has for many years done the largest business of any contracting stevedore company in this city, constantly employing from one hundred to two hundred men in the unloading and loading of ships. This company has splendid, modern equipment for this work, which is valued at about \$20,000.00, and their work is not confined to Galveston, but work in any and all of the gulf ports. Mr. Williamson began his business career as a messenger boy in a local railroad office, and remained for eight years in the service of the railroad, serving in various capacities. After leaving the employ of the railroad, he became superintendent of the Steamship and Lighter Company here, and remained in this position for a period of five years. He then became superintendent of the docks for the Jens-Moller and Company, and remained with this well known company for a period of twelve years, and then went with Langben Brothers, steamship agents, and remained with them for fourteen years, and then engaged in business for himself, in 1919. Mr. Williamson was financially interested in the various companies with which he was associated prior to entering his present business, in which he has met with unusual success and is doing a large and prosperous business. Mr. Williamson has always been deeply interested in the civic and political matters of Galveston and in 1923 was elected to the office of city commissioner of water works and sewers, on the business ticket. He is very popular in Galveston in all circles, and long ago his executive ability was recognized by the citizenship of this city, who made every effort to persuade him to enter the race for mayor, but he always declined.

Mr. Williamson was born on September 10th, 1868, at Galveston. His father, John Williamson, was a well known contractor and builder of Galveston. His mother was Miss Mary Erb, a native Texan, and a member of a prominent family of South Texas. His education was obtained in the public schools of this city.

Mr. Williamson was married at Galveston in 1892 to Miss Mary Ellen McGivney, a daughter of P. McGivney, of this city, who for many years was a prominent contracting ship carpenter. They have five children, Jens C. Williamson, twenty-seven years of age, who went overseas during the World War and saw service in the trenches; C. E. Williamson, aged twenty-nine years, who was an engineer on a battleship during the World War, and who had many thrilling adventures and narrow escapes while at his post of duty; R. P. Williamson, Jr., twenty-four years of age, who served at an Officers Training Camp, and Ellis Williamson, the youngest son, and one daughter, Eileen, who is now the wife of W. T. Glass. Mr. and Mrs. Williamson reside at 1310 Avenue H. In fraternal organizations, Mr. Williamson holds membership in the B. P. O. E., Woodmen of the World and the Maccabees, in which he takes an active interest. For many years, Mr. Williamson has been identified with the leading business institutions of Galveston, and takes a keen interest in all matters pertaining to the betterment of his city. He



*W. H. Schneider*





is vice president of the Galveston Baseball and Amusement Company, and has always been an advocate of clean sports. Mr. Williamson is endowed with vigorous intellectual powers, lofty ideals of commercial and civic virtue, and a strong personality. He has, since reaching manhood, occupied a place of leadership in the business and civic life of his city on which, indelibly, he has impressed the seal of his usefulness. He takes a keen interest in the young men who aspire to better their conditions, and many of the younger generation of Galveston today were assisted in many ways to higher positions in life, by Richard Peter Williamson.



**HERBERT LEMONIUS** of Galveston, Texas, has since 1919 owned and operated the Galveston Cotton Pickery, which was established in this city in 1871 by George P. Dobson and is the oldest cotton pickery in the Lone Star State. Mr. Lemonius was for a period of nine years employed by Mr. Dobson and learned every branch of the business while working for him. On June 30th, 1919, Mr. Dobson died, and soon thereafter Mr. Lemonius took over the business which he has since operated successfully. The cotton which is baled and sold by the cotton pickery is purchased as loose cotton and worked over by the special machinery with which the cotton pickery is equipped. The Galveston Cotton Pickery is located at 602-20 Thirty-first Street. Before engaging in his present business Mr. Lemonius had a wide business career. He came to the United States in 1887, and first settled at Norfolk, Virginia, but after a short time came to Galveston and has always regarded the Island City as his home. He has been a cow puncher on the big Texas ranches, a wild west rider, show rider and is one of the best known horsemen in the entire country. Mr. Lemonius has crossed the sea thirty-one times, but his last voyage was made in 1896, when he returned to Galveston permanently. He was employed by the Magnolia Compress Company in Houston before he entered his present line of business. Mr. Lemonius is a great lover of horses and for some time owned and operated a riding stable in Denver, which later burned. He is also known on two continents as a polo player, and is famous as an exhibitor of horses and horsemanship in shows, both riding and driving. For many years he was the chief promoter of the racing events on the beach at Galveston. He raced for sport only, and as soon as the idea of getting nothing but the proceeds from racing became the prime movement, he left the racing game entirely. He maintained his own mounts, among which "The Whip" was famous and is remembered by the sport loving Galvestonians. Mr. Lemonius has a collection of ribbons and prizes, which were given to him in various portions of the country, for both riding and driving.

A native of England, Mr. Lemonius was born at Liverpool on July 8th, 1864. His education was obtained at Malvern College, Eton and Oxford University.

Mr. Lemonius was married at Galveston on April 20th, 1893, to Miss Stella Willis, a member of one of Galveston's oldest and most prominent families. Mrs. Lemonius died at Denver in 1907. Mr. Lemonius is a charter member of the Houston Riding Club, and is a member of the Galveston Country and Golf Clubs. Mr. Lemonius is optimistic as to the

future of Texas and Galveston and believes that each year larger crops of the fleecy staple will be produced in the Lone Star State, which will always remain the money crop, regardless of diversification.



**J. BROWN**, president of the company bearing that name, has been an active figure in the cotton circles of Galveston since he located the main office of his firm here. The firm of J. J. Brown Cotton Company, with offices located at 2010½ Avenue B, are cotton exporters and merchants shippers, both foreign and domestic. This firm was organized and established in Texas and in Galveston in 1916, and have branch offices at Houston, Texas, and Lawton, Oklahoma, with agencies throughout the country. Seven people are employed in the Galveston office and this firm handle, mostly for export, from 50,000 to 60,000 bales of cotton each year. Mr. Brown has been engaged in the cotton business since 1906, when he started in this industry at Lawton, Oklahoma, where he conducted his business alone until 1916, when he came to Galveston and organized the present firm. Associated with Mr. Brown in the firm of J. J. Brown and Company are his two sons, J. L. Brown, and B. F. Brown, the former being vice president and the latter secretary and treasurer, both of whom are well known in the business and social circles of the Island City and are numbered among the leaders of the younger generation in the cotton industry. Mr. Brown started his business career in the cattle business, and for a number of years had entire charge of his father's ranch. Later ranching for several years in West Texas. In 1901 Mr. Brown moved to Temple, Oklahoma, where he engaged in merchandising and banking until 1907, when he moved to Lawton, Oklahoma, and entered the cotton export business, remaining there until 1916, when he moved to Galveston.

Mr. Brown was born in Atala County, Mississippi, on February 27th, 1871. His father, R. F. Brown, also a native of Mississippi, came to Texas in 1878 and settled on a ranch West of Fort Worth where he engaged in the cattle business on a large scale, and during his entire life was a cattle man, having a great love for the open ranges and cattle. His mother was formerly Miss Mary Quimby, a member of a prominent Mississippi family. His education was obtained in the public schools at various places in Texas.

Mr. Brown was married at Grandbury, Texas, in 1898 to Miss Lillian E. Barnes, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a pioneer family of Hood County. They have four children, Flossie, now the wife of J. N. Spangler; Jay L. Brown, Ila Cloyce and Byron F. Brown. Mr. and Mrs. Brown reside at 1723 23rd Street. In fraternal organizations, Mr. Brown is a member of the following: A. F. and A. M., Knights of Pythias and the Woodmen of the World. He is a member of the Galveston Cotton Exchange and is active in this organization, and is also a member of the Galveston Country Club. He is a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Mr. Brown quickly identified himself with the building up of Galveston after taking up his residence here, and he has always taken an active interest in the progress and advancement of this city.



**U**NO. M. MOORE, a member of one of the real pioneer families of Texas, ranchman and farmer of long and varied experience, has taken a prominent part in the development of Fort Bend County, of which he is a native, and is one of the largest land owners of this section. Mr. Moore owns extensive farm and ranch interests in Fort Bend and Wharton Counties, his holdings totaling more than forty-eight thousand acres of land. His three sons have for many years assisted him in the management of his ranch interests, while he carries on all farming operations by tenant farmers, making cotton the principal crop. Mr. Moore has a herd of twenty-five hundred head of cattle, of Hereford strain. Beginning with the original Texas range cattle he has developed his herd, crossing with Hereford stock, until the herd is tended toward Hereford, and is one of the best in Fort Bend County. Mrs. Moore owned the original grant of four thousand four hundred and twenty-eight acres of land granted by the Mexican government to Nancy Spencer, of the old Austin Colony, and who married Thomas Barnett, who was Mrs. Moore's grandfather. On July the first, 1924, this land had been in the family for one hundred years, and has always, and still is, used as ranch land. The development of Mr. Moore's interests in Fort Bend and Wharton Counties was started in 1883, since which time he has been adding to his interests, and developing one of the finest ranching and farming interests in this section. In recent years Mr. Moore has also been active in developing the petroleum resources of this section, and January, 1926, an oil field was discovered on his land, bringing in a flowing well. Other wells are being drilled. He is president of the Richmond and Damon Mound Oil Company, which owns valuable oil land in fee, at Blue Ridge and Damon Mound, where development work is going forward with good results. Mr. Moore is a director of the Richmond Cotton Company, and a director of the Richmond Waterworks Company and other business interests at Richmond. He has also been a prominent figure in state politics for some years, in 1897 having been elected to the twenty-fifth state legislature, and in 1905 elected to the United States Congress, from the Houston district, serving until 1912, when he retired, refusing to stand for re-election.

Jno. M. Moore was born in Fort Bend County, near Richmond, the eighteenth of November, 1862, on the farm his father owned. His parents, Dr. M. A. and Henrietta (Huddleston) Moore, came to Texas from Alabama in 1852, and resided in Fort Bend County for many years. Mr. Moore received his early education in the schools near his home, in 1878 entering Texas A. and M. College, where he attended two years. He then returned home, and after a short time spent in the mercantile business began in the cattle business in 1883, and has so continued to the present time.

Mr. Moore was married at Nashville, Tennessee, in July, 1883, to Miss Lottie Dyer, daughter of J. Foster Dyer, whose mother was a daughter of Thomas Barnett, one of the original members of the Austin Colony, and a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Mr. Barnett was twice a member of the Congress of the Republic of Texas. His wife, Nancy Spencer Barnett, was also a member of the Austin Colony, her first husband having

been killed by the Indians shortly after her arrival in the republic. Mr. and Mrs. Moore had five children: R. E. Moore (deceased), J. F. D. Moore and J. M. Moore, Jr., both of whom are cattle men, and Mrs. Ivy Moore Morrison, a widow, who makes her home with her father, and Mrs. Etta Mae Moore Little, of Houston. Mrs. Moore was a life member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and was greatly interested in the history of Texas, a history in which her family had played so important a part. Her death occurred the ninth of April, 1924. Mr. Moore has also taken a deep interest in the history of his native State, and interest fostered during his boyhood, when he listened to Mrs. Long, widow of General Long, one of the pioneer settlers of the State, recount the tales of the early days of Texas' history. Mr. Moore is the true type of out-door man, his family having been ranchers since the days of the republic. He was for a quarter of a century a member of the Cattle Raisers Association but is now resigned, continuing, however, to take a deep interest in the advancement of this industry.

**W**ING NORWOOD, for nearly thirty years engaged in the banking business in Texas, is the executive head of the First National Bank of Navasota, and is vice president of the First State Bank of Montgomery. The First National Bank of Navasota is one of the leading financial institutions of this section, and has played an important part in building up this part of the State. Mr. Norwood has been active in the general business and social life of South Texas during his career and his influence has ever been felt.

A native Texan, Mr. Norwood was born at Old Washington, March 11th, 1871. His father, Walter N. Norwood (deceased), was a native of Alabama and came to Texas as a child with his parents, who first settled at Houston, later at Old Washington and still later located at Navasota, Texas, where he spent the latter part of his life, and was first engaged in farming, then in the drug business and later in the cotton warehouse business. His mother was Miss Annah Evans, a native of Mississippi and a member of a well known family of that State. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Navasota, Texas, where soon after leaving school he began his business career in the private bank of E. F. Baxter, and remained with this bank for a period of seven years. In this bank there was only two employees and Mr. Norwood was the junior employee, but at this institution he learned every branch of the banking business. He remained with this bank until 1897, when he went with the First National Bank of Navasota as assistant cashier, and during the same year was made cashier, and in 1907 was made vice president, and was the executive head of that bank until coming to Houston in June, 1923, as vice president of the National Bank of Commerce. The directors of the First National Bank of Navasota would not accept his resignation, and he held the title of president and director of that institution during the time he was in Houston. In February, 1925, he resigned from his Houston position and returned to Navasota.

Mr. Norwood was married at Navasota, Texas, on April 12th, 1898, to Miss Mattie Brosig, a native of Navasota and a daughter of F. W. Brosig, one of the leading business men of Central Texas. They



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*J. H. Moore*

have one daughter, Mildred, the wife of Robert W. Armstrong, a young attorney of Bryan, Texas, and a son of Judge Armstrong of that city. Mr. Norwood is a member of the Masonic fraternity, with membership in Navasota Blue Lodge No. 299; he is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Knight Templar, a Shriner of Arabia Temple, and is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and Knights of Pythias. During Mr. Norwood's connections with the various banks he has proved his value as a man and a citizen, and is numbered among the leading bankers of Texas.



**F. DYER MOORE**, one of the younger representatives of a family which for a century has been identified with the history of Texas and the development of the cattle industry in the State, is one of the leading cattlemen of Fort Bend County, and one of the large land owners of this section. Mr. Moore has a well developed ranch in Fort Bend County, having started for himself in 1908, since which time he has been adding to and expanding his interests. Mr. Moore owns in excess of three thousand acres of land, a part of this land comprising part of the old Nancy Spencer League, which land has been in the family for a hundred years, and which was granted to Nancy Spencer by the Mexican government. Nancy Spencer later married Thomas Barnett, great-grandfather of Mr. Moore. Mr. Moore occupies the house which was built by his grandfather, J. F. Dyer, in 1872, and which he has remodeled and made into a modern and highly decorative place, with all conveniences. The home of Mrs. Barnett, built of hand-sawed timber, was erected on this place in 1836, and is still standing. In addition to looking after his ranch Mr. Moore, in association with his brother, has taken over the management of his father's estate. In handling this estate Mr. Moore is giving his attention toward developing the thousands of acres of land comprising the estate into small, productive farms, operated by tenant farmers, and later expects to encourage these farmers, all of whom are white families, to become home owners. Mr. Moore, although referring to Fort Bend County as the mother country of the cattle industry, shares the opinion that the cattle must eventually give way to agricultural development, and this section is too highly productive, and consequently too valuable, to be used for a cattle range. His work toward the establishment of small, productive farms, which small farmers may purchase, is a step toward this agricultural development, and a venture into the encouragement of home owning, for which Fort Bend County is greatly indebted to Mr. Moore.

J. F. Dyer Moore was born in Fort Bend County, at Richmond, the eighth of February, 1890, the son of John M. Moore and Lottie Dyer Moore. Mr. Moore, Sr., cattleman and land owner of Fort Bend and Wharton Counties, has been active in the development of this section, and in addition to holding extensive business interests at Richmond, has served in both the State legislature, and as congressman from the Houston district. Mrs. Lottie Dyer Moore, the daughter of J. F. Dyer and the granddaughter of Thomas Barnett and Nancy Spencer Barnett, died the ninth of April, 1924. Mr. Moore attended the schools near his home through the elementary grades, at which time he entered preparatory school

in Washington, D. C., later entering the law department of the University of Virginia. He left the university before graduation, returning to Fort Bend County, where he began in the cattle business in 1908, following the traditions of his family, who have engaged in the cattle industry for the past century.

Mr. Moore was married at Richmond, Texas, the twenty-eighth of June, 1911, to Miss Lydia Davis, daughter of James Davis, and Emma (Darst) Davis, both of whom died during her childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Moore reside on the ranch, eight miles from Richmond. Mr. Moore is deeply interested in the history of Texas, and has a valuable collection of historical papers, among them the papers of his great-grandfather, Thomas Barnett, twice a member of the Congress of the Republic of Texas, and chief justice of Austin County in the days of the republic. Among these papers are the original commission of Mr. Moore's great-grandfather, Thomas Barnett, and like instruments, of interest not only to the family, but comprising documents of historical value. Mr. Moore represents the modern, progressive type of cattleman, who has the future of the industry at heart, and has done much to insure its development.



**WILLIAM T. HANCOCK** has for many years been identified with the lumber business at Houston, from a shipping angle, and is regarded as one of the most expert traffic men here. Mr. Hancock is traffic manager for the Kirby Lumber Company, and has charge of the moving of the vast output of the Kirby Mills, one of the most important and responsible positions in the entire organization. Mr. Hancock has been with the Kirby Lumber Company since 1904, when he began as chief clerk in the traffic department, becoming traffic manager in 1909, and holding that position to the present time. The Kirby Lumber Company, of which John Henry Kirby is president, is one of the largest lumber concerns in the country and is known through the lumber using world.

William T. Hancock was born in Alabama, the son of W. H. Hancock, a farmer of that state. He received his education in the public schools of his native state, and as a young man began in the railroad business there. Several years later, in 1893, he came to Houston, at that time going with the H. E. and W. T. Railroad, which road later consolidated with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. He remained with this line until 1904, when he came with the Kirby Lumber Company, with the exception of the years from 1900 to 1902, which he spent in Cincinnati, Ohio, as commercial freight agent for the H. E. and W. T. Railroad. In addition to his position with the Kirby Lumber Company, Mr. Hancock is vice president and general manager of the Gulf and Northern Railroad.

Mr. Hancock was married at Houston, in 1904, to Miss Mabel C. Windle, a native of Kansas who was reared in Texas. They reside in Houston, at 406 Marshall Avenue, and have one child, William T. Hancock, II., attending Rice Institute. Mr. Hancock is a member of the Elks Club, the Hoo-Hoo Club, the Houston Club, the Houston Country Club, the Houston Traffic Club, the T. P. A. and the Chamber of Commerce, and is one of the highly esteemed business men of the city.



**J**OHAN M. MOORE, JR., a native of Richmond, and among the most substantial ranchers of this section, owns one of the best developed ranches in Fort Bend County. Mr. Moore's ranch is located near Richmond, on the Nancy Spencer League, a grant of land given to his great-great-grandmother, Nancy Spencer Barnett, wife of Thomas Barnett, whose name figures prominently in the early history of Texas, and who was a member of the Congress of the Republic of Texas. This land has been in the family since that time, and is now maintained by Mr. Moore as his home place. The ranch is highly improved, with a modern two-story home, silos, corrals, barns, help quarters, and an elevated water tank providing running water, as well as other modern improvements, all of which are kept in fine condition. Mr. Moore has a fine herd of high grade cattle, of Brahma and Hereford strain, and also raises corn and other feedstuff. He employs a large force of men, and recently, due to the adaptability of his land for agricultural development, has been working toward tenant farming. Mr. Moore also is associated with his brother, J. F. D. Moore, in the operation of his father's estate, the land adjoining his own.

John M. Moore, Jr., was born at Richmond, Texas, the son of John M. Moore and Lottie (Dyer) Moore. The elder Mr. Moore, an ex-congressman, and one of the large land owners and cattle men of Fort Bend County, is a member of a pioneer Texas family. Thomas Barnett, the great-grandfather of John M. Moore, Jr., was a member of the original Austin Colony, being a member of the Congress of the Texas Republic, and one of the signers of the Texas Declaration of Independence. Mrs. Lottie Dyer Moore, whose death occurred the ninth of April, 1924, was a daughter of J. F. Dyer, also a pioneer of this section. Mr. Moore received his elementary instruction in the Richmond public schools, later attending Dr. Seeley's Academy, at San Antonio, and Austin Academy. He then entered the law department of the University of Texas, and was admitted to the bar in 1915. He then returned to Fort Bend County, and has been engaged in ranching and agricultural activities since.

Mr. Moore was married at San Antonio, Texas, the twenty-fourth of June, 1915, to Miss Dorethea Guenther, a daughter of H. L. Guenther, of San Antonio. Mr. and Mrs. Moore make their home on the ranch, eight miles out of Richmond, and have two children, John M. Moore, III, and Hilmar Guenther Moore. Mr. Moore is a Kappa Sigma at Austin, a "Rattler" at Austin, and a member of the Fort Bend County Bar Association.

**G**EORGE W. KELLY, for sixteen years representative of the J. I. Case Implement Company in South Texas, came to Houston in 1922, and for a time was the distributor for the Case Automobile, for sixty-seven counties of South Texas, with headquarters in Houston.

Mr. Kelly was born in Alabama in 1882. His father died when he was an infant and he was brought to Texas by his mother in 1883, where he has since made his home. His education was obtained in the public schools of Navarro and Calhoun counties of Texas, and he began as a boy working with machinery, and later worked in various parts of Texas where he assisted in installing electric

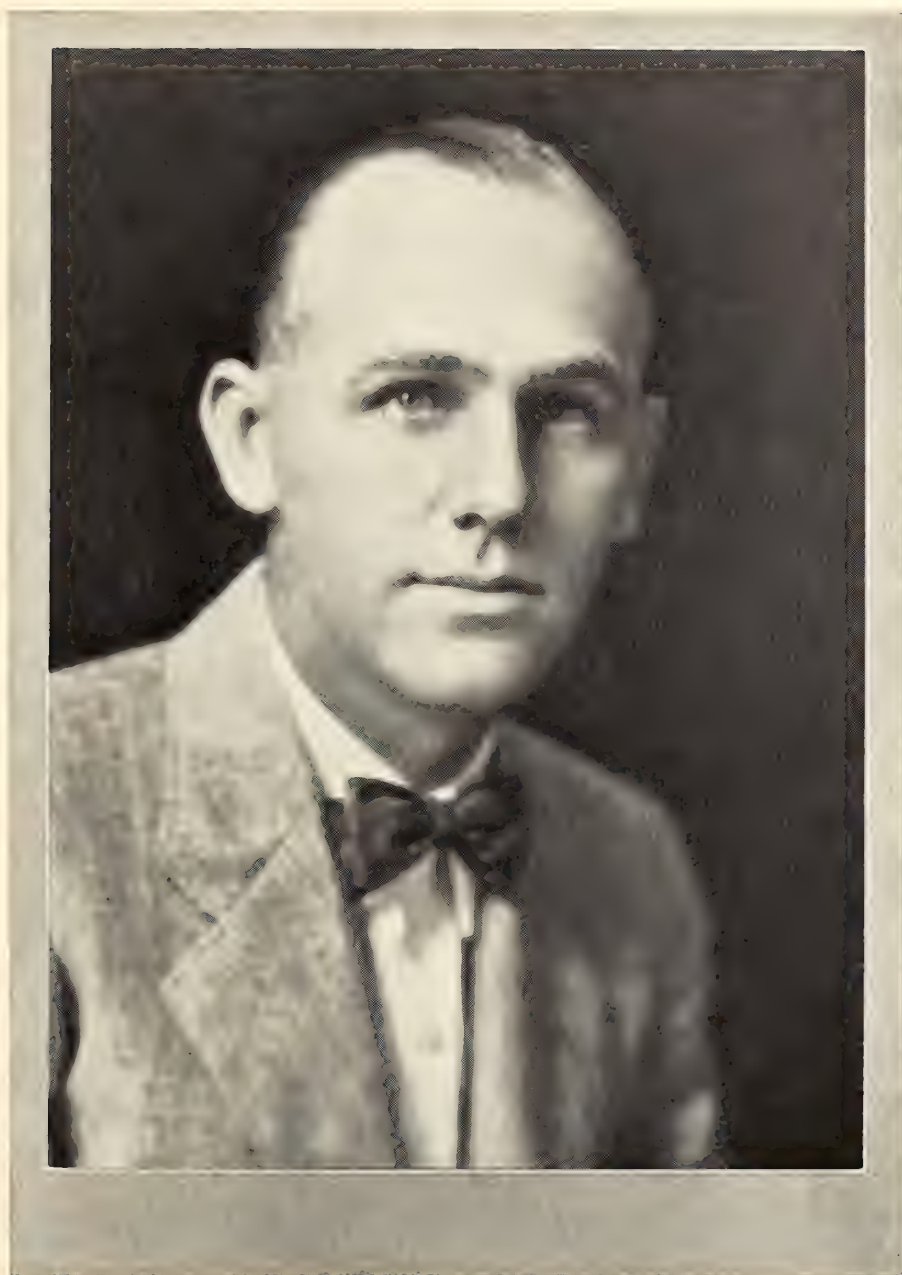
light plants and ice plants. From 1900 to 1903 Mr. Kelly was engaged in railroad work, after which he became associated with the J. I. Case Implement Company as their representative, and during the sixteen years preceding his coming to Houston, he was in business in Bay City, Matagorda County, as the representative of the J. I. Case Implement Company, where he handled only farm implements and machinery and was very successful. In 1922 he sold this business and came to Houston and opened the Kelly Automobile Company, and took over the distributing business of the J. I. Case automobile.

Mr. Kelly was married at Center, Shelby County, Texas, in 1910, to Miss Clara Hughes, a member of a well known family of East Texas. They have one daughter, Mamie. Mr. Kelly is a member of the Woodmen of the World, with membership at Bay City, Texas. He has made many friends since coming to Houston.

**B**LAKELY WINSTON, member of one of the pioneer families of Fort Bend County, and one of the younger business men of Richmond, has extensive cattle and farming interests in this section, and few men here are more familiar with scientific agricultural methods. Mr. Winston has more than three thousand acres of farm land in cultivation in Fort Bend County, farming operations being carried on under his supervision by tenant farmers, who make cotton their principal crop. He owns some three thousand head of range cattle. Mr. Winston also owns acreage in Brazoria County.

T. Blakely Winston was born at Richmond, Texas, the sixteenth of April, 1894, the son of S. J. Winston and Kate Blakely Winston, the latter a native of Richmond, and a sister of Bassett Blakely. The Winston family was established in Fort Bend County in 1819, when General Long came here with his wife, Mrs. Jane H. Long, who was known as one of the most fearless of pioneer times. During General Long's absence in military service Mrs. Long maintained herself practically alone, and after General Long was killed while on a campaign in Mexico City, she continued to reside on the farm they had settled in 1819, after riding over a good part of Texas to find a location. The family still have the piano Mrs. Long brought to Texas, the first to be brought in the State, and other relics of early Texas history, including an oil portrait of Mrs. Long. A daughter of General and Mrs. Long married Mr. Winston, a native of Alabama, around 1830, her death occurring soon after. The son of the couple, J. E. Winston, a native of Richmond, was the father of S. J. Winston, and the grandfather of J. Blakely Winston, the subject of this sketch. S. J. Winston, the father, established a large estate in Fort Bend County, adding to and extending the interests left him by his father, and also served as sheriff for four years.

J. Blakely Winston attended the public schools of Richmond, later entering a military academy at San Antonio, Texas, and still later the University of Texas. He did not finish there on account of poor health, returning from the university to the ranch, where he remained until the outbreak of the World War. In December, 1917, he enlisted in the Air Service, and was commissioned second lieutenant the second of November, 1918. He was at different flying fields, receiving his discharge the fourth of January, 1919, after which he returned



*Jno. M. Moore Jr.*





*Winston Bassett*

to Richmond, where he has since looked after his extensive interests.

Mr. Winston was married at Bay City, Texas, the twenty-third of October, 1919, to Miss Cornelia Mayfield, the daughter of J. S. Mayfield, of Bay City. Mr. and Mrs. Winston reside at Richmond, and have one child, T. Blakely Winston, Jr. Mr. Winston is a member of the Cattle Raisers Association, the University Club at Houston, and Kappa Sigma at Austin.



**WINSTON BASSETT**, one of the younger business men of Richmond, since his entrance in the business world has been active as a cotton factor and in the cotton ginning business, operating one of the largest gins in this section, and also has extensive farming interests in Fort Bend County. Mr. Bassett is manager-director and part owner of the Planters Gin Company of Richmond, one of the largest and most modern gins here, employing a force of around twenty operatives. The Planters Gin was established in 1918 by the late S. J. Winston, J. R. Farmer and Winston Bassett, and since 1919 has been operated by Mr. Bassett, and owned by Mr. Bassett, J. R. Farmer and the Winston estate. Mr. Bassett personally buys cotton at Richmond, handling some two thousand bales annually. He manages the Clem Bassett estate, one of the large estates here, comprising around three thousand acres of land, of which one-half is in cultivation, and which is operated by tenant farmers. The Bassett estate was established by Clem Bassett, who was in the mercantile business at Richmond for many years and a partner of Bassett Blakely, Sr. Mr. Bassett was also interested in the cattle business for some years, and had ranching interests here.

Winston Bassett was born at Richmond, Texas, the fifteenth of September, 1897, the son of Clem and Libbie (Mitchell) Bassett. Clem Bassett, the first white male child born at Richmond, was the son of C. N. Bassett, who came here from Virginia in 1830, and Julia Lee Beal Bassett, the latter a cousin of Robert E. Lee. Clem Bassett served four years in the Confederate Army as a Texas Ranger under Joe Wheeler. He was the first president and the organizer of the Jaybird Democratic Association, and was the first sheriff of Fort Bend County after the Jaybird fight, and also served four years as tax collector. His death occurred in 1914, at which time he was seventy-two years old. Mrs. Bassett was the daughter of Captain John C. Mitchell, a Confederate soldier and noted jurist, practicing law at Richmond and Houston. Winston Bassett received his elementary and high school education at Richmond, then entering Texas A. and M. College. During the World War he enlisted in the United States marine corps, enlisting Friday, the thirteenth of May, 1918, belonging to M. G. Company. He served in the war zone, and was discharged in March, 1919. He then returned to Richmond, beginning his active business career.

Mr. Bassett was married on August 31st, 1924, to Miss Dorothy Bertrand, daughter of W. T. and Willie Mae (Shelton) Bertrand, a pioneer family of Fort Bend County. Mr. Bassett is a Mason, Blue Lodge at Richmond, Morton, No. 72, and belongs to the Chamber of Commerce. He is one of the most progressive business men at Richmond,

and his career is being watched with interest by his associates.




**RUFUS EUGENE SMITH** has been a resident of Humble, Texas, for more than twenty years and has been active in the business life of this prosperous oil center during this period. With Mr. N. E. Frolich, well known in the business circles of Harris County, own and operate the Frolich Grain Company here, and do a large volume of business in this line. This feed and grain business was bought from Ross R. Sterling, one of the leaders of the oil industry of Texas, in 1911, by Mr. Smith, and later Mr. Frolich joined him as a partner. In addition to the feed and grain business, Mr. Smith looks after his interests here, which consist of cattle raising, farming activities and oil interests. At the beginning of the oil boom at Sour Lake, Mr. Smith went there as a representative of the American Brewing Company and the Anheiser Busch interests. He later came to Humble and from 1904 to 1918 he represented the Houston Ice and Brewing Company, the American Brewing Company and the Anheiser Busch interests here. He has shown his faith in Humble and Harris County by his large investments here, where he is regarded as one of the most progressive citizens of this little town and of Harris County.

A native Texan, Mr. Smith was born at Inglewood, Robertson County, on August 3rd, 1870. His father, Hugh Smith (deceased), came to Texas in 1845, and throughout the remainder of his life was engaged in farming in Milam and Robertson Counties, where he was well known and highly esteemed. His mother (also deceased), Mrs. Nettie (Rice) Smith, was a native Texan, and a member of a pioneer family of the Lone Star State. Mr. Smith was raised on the farm and ranch of his father in Robertson County and his opportunities to secure an education were limited and the liberal education which he secured later in life was through self help and travel and reading.


Mr. Smith was married on January 28th, 1891, to Miss Phenie Watson, born near Atlanta, Georgia, and is a daughter of Jury Watson, who came to Texas more than thirty-five years ago and is a well known, highly esteemed and prosperous farmer of Milam County. Her mother, Mrs. Laura (Reynolds) Watson, was a native of Alabama and a member of a prominent family of that State. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have one son, Calvert Smith, who is the district superintendent of the Orange oil fields for the Humble Oil and Refining Company. Calvert Smith married Miss Mattie Dickinson, a member of a well known Texas family. They also have one daughter—Vivian—now the wife of C. H. King, one of the most prominent citizens of Humble and Harris County where he is well known in the business and social circles, not only of this section, but of the entire State. Mr. Smith is deeply interested in the civic improvement and advancement of Humble and gives liberally of his time and means to further any worthy project for this purpose. He has done much in the building up and advancement of Humble as a business point, and much credit is due him in making it the active, progressive little city it is today.



UDGE J. H. P. DAVIS, pioneer banker and cattle man of Fort Bend County, is numbered among the leading citizens of his section of the State. During his lifetime of about seventy-five years, not only has he witnessed the development of Texas from a frontier country to a modern industrial, commercial and agricultural State, but has contributed greatly to this transition.

Judge Davis is a native of Fort Bend County, born February 11th, 1851, son of W. K. and Jane (Pickens) Davis. His education was received in his home county, and he grew up in the cattle business, which was the leading activity of his youth, and which still plays an important part in the life of Southeast Texas. Although he has been identified with other fields of endeavor, yet he has always had interests in cattle raising. He is one of the organizers of J. H. P. Davis and Company, bankers, at Richmond, and was active in banking for a number of years and until his health failed and he retired from business. He has always taken a live interest in civic affairs, and for a number of years served as County Commissioner of Fort Bend County.

On February 10th, 1875, Judge Davis was united in marriage at the old Ryon place, nine miles from Richmond, to Miss Susan E. Ryon, daughter of Colonel William Ryon, a native of Kentucky, and Mary Moore (Jones) Ryon, a native of Fort Bend County. To this union were born two children, Mamie E., now Mrs. A. P. George, and Thomas W. (Bud) Davis, deceased. After the death of his first wife, Judge Davis was married to Miss Belle Ryon, a cousin of his first wife. J. H. P. Davis today still resides on his old home place in Richmond, and although retired from active life, still is interested in all matters that benefit his home County and State. He is particularly interested in the Cattle Raisers Association, of which he is a Vice President. He has always been known as a kindly, charitable and public-spirited gentleman of the old school, and his name will be recorded as a pioneer who helped blaze a trail for the present generation.

W. (BUD) DAVIS, cattleman and financier of Fort Bend County, familiarly known as "Bud" Davis, was one of the best known stockmen in this section of the State. Most of his vast acreage was in Fort Bend County, upon which he pastured some large and very fine herds of cattle. He was formerly associated with T. Martin and after Mr. Martin's death was the administrator of the large Martin estate, which he managed successfully together with his own.

Mr. Davis was born in Richmond, Fort Bend County, September 7th, 1879, son of J. H. P., and Susan E. (Ryon) Davis. J. H. P. Davis is a native of Fort Bend County, pioneer banker and cattleman, who is now retired and resides in Richmond, on the old home place. Susan E. (Ryon) Davis, deceased, was also a native of Fort Bend County. T. W. (Bud) Davis received his education in the schools of his native State. He started in the cattle business at an early age, which he continued until his health failed, a few months prior to his death.

With the untimely death of Mr. Davis on May 30th, 1922, Fort Bend County lost one of its most beloved citizens, a man with a heart of pure gold, and a nature that was generous to a fault. He was always

liberal with his less fortunate fellows, and his kindnesses will live long in the hearts of the many whom he aided. His friends were many, and he was known and loved over the entire State. He belonged to the Elks, and was a member of the Cattle Raisers' Association.



J. KOONTZ, merchant, banker, ginner, cattleman and farmer of Inez, Texas, has taken an active part in the development of this section and much that he has done in a business way has been reflected in the general prosperity of Inez. Mr. Koontz operates a general mercantile store at Inez, the store having been established by his father, the late H. C. Koontz, before the railroad came to Inez. The elder Mr. Koontz served as postmaster until his death, when his son, H. C. Koontz, Jr., succeeded him in this office, V. J. Koontz taking charge of the store management. A gin, with a capacity of four hundred and seventy bales of cotton is operated by Mr. Koontz, and a force of nine people are employed in the gin during the season. Mr. Koontz has six thousand acres of grazing land near Inez, and has a herd of around two thousand head of cattle, one half of which are cows. Mr. Koontz' interest in the cattle business is largely that of the breeder, although he buys and sells cattle to some extent. Mr. Koontz also has seven hundred acres of farming land in cultivation, growing cotton, corn and other crops adaptable to this section. Seventeen Mexican tenant families are located on the farm and all farm work is done by them.

V. J. Koontz was born at Inez, Texas, the eleventh of March, 1893, son of H. C. and M. A. Koontz, (nee Finnigan) H. C. Koontz, was born in Matagorda County, Texas, where he lived until he was five years old. At that time his parents died of yellow fever, and he was reared by his guardian. When he was eighteen years of age he came to Inez and opened a small country store. Several years later when the railroad came here Mr. Koontz bought the townsite and established the store now operated by his son, V. J. Koontz, the subject of this sketch. He invested heavily in land in this section, and was active in all development work and one of the most prominent men of his time. In 1881 Mr. Koontz was appointed postmaster at Inez, by Thomas L. James, at that time postmaster general. The office has been in the family since that date. Mrs. Koontz, a native of Alabama, who came to Texas as a small girl, is still living, making her home at Inez. Mr. and Mrs. Koontz had a family of eight children: H. C. Koontz, Jr., V. J. Koontz, the subject of this sketch; W. L. Koontz, Jasper Koontz, whose death occurred in 1918, and who left a son, Jasper, Jr.; John Koontz, Mrs. Beatrice Hasbrooke, Mrs. R. L. Webb of Berclair, Texas, and Mrs. Frank Canfield of San Antonio, Texas, wife of Frank Canfield, owner of the Perfection Bakeries and other interests.

V. J. Koontz, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools at Inez and after finishing school entered his father's business. He assisted the elder Mr. Koontz in the management of his various interests until the latter's death, in 1908, when with his brother, H. C., Jr., he took over the management of the entire estate. Mr. Koontz makes his home at Inez, and is a member of the Texas Cattle Raisers Association and the Texas Retail Credit Association.







*J. H. Davis*



*P. M. Davis.*







**JOHN RICH, M. D.**, pioneer physician of Fort Bend County, and one of the most highly esteemed citizens of Richmond, has for many years owned extensive farming and ranching interests here, and since his retirement from medical practice has given his time largely to the management of these interests. Dr. Rich came to Fort Bend County in August, 1889, establishing a large general practice in the county, and continuing as one of the leading practitioners until 1908, when he retired from the practice of medicine. Shortly after coming to Fort Bend County Dr. Rich began investing in land here, adding to his interests until he held a large acreage in the county. Later he divided this into small farm tracts, which he sold to settlers, and bought up other undeveloped tracts, following the same procedure and converting it into productive farm homes. Dr. Rich also became active in the cattle business, and for many years was one of the large cattle owners of this section, grazing many head of range cattle on his pasture lands. Dr. Rich now owns some twenty-one hundred acres of land in Brazoria, located in a proven oil field, and also owns several tracts of land in Fort Bend County, including his well improved home place, and his family collectively owns many thousands of acres in Ford Bend County.

In 1898 Dr. Rich was elected county commissioner of Fort Bend County, at that time the county having no funds, no bridges, no roads, and county script was worth but thirty-five cents on the dollar. Dr. Rich, with Judge Will Masterson and Mr. Doherty, obligated themselves for the county indebtedness, and a banker, Mr. Beazly, carried the script for them, for which they were personally liable. Money to carry on county work was then obtained at face value and regular funds were established to carry on road work, build bridges, and the county was placed on a cash basis, against opposition of landed men of the county, and due to the backing Dr. Rich gave the project. There followed a period of great public improvement, roads were built, bridges constructed, and other improvements made.

Dr. Rich was born in Mississippi the fifteenth of October, 1864, the son of M. H. Rich, a planter of that State. As a boy he ran away from home, and at an early age came to Texas, buying a small mercantile store, which he operated very successfully. Dr. Rich also bought and sold cotton seed at a time when it had been considered waste, creating his market, and made money on the venture. About this time he decided to enter Moulton Institute in Lavaca County, although he was at that time a grown man, and round out his education. After finishing there he was persuaded by his friend, Dr. Coon Davidson, to study medicine, and went to Louisville, where he entered the Louisville Medical College, from which institution he graduated in 1891. He also studied at Tulane. As an undergraduate Dr. Rich practiced medicine on certificate, practicing in Wharton and El Campo, Texas, and in 1889 came to Fort Bend County. Dr. Rich had his first hundred acres of land given him by his father-in-law, himself acquiring the rest of his holdings in Fort Bend and Brazoria Counties.

Dr. Rich was married at Foster, Texas, the fifteenth of October, 1891, to Miss Mary Davis, daughter of Ashley Davis and Roxie (Hollerman) Davis. Mr. Davis, a cattleman and land owner of

Texas, came here in 1838 with his father, who a few days later was called out to fight Indians and was killed in a skirmish, leaving to Mr. Davis the obligation to care for the family. He grew up amid pioneer conditions, remaining in Texas until the outbreak of the Civil War, when he enlisted in the Confederate Army, fighting throughout the conflict, after which he returned to Texas and took up his interests here. Mr. Davis was an excellent business man, possessed with a pioneering determination that made for success, and at his death was a rich man. Mrs. Davis now makes her home with Dr. and Mrs. Rich. Dr. and Mrs. Rich have three children: Ashley Davis Rich, of Corpus Christi; Marshall Rich, on the ranch in Fort Bend County, and Mrs. Lucile Bridwell, whose husband is engaged in the drug business at Richmond. Dr. Rich is a Mason, at Richmond, Morton No. 72, Texas Consistory No. 1, at Galveston, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston.



**C. HUNKEN**, one of the leading farmers of Fort Bend County, and one of the large land owners of this section, has been closely associated with agricultural development here for upwards of a half century. Mr. Hunken owns some two thousand acres of land in Fort Bend County, one thousand of which is Brazos River bottom land, all of which is in cultivation, and one thousand of which is pasturage. Mr. Hunken employs colored tenant families to operate his farm, some thirty families living on the place. Mr. Hunken came to Fort Bend County in 1872, having come to Texas one year earlier, and began by renting a farm, several years later buying land interests here, which he has since added to until his holdings total around two thousand acres. Mr. Hunken also operated a store at Foster for many years, the first store building blowing down during the storm of 1900, and was rebuilt in 1901. Mr. Hunken also operated a gin for some years, and is one of the directors of the Richmond Cotton Company, one of the leading enterprises at Richmond. Since 1901 he has been gradually relieving himself of his responsibilities in the business world, and now gives his time to the management of his farming interests.

J. C. Hunken was born in Germany in 1852, attending school in that country. In 1869 he came to New York, and after several years there came to Texas, in 1871, one year later coming to Fort Bend County, where he began his farming interests. Mr. Hunken is that type of man best fitted for pioneer life, and beginning on a rented farm, was determined to achieve success. Saving his money he soon was able to invest in land. His first land was raw, undeveloped acreage, and his first step was to clear the timber and put it in cultivation, the results he has achieved being through unmitigated effort and a pioneering determination to succeed.

Mr. Hunken makes his home on his farm, at Foster, around seven miles from Richmond, and few men in this section have more friends, or are held more highly in public esteem than he. A practical farmer, he has found it possible to encourage agricultural development to a great extent, and has at all times taken a deep interest in the development of Fort Bend County and the welfare of its citizens.





**H**B. McCrary, well known throughout Texas as manager of the Joel McCrary estate, one of the leading breeders of Holstein cattle in the State, and as an authority on this breed, has been a resident of Fort Bend County throughout his lifetime. His well equipped ranch and farm, located near Richmond, is one of the best equipped farms of the county. Mr. McCrary is part owner and manager of Oakwood Farms, the home of Oakwood Holstein-Friesians, and an estate consisting of almost two thousand acres, a large portion of which extends into the Brazos Valley. The Brazos Valley is one of the most fertile spots in the world and the portion embraced by Oakwood Farms has been of inestimable value in the proper feeding of the fine stock thereon. There is every convenience and beauty in every arrangement of Oakwood Farms: There is a cotton gin, grist mill, blacksmith shop, general store, and numerous dwelling houses and barns. In addition to a large herd of Holstein-Friesian cattle, there are numerous pure-bred Poland-China hogs. The owners of Oakwood Farms have bred Holstein-Friesian cattle continuously since 1894, and are believed to be the oldest continuous breeders of Holstein-Friesians in the State. The owners enjoy a high rating with Dun's and Bradstreet's Commercial Agencies, and are favorably known over a wide expanse of territory, their responsibility being in excess of one hundred thousand dollars.

The Oakwood Farms herd consists of Oakwood Practically Pure Holstein-Friesians (unregistered), and Oakwood Pure-bred Holstein-Friesians (registered). Which of the foregoing breeds the buyer should select depends upon the use he expects to make of them. When the object is to lay the foundation of a new herd with the object in view of selling breeding stock, or when it is desired to add new blood to an established registered herd, Oakwood Pure-bred Holstein-Friesians are unqualifiedly advised. For the person who desires to improve or add to a herd of unregistered Holsteins, or to breed up a herd of some other breed, for the person interested solely in milk and butter production; for the person who desires to breed Holsteins under range conditions, without special care, Oakwood Farms Practically Pure Holstein-Friesians are recommended. Work on the Oakwood Farms is carried on under the supervision of Mr. McCrary, who employs twenty-five tenant families, around ninety-five per cent of the work being done by these negro tenants, while the remaining five per cent is done by day labor. Mr. McCrary supplies a portion of the Holstein milk used in the city of Houston, and also sells cows and bulls to cattlemen throughout the State. In addition to Oakwood Farms he owns a half interest in a well equipped dairy farm at Alvin, furnishing cows, while R. O. Surface furnishes the plant, labor and like items, the dairy being operated on a fifty-fifty basis.

H. B. McCrary was born in Fort Bend County, the eighteenth of March, 1887, the son of Joel McCrary and Alice Brookshire McCrary. Joel McCrary, a native of Tennessee, came to Texas in 1866, and at one time owned the place now belonging to the Winston estate, later selling that place and buying the present place, Oakwood Farms, which he established in 1887. Mrs. McCrary was the daughter of I. J. Brookshire, a pioneer Texan,

and living, until his death, near Brookshire, Texas. As a boy H. B. McCrary attended the school on the Oakwood Farms estate, later going to school at Rosenberg, and still later taking a commercial course at Massey's Business College at Houston. After finishing school he returned to Oakwood Farms, at the age of seventeen years taking charge of the general store on the estate, and managing part of the farm. Since the death of his brother, Joel McCrary, Jr., in 1921, he has been sole manager of the estate.

Mr. McCrary makes his home at Oakwood Farms, and is a member of the Holstein-Friesian Association of America. He is a Mason, as were his father and brother, belonging to the Blue Lodge at Richmond, Texas, Morton, No. 72. Mr. McCrary is essentially a business man, directing the management of Oakwood Farms in a way that has been no small factor in the success of the Farms, and is also a director and stockholder of the Fort Bend National Bank at Richmond. Few men have done more to introduce Holstein-Friesian cattle than he, or have done more to win general recognition of the superiority of this breed.



**D**R. J. C. JOHNSON, pioneer physician and surgeon of Richmond, whose success and prestige in the medical profession has been in proportion to his years of practice, has for three decades devoted his talents to the service of humanity along lines that best promote the development of his life's vocation. Dr. Johnson practices general medicine, with all that term implies, and throughout his long practice has been faithful to his responsibilities as the custodian of his patients' welfare. He has an invaluable faculty of diagnosis, and is a man of high intellectual attainments and splendid discrimination, and accustomed as he is to responsibilities, he approaches the most difficult cases with confidence, and has achieved splendid results as a physician. Dr. Johnson is the type of physician, who, seeing in general medicine an opportunity for service unequalled in specialization, has established a practice along broad and general lines, and while equipped to limit his work to fields in which he is especially adept, has continued to fill the more vital place of a general practitioner.

Dr. Johnson, while best known as a physician, has for many years taken an active interest in progressive farming, and since 1893 has had farming interests in Fort Bend County. He has now under cultivation around five hundred and fifty acres of farm land, cultivated by tenant farmers, employing both Polanders and negroes. A tract of one hundred and sixty acres, situated near Richmond, is cultivated under his personal supervision, and in this modern and well cared for farm he finds relaxation from the cares and medical worries incident to his large practice.

Dr. Johnson was born at Woodville, in Tyler County, Texas, on the first day of May, 1863, the son of Dr. S. B. Johnson, pioneer physician of Tyler County, and one of the medical "Old Guard" of that section. Dr. S. B. Johnson was a native of Connecticut. Dr. J. C. Johnson, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools of East Texas, and after his graduation entered Southeast Texas College, attending there during the terms of 1878 and 1879. He then entered Vanderbilt University



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*F. H. Tidwell*

where he did special work, after which he went to New Orleans, entering Tulane University, where he took his medical degree in 1884. This was followed by post-graduate work at Polyclinic Hospital at Chicago, and an internship at Charity Hospital, this latter while still a student. Later, in 1890, Dr. Johnson did special work at the Charity Hospital. Dr. Johnson began his medical practice as an undergraduate, at Cold Springs, Texas, in 1882, and after seven years at that point went to Tarkington Prairie, in Liberty County, where he remained three years. In 1892 he came to Richmond and has since made this city his home, establishing a large practice here.

Dr. Johnson was married at Coldsprings, Texas, the sixth of October, 1886, to Miss Carrie McMicken, the daughter of Levi McMicken, a pioneer of Polk County, and county clerk of that county for many years prior to the establishment of San Jacinto County. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson have eight children: Captain L. S. Johnson, M. C., A. S., U. S. A.; Mrs. J. A. Wessendorf, of Richmond; J. C. Johnson, Jr., of Atlanta; Miss Irma Lou Johnson, a teacher in the high school of Beaumont; Miss Libby Johnson, a teacher in the health department at Honolulu; Mrs. J. H. Turner, wife of Dr. J. H. Turner, of Houston, and Misses Annie Clara and Ivy Lois Johnson, of Richmond. Dr. Johnson is president of the Fort Bend County Medical Society, and a member of the American Medical Association, Southern Medical Association, the Texas Medical Association and the Railroad Surgeons Association, and is local surgeon for the G. H. & S. A. and the G. C. & S. F. Railroads.



**F. TIDWELL**, veteran oil man, and well known in the coastal oil fields, has been at Richmond for several years past, and as field superintendent for the Gulf Company has taken an active part in the development of this field. Mr. Tidwell came to Richmond in 1921, at the time the Gulf Company began operations here, to take charge of development work, and has since directed the program of this company in Richmond. He is considered by oil men to be one of the most competent production men in the coastal fields, and is handling development work for the Gulf Company in a careful and systematic manner. He has brought in a number of producing wells, and has under his direction around fifty operatives, who are engaged in active work developing the Gulf Company interests here.

F. F. Tidwell is a native of Tennessee, where he was born in October, 1886, the son of D. F. Tidwell, a farmer of that State. He obtained his education in the public schools of his native State, and spent his time on the farm until going to the oil fields to accept his first position. In 1906 Mr. Tidwell came to Texas where he began at Saratoga as a roughneck for the Santa Fe Company. Later he went to Sour Lake, with the Yount-Lee Company, as a roughneck, and while at that place gained his first drilling experience. From Sour Lake he went to Goose Creek, with the Gulf Company, a year later going to Mississippi where he was connected with the Preston Oil Company for a time. In August, 1921, he returned to Texas, going with the Gulf Company at Pierce Junction, and a short time later was transferred to Big Creek, as field superintendent for the Gulf Company there.

Mr. Tidwell was married at Sour Lake, Texas, in 1917, to Miss Willie Davis, a member of a Texas family. They have two children, Arthur Frederick Tidwell and Helen Holmes Tidwell, and reside on the Gulf Company lease at Big Creek, seven miles from Richmond. Mr. Tidwell is a Mason, Blue Lodge, at Cedar Bayou, No. 321, Chapter at Dayton, No. 284. He is well known throughout the coastal territory as one of the most expert production men in this section, and is regarded by the oil fraternity as one of the coming men in this industry.



**SIDNEY W. DAVIS**, who has spent many years in the agricultural and stock raising industries in Fort Bend County, for the past several years has been developing extensive land interests near Richmond, and is one of the most substantial farmers and cattlemen of this section. Mr. Davis began the development of a tract of land about a mile out from Richmond in 1919, and since this time has built up a fine ranch, with barns, corrals, silos, and like modern improvements, and has a herd of fine Holstein cattle, consisting of thirty-four registered and high-grade animals. Mr. Davis sells milk, cream and butter, and is creating a good market for his dairy products at Houston. He became interested in Holstein cattle around 1917, after extensive reading and studying of the breed, and says if northern herds, which must be sheltered from the weather the greater part of the year, can be made a paying proposition, that they can certainly do well when all climatic conditions are favorable, and when they can forage on oats, wheat, alfalfa, and like food-stuffs the year round. Mr. Davis has around one hundred and sixty acres of land, raising all his feed and some twenty acres of cotton.

Sidney W. Davis was born in Fort Bend County, the thirty-first of March, 1886, the son of Davis, and Emma Dorst Davis. Mrs. Davis is a granddaughter of A. Dorst, who came down the Mississippi River on the boat, Rights of Man, and settled at Damon, on a Mexican land grant, which he later traded off. Sidney W. Davis attended the public schools of Wharton County, later entering Austin College, at Sherman, and further equipping himself for his practical career through a commercial course at Massey's Business College, at Houston. After school he began ranching in Wharton County, after several years selling his interests there and going to Colorado. In December, 1912, he returned to Fort Bend County and worked with Dyer Moore for a time, and with F. I. Booth for two years. He then went to Kendleton, where he farmed up until 1919, when he came to Richmond and began the development of his place here. At that time the land was a raw thicket, the few years that have passed since that time seeing the present extensive improvements, including a modern home, completed.

Mr. Davis was married at Richmond, the nineteenth of November, 1918, to Miss Lizzie Wessendorf, daughter of T. B. Wessendorf, business man of Houston and Richmond, and mayor of Richmond for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Davis make their home on the ranch, and have three children, An-tonette, Virginia and Sidney W. Davis, Jr. Mr. Davis is a member of the National and State Holstein Breeders Association, and is president of the Texas Farm Bureau for Fort Bend County.



**S.** ADAMS, a successful merchant of many years' experience in Fort Bend County, came to Houston in 1922 and in November of that year opened the "Cherryhurst" grocery store at 1334-6-8 Westheimer Avenue; one of the best residence sections of the city. A modern building, fifty feet by forty feet, with all modern conveniences and sanitary in every particular, was constructed by Mr. Adams especially for this business, which is one of the finest department stores in Houston, having a full and complete staple and fancy grocery department, a fruit and vegetable department, a first class meat market and a bakery, all in the one store.

Mr. Adams, however, sold out his entire interest in the Cherryhurst Grocery Store in October, 1923, partly on account of ill health and also to enable him to devote most of his time for the present to his extensive farming interests.

Mr. Adams was born in Pickens County, Alabama, July 18th, 1873. His father, Sanford Adams, (deceased since 1896) a native of Alabama also, came to Fort Bend County, Texas, in 1894. His mother (deceased since 1906), was Miss Nancy Seymour, a member of a prominent Alabama family. Mr. Adams' education was obtained in the public schools of Alabama, and after coming to Texas with his father in 1894, he worked on their farm in Fort Bend County, and later entered the mercantile business at Richmond, Texas, where he remained for several years and was successful. He later sold his business at Richmond and opened a store a few miles north of Richmond and continued in business at this point for a period of eight years, under the name of J. S. Adams General Store. In 1922 he disposed of all his interests in Fort Bend County except his farms and came to Houston and opened this store, where he met with success. Mr. Adams is engaged in cotton farming mostly on his fine farming land in Fort Bend County, and has other business interests here.

Mr. Adams was married at Richmond, Texas, on April 29th, 1903, to Miss Ida Voss, a native of Richmond and a member of a well known Fort Bend County family. In fraternal organizations Mr. Adams holds membership in the B. P. O. E. and the W. O. W. He is enthusiastic as to the future of Houston and believes that this city will soon become the metropolis of the entire southwest.

**S**YDNEY MYERS is well-known in the business circles of Texas, and, prior to engaging in business in Houston, was for twenty-five years a leading merchant of Marquez, Texas. Mr. Myers came to Houston eighteen years ago and established the Sydney Myers Produce Company, dealers in wholesale produce, of which he is president. Since this company started in business their sales have increased to wonderful proportions and now the Sidney Myers Produce Company is one of the leading wholesale produce houses of the city, and their list of satisfied customers reaches almost every town and hamlet of South Texas, besides doing a large volume of business in Houston. Their office and store is located at 909 Commerce Street.

Mr. Myers was born at Osyka, Mississippi, May 26th, 1863. His father, Lewis Myers, was a well-known business man of Mississippi and came to

Texas about thirty years ago. His mother was Miss Mary Hart, a member of a prominent Mississippi family. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native State. Mr. Myers came to Texas when sixteen years of age, and settled at Marquez for the reason that he had a brother-in-law who had preceded him to the Lone Star State, and had entered business at Marquez. Mr. Myers remained in this Central Texas town and entered the general mercantile business there, where he continued in this line of endeavor for a quarter of a century and prospered. Eighteen years ago he came to the South Texas Metropolis and entered the wholesale produce business and has met with success here, and has been active in the business since coming here.

Mr. Myers was married in New Orleans in 1895 to Miss Pauline Lichtenstein, a native of the Crescent City and a member of a prominent Louisiana family. Mrs. Myers died in 1904. He has two daughters—Myrtle, now the wife of Dr. H. R. Levy, of Dallas, and Fay, the wife of Bernard Joseph, of Fort Worth. Mr. Myers spends all the time possible away from his business with his daughters. The Myers home is located at 902 Marshall Street, at the corner of Roger Street. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Myers has become interested in many of the city's financial and industrial institutions and is vice president of J. Weingarten, Inc. He is a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, and takes an active interest in this organization. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite Body of this Order, and is a Shriner of Karem Temple. His church affiliation is with the Jewish faith, and he is a member of the Beth Israel Congregation. Mr. Myers has always been interested in all educational movements of Texas, and is prominently identified with all movements tending to promote the growth and importance of Houston, and has an abiding faith in the future of his city. Mr. Myers is quiet and unpretentious in his manners, and in his personality are mixed the gallantry and chivalry of the South. Genial, companionable, unselfish, kind, Mr. Myers' life has been delicately interwoven into the fabric of the good fellowship of Houston, where he is loved and respected by the entire citizenship.

**L**M. DEAS came to Houston in January, 1922, and opened the branch house here for Libby, McNeil and Libby, of which he has been manager since that time, and has built up a wonderful business for his firm in this territory. Prior to coming to Houston, Mr. Deas was for eight years manager of the branch house of this firm at Atlanta, Georgia, where he established a record business. The well known firm of Libby, McNeil and Libby was established in Chicago in 1868 and their products have become household words in every portion of the United States. Their home office is still maintained in Chicago where they have one of the largest plants for the canning and bottling of food-stuffs in the world, which includes milk, meats, vegetables, pickles, soups, condiments of all kinds and various foods. This firm has branch houses all over the world, with twenty-two distributors in foreign countries, with about three hundred branches under these distributors. They have thirty-five distribu-





*J. S. Adams*





*T. J. Whitley.*

tors in the United States, one of which is located at Fort Worth, Texas, where they have a mammoth plant for the canning of meat of various kinds. The Houston branch of Libby, McNeil and Libby, located at 1213 North Main Street, occupies a beautiful brick building, one hundred and fifty feet by fifty feet in size, with salesrooms and warehouses, and sell to wholesale jobbers only. All of this firm's business of South Texas is handled through the Houston office, where ten or twelve people are employed at all times. The officers of the Libby, McNeil and Libby are E. G. McDougall, president; F. C. Carr, vice president and H. Williams, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Deas was born at Lumber City, Georgia. His father, R. C. Deas (deceased), also a native of Georgia, was an extensive stock raiser of his native State, where he lived during the whole of his life. His mother was Miss Mary McCloud, a member of a prominent Georgia family. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native State. He started to work at the age of fourteen years, and was employed at various occupations, and later went with Heinz of "52 Varieties fame" and remained with this firm for a period of six years, traveling in Georgia. He later sold candies for two years and then became associated with Libby, McNeil and Libby, and traveled for this firm out of Atlanta for eight years, and when it was decided to open a branch house in Houston, the firm looked for a strong personality, and Mr. Deas was selected for the position and he has since remained here where he has succeeded in building up a large business for his firm in South Texas.

Since coming to Houston Mr. Deas has made a host of friends for himself and his firm, and he is popular in both the business and social circles of the city. He is deeply interested in the civic advancement of Houston and gives liberally of his time and means to the furtherance of any project having as its object the advancement and progress of this city. Mr. Deas makes his home at the Macatee Hotel and is regarded as a valuable acquisition to the business and social circles of the South Texas Metropolis.

Note: Since this sketch was written Mr. Deas moved to Lumber City, Georgia.



**I. WHITLEY** has been for many years a name well known to the oil fraternity, and associated in a progressive way with the development of the oil resources of the Lone Star State. Mr. Whitley has been for a number of years active in the development of the field at Dayton, and since he has established his headquarters here he has had a wide influence on the life of the community. Mr. Whitley is general manager of the South Liberty Oil Company, a company in which he is financially interested, and is taking and active part in forwarding development work in this field. He is at present engaged in actual development and has rigs in the field, with work going forward at a gratifying rate. The South Liberty Oil Company holds almost three hundred acres of land in this field, in the center of one of the most promising areas, and where the big companies hold acreage on all sides. Oil in commercial quantities seems assured and operators

everywhere are watching the progress of the work with interest.

Mr. Whitley is a real "Old Timer" in the oil business and has been associated with its fortunes since the days of the boom at Beaumont in 1901, when he began as a roughneck, on the twentieth day of February of that year. Mr. Whitley remained at Beaumont for four years, learning the rudiments of the oil business rapidly, and advancing to a responsible position in the field. In 1905 he went to Sour Lake and drilled there for Moon and Skinner, and also for the Betty Brown Syndicate. He spent one year in Sour Lake, after which he went to Humble, and was with Clint Wood, Noble, and Sharp, when they were developing the Oriole Lease. Later he went with the Sun Company, and put in an air compressing station for them. In 1907 he went to Electra, with the Hone Acre Development Company, and drilled in that field for them. This was followed by a wildcatting experience at West Houston, drilling for the Indianapolis Oil Development Company. He next went to San Antonio, with Jose and Juan Hamil, later returning to Humble where he was with the Woods Company. He went from Humble to Hainsville, where he finished a 2015 foot well in six months, later going to Grand Saline, where he dug two holes. He then went to Huntsville, and organized the Citizens' Oil Company, remaining there for a year and a half, until 1917. In that year he came to Dayton, with the Empire Gas & Fuel Company, and was with them, with the exception of eight months spent at Orange with the Monarch Company, until the first of January, 1923, when he organized the South Liberty Oil Company, which he has since directed. Mr. Whitley's experience in the oil business has been one of constant advancement, and he has attained a reputation among members of the fraternity of being one of the most experienced drillers in the business.

Mr. Whitley was born in Robertson County, Texas, the sixteenth of April, 1878. His father, N. J. Whitley, a farmer, moved to Robertson County from Georgia, his native state, just after the Civil War, in 1865. His mother, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Wright, is a native of the Lone Star State, and the daughter of W. T. Wright, also a native Texan, whose father, Ace Wright, settled in San Augustine County when this state was Mexican Territory. Mr. Whitley attended the public schools near his home, and after leaving high school became a stationary engineer and worked at various places until going to Beaumont in 1901 and entering the oil business.

Mr. Whitley was married at Kosse, Texas, the fourteenth of June, 1903, to Miss Nora Clarke, daughter of Dr. Clarke, well known physician of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Whitley have five children: Julia, Cora, Clauzell, Louis, and Mattie Lou. The family have made their home in Dayton for a number of years, and take an active part in the social life of the community. They attend the Baptist Church. Mr. Whitley is a Mason, Blue Lodge, at Dayton. Mr. Whitley is a man of wide experience in all oil field activities, and not only knows how to direct work, but just how it should be done. His accurate knowledge of the various fields, their formations, and his integrity, makes any drilling program of his of especial interest.





**WENTWORTH DEXTER**, for many years a resident of Houston, Texas, was one of the best known men in the field of journalism of the Southwest, having published many of the leading publications of the State. He was the owner and editor of the Texas Bankers Journal, one of the strongest publications of its kind of the South, which Mr. Dexter edited in this city for ten years. He was a fearless writer, giving expression at all times to what he considered right, regardless of public opinion. In addition to being a talented and accomplished writer along many lines, Mr. Dexter was known throughout the State as one of the most humane and kind-hearted men, which extended beyond the human family and into the animal kingdom. He established the Texas Humane Society and was for many years the president of this organization. To try to enumerate his many known kindly acts would be to fill several pages in a book, for the reason that they were of daily occurrence and he was known to go out of his way, spend time and money on many an outcast animal, whom he found without home or friends.

A native of Alabama, Mr. Dexter was born at Montgomery on June 29th, 1851. His father, Samuel Dexter (deceased), was a native of Boston, Massachusetts, where he was a member of a prominent family. His mother was a member of a well known family. His education was obtained in the schools of his native State. His first work was as a clerk in Alabama, but after a few years came to Galveston, Texas, where he became associated with the Galveston News, and later with Bradstreet's Agency, and still later with the Dunn's Agency of the Island City. He then removed to Fort Worth, Texas, where he published the Fort Worth Business Review, later coming to Houston, where he first published the Houston Review, during which time he established the Business League of Houston, and edited several publications for Houston, Galveston, Dallas and other cities. Perhaps his most important publication was the World's Fair Book on Texas, which was eagerly read by all Texans and throughout the country, being given prominence in the Texas Building at the World's Fair.

Mr. Dexter was married at Brownsville, Texas, and May 8th, 1908, to Miss Evelyn Barbour, a daughter of J. M. Barbour (deceased), a native of Morganstown, Virginia, where he was well known in the business and financial circles. Her mother, Mrs. Mary (Henry) Barbour, was a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where her family was prominently identified with the business and social life. Mr. Dexter was married to Mrs. Maggie Anderson Abercrombie (deceased), some years prior to his second marriage. The Dexter home is located at 3102 Brazos Street, where he resided until his death on January 19th, 1914. He had continued the publishing of the Texas Bankers Journal up to the time of his death, after which, Mrs. Dexter, who is well known in the field of journalism, continued to publish this journal for a period of four years, when she disposed of it, in order to devote her time to other activities. Mr. Dexter was a member of the B. P. O. E., the United Confederate Veterans, Dick Dowling Camp, Texas Press Association, National Editorial Association, Houston Chamber of Commerce, Houston Country Club and many other fraternal, commercial, civic and social organizations,

in all of which he took a keen interest. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and throughout his life was active in all church work of this denomination, assisting every movement which this church sponsored. Mr. Dexter was a man with a keen and clear mind, a pure and clean heart, and his purposes were magnanimous; he was indeed a high priest in friendship's holy temple, a patriot, a gentleman, one of God's noblemen. The world is poorer by the death of W. Wentworth Dexter.



**ABE MEYERHOFF.** Among the pioneer merchants of the Lone Star State, few names stand higher or are accorded more honor, than that of Abe Meyerhoff, who for three decades and a half was not only a leader in the commercial development of Hallettsville, but was a factor in the civic life of the community and took an active part in every forward movement. Mr. Meyerhoff came to Hallettsville as a young man, full of the enthusiasm of youth, and began in the mercantile business in a small way. Prospering, as the city prospered, he kept pace with development in a progressive way and built up a mercantile establishment ranking as the largest at Hallettsville, and characterized by the highest merchandising standards. A business man of sound policies, Mr. Meyerhoff directed his business in accordance with recognized standards, influencing the trend of business operation in his community in a favorable way and there was ever attached to his name an integrity that was one of his most prized assets.

Abe Meyerhoff was born in Austria, the fifth of April, 1867, the son of Irvin Meyerhoff, who came to the United States shortly after his son came here, and who lived in Chicago for many years. Mr. Meyerhoff was educated in his native country and lived there until he was nineteen years old, when he came to the United States, going to New York City, where he spent his first year in this country. He then came to Columbus, Texas, working there for two years, after which he removed to Hallettsville, which was to be his home for so many years, and began in the mercantile business in a small way. This small dry goods store grew in time to be the largest in Hallettsville and was operated by Mr. Meyerhoff until 1920, when he gave the management of the business, which he incorporated as Meyerhoff Company, to relatives, and retired from active life. During the years of his business life at Hallettsville, Mr. Meyerhoff also dealt in real estate, lands and cotton, and invested in many enterprises of importance to the advancement of that city. After his retirement, he left Hallettsville, coming to Houston in 1921, where he built a fine home at 3812 Yoakum Boulevard, where he spent his declining years.

Mr. Meyerhoff was married at Hallettsville, the nineteenth of January, 1896, to Miss Donna Silber, a native of that place and the daughter of Theo. and Johanna Silber, both of whom are now deceased. Mr. Silber, a native of Germany, came to the United States and Hallettsville around 1872, and was a merchant there until his death. Mrs. Meyerhoff is a woman of high accomplishment and during the years of her husband's practical career was his constant inspiration. She created an ideal home atmosphere, and was that charming type of wife and mother of whom our country is justly proud. Mr. and Mrs.



Meyerhoff had one child, Sylvia, a student in the Houston high school.

Mr. Meyerhoff throughout his lifetime was active in all civic work at Hallettsville, taking a special interest in education and in the general welfare of the community. He was ever ready to contribute generously to every movement that had for its object the welfare or advancement of this city, and his name is honored as that of one of the real builders of Hallettsville. He was a member of a number of fraternal orders, the Sons of Herman, the Oddfellows, and the Masons, belonging to the Blue Lodge at Hallettsville, 32nd degree Scottish Rite and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. His death, which occurred at his home in Houston the seventeenth of December, 1923, was deeply felt at Hallettsville and the memory of his useful life will long be recalled.



**G**US DREYLING, pioneer in the laundry industry in the Lone Star State, has been identified with this important phase of progress and industry at Houston for almost three decades. In 1896, Mr. Dreyling, in association with L. A. Hamburger, established the Model Laundry Co., of which industry he is now president. This firm has made a wonderful record of growth and progress, the first year finding the industry housed in a small plant and operating twelve employees, with only a modest business. Each year since has found the Model Laundry forging steadily ahead, the plant expanding to meet the increasing demands that a rapidly increasing patronage has thrown upon it, and adding to equipment and operatives. The past year finds this industry housed in a modern plant, a building into which they moved in 1910, and comprising three floors and basement, each seventy-nine by one hundred and fifty feet. The plant is located at 602-4-6 Prairie Avenue. One hundred and sixty-five skilled operatives are required to turn out the large volume of business and twenty-five delivery trucks are kept busy collecting and delivering bundles in the city. Every modern equipment for the handling of laundry work of the highest class is to be found in the plant of the Model Laundry Company, and every class of work from the inexpensive wet wash, to the finest family finished work, and delicate silken garments is handled competently and efficiently. The Model Laundry also makes a specialty of mail order and out of town business, their laundry agencies in a radius of one hundred and twenty miles sending in a large volume of business daily.

To this sturdy pioneer in the laundry industry the laundry owners of Texas owe much. He has stood for every movement that would make for the advancement of this industry, backing it with his time and money. He has been an indefatigable worker in the Texas Laundry Owners Association, and in the Laundry Owners National Association. Mr. Dreyling began in this business as a boy of twelve, working for a Chinese laundry, and a few years later, with L. A. Hamburger, entering the business for himself.

Mr. Dreyling is a native of Houston, having been born in this city January, 1875, son of Gus Dreyling of Germany, who came here as a boy, in 1842, and was widely known in Houston, where he was one of the pioneer barbers and barber shop operators. His mother, prior to her marriage, Miss Annie Maxx, was a native of Houston. Mr. Dreyling was edu-

cated in the public schools of his native city, entering the laundry business at an early age, as previously mentioned.

Mr. Dreyling was married at Houston, the twelfth of April, 1899, to Miss Blanche Settegast, daughter of J. W. Settegast, pioneer real estate and property owner of Houston. She is a sister to J. J., Jr., C. S. and C. Ed Settegast, well known Houston business men. Mr. and Mrs. Dreyling live at 219 West Alabama Street. They have two children, both of whom are adopted, Blanche Gray and Sophia May. Mr. Dreyling is an earnest civic worker, taking an active interest in whatever concerns the progress of Houston. He is a member of various clubs, and is president of the Houston Turnverein Club. Fraternally he is a Mason, Gray Lodge, thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple.

Note: Since the above sketch was written, Mr. Dreyling died September 30, 1925.



**C**APTAIN WILLIAM R. DREXEL made many friends in Houston when stationed here during the World War as adjutant of Ellington Field, and after his discharge in 1920, he returned to Houston and entered the automobile business, and in November, 1920, organized the W. R. Drexel Company, of which he was the sole owner. The W. R. Drexel Company was distributors for the Jordan motor car, with a territory of thirty counties. The firm was located at 2107 Main Street, their sales rooms being among the most spacious and attractive in the city. During the time in which Captain Drexel was distributor for the Jordan cars he was responsible for a marked increase in the sales of this popular car.

Captain Drexel was born in Washington, D. C., in 1886. His father, Charles F. Drexel, a native of Baltimore, has been engaged in the banking business all his life and is widely known in banking circles of the East. Captain Drexel's education was obtained in the public schools of Florida.

Captain Drexel started in the automobile industry in Saint Louis in 1911. Later he was a distributor for four years in California, located at Oakland and Los Angeles. In 1917, on Friday 13th, Captain Drexel entered the United States Army, and was assigned to the air service and as a private served at Fort McDonnell. In October, 1917, he was commissioned second lieutenant, shortly after he was made a first lieutenant and later was made captain. He was sent to Ellington Field, Houston, as adjutant of Ellington Field. Later he was placed in command of San Leon Army Gunnery School. He was discharged in March, 1920, when he came to Houston and became associated with the Nash Company, where he remained until November of the same year, when he organized the Drexel Motor Company, becoming president of the company which at that time handled the Ranger products. He continued in this business until taking over the distribution of the Jordan motor car, which he continued until his removal to California.

Captain Drexel was married in 1917 to Miss Doris Whilton, a member of a prominent California family. Captain Drexel is a member of the B. P. O. E. in which he takes an active interest, as well as other social and civic organizations of the community in which he lives.





**M**O. KOPPERL, one of the most prominent attorneys of Texas, and for many years associated with the men of the State who were moulding and shaping public opinion, was throughout his career identified with the city of Galveston, where he was regarded as one of the most public spirited of citizens, and where his name has many memorials. Whether as lawyer, citizen or business man, Mr. Kopperl was a leader, and one of those men of purpose, met all too rarely, who are equipped by nature to bear heavy responsibility. As an attorney at law Mr. Kopperl represented the very flower of the Texas Bar, achieving eminence both as a trial lawyer and as a counsellor. He was not only familiar with law and procedure, but was an eloquent speaker, with a convincing platform manner, and withal a man of masterful personality, and his connection with many of the most important cases of his time brought him prominently into the public eye. As a citizen he held his duty in high regard, unselfishly working to the end that Galveston might prosper and grow, and using his influence to secure the advancement of his city. Mr. Kopperl was also a business man of unusual attainments and sound judgment, and had it not been for his distinction as a lawyer his activity in this field alone would have been sufficient to attract attention to his name. Especially in the matter of investments, in lands and properties at Galveston, was he successful, and while these investments were with profit to himself, they were also investments that were of direct importance to the prosperity of Galveston, and often resulted in direct growth and improvement.

M. O. Kopperl was born at Galveston, the fifteenth of March, 1875, the son of M. Kopperl and Isabella Dyer Kopperl. Mr. Kopperl, Sr., was one of the leading men of his day, the first president of the First National Bank to be established in Texas, and president of the Santa Fe Railroad for many years, as well as active in every line of civic endeavor. M. O. Kopperl was educated in the public schools of Galveston until his graduation from high school, when he entered the University of Virginia, taking the B. A. degree there, and later entering the University of Texas, where he took his law degree. Returning to Galveston he went with the law firm of Austin and Rhodes, remaining with that firm about five years, when he began his practice alone, so continuing until his death. Mr. Kopperl was also vice president of the Magnolia Park Land Company that developed Magnolia Park, a suburb of Houston, and was president of the Merchants National Bank for a short time. He has other interests of an investment nature in Texas.

Mr. Kopperl was married at Austin, Texas, in 1898, to Miss Waldine Zimpelman, the daughter of the late George B. Zimpelman, a noted politician of Texas, a former Texas Ranger and a close personal friend of Theodore Roosevelt, and for many years postmaster at Austin, where his death occurred in 1907. Mrs. Kopperl is a direct descendant of Lawrence Washington, brother of George Washington, the first president of our country. She is a highly accomplished woman, having spent considerable time in travel and study. Mr. and Mrs. Kopperl had two children: George Matthews Kopperl, Yale, class '29, who died June 12, 1926, and M. O.

Kopperl, Jr., a graduate of Stevens Technology School, class of '23, and now with the American Can Company of New York City, and who married the twelfth of June, 1923, to Miss Lorna Delano of Mamaroneck, N. Y., the wedding taking place at Vassar College, where Mrs. Kopperl graduated. Since Mr. Kopperl's death Mrs. Kopperl sold the fine Kopperl home in Galveston, which is now used as a memorial. She maintains a permanent apartment in New York City, and when in Galveston resides at the Galvez Hotel. She has taken her late husband's place as vice president of the Magnolia Park Land Company, and has the entire management of his estate, proving herself a woman of business as well as social attainments.

M. O. Kopperl died the twenty-fifth of July, 1917, the Texas Bar losing one of its most able and distinguished members and the city of Galveston one of its most illustrious citizens.



**B**ENJAMIN GARLAND STERLING.—The life of Benjamin Garland Sterling, who, throughout a business career filled with many distinctions, remained true to his native state of Texas, is significant of achievement in many lines. Mr. Sterling, true to the Sterling tradition, brought to the world of business a clearness of vision, a recognition of his duty to his fellowmen, and the fine qualities of honesty, straightforwardness and perseverance that marked his entire life. He found in the city of Dayton, Liberty County, opportunities for advancement, for development and inspiration, that strengthened his decision to make that city his home, and until his death he was a factor in commercial enterprises there, leaving the imprint of his personality on the life of the community.

Mr. Sterling was a native of Chambers County, Texas, born the twenty-eighth of November, 1878. The Sterling family has, for many years, been one of Texas' most honored and respected families, and has contributed many distinguished men and women to the citizenship of the state. Mr. Sterling was one of a large family, and there are today six living brothers and four sisters. These brothers and sisters are: James B. Sterling, of Dayton, Texas, and twin of the late Benjamin Garland Sterling, the subject of our sketch; R. S. Sterling, of Houston; F. P. Sterling, of Houston; A. A. Sterling, of Houston; O. B. Sterling, of Houston; John L. Sterling, of Galveston; Miss Florence M. Sterling, of Houston, and Mrs. Annie Barrow, of Houston; Mrs. Cora Barrow, of Houston, and Mrs. Catherine Koehler, of Houston.

Reared in a home of refinement and culture, Mr. Sterling was educated in the schools near his home, and, until 1907, remained in Chambers County. In that year he went to Dayton, Liberty County, where he spent the remainder of his life, and where his death occurred in 1921. He had many business interests, both in that place and elsewhere, and, with his brothers, was a factor in the development of the oil resources of the State.

Mr. Sterling was married the twenty-third of April, 1908, to Miss Lillye Oldham, at Caldwell, Texas. She is the daughter of E. M. Oldham, both of whom were born in Burleson County, Texas. Mrs. Sterling's mother, before her marriage to Mr. Oldham, Miss Hepsy Clark, was a native of Kingston, North Carolina, and came to Texas in childhood, with



her parents, first living at Mount Pleasant, and later coming to Burleson County. Both Mr. and Mrs. Oldham are now living in Burleson County, and besides Mrs. Sterling, have three daughters, Launa Ransom of Caldwell, Texas, and who has two sons; Leona, wife of J. C. Garrison of Mission, Texas, and who has two daughters; and Lenna, wife of Dave Betton, Jr., of Ralls, Texas, and who has two sons. Mr. and Mrs. Sterling had one child, Mary Katherine, who, with her mother, has made her home in Houston since 1921, living at 3815 Travis Street. Miss Sterling is a student in the South End High School.

Benjamin Garland Sterling's life was cut short May 20th, 1921, when the automobile in which he was riding was struck by a train in Liberty County. Mr. Sterling was a Mason, member of Blue Lodge at Dayton, York Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He was also a member of the Eastern Star, a member of the T. P. A. and the U. T. C. He was largely responsible for many civic advancements in Dayton, taking great interest in planning for the development of his community. His life was distinguished by a spirit of friendship that won to him friends by the hundreds, a true Christian charity that made him beloved by those less fortunate than himself, and a business integrity that won the admiration and respect of all who came in contact with him. His life, measured by the real benefits he accorded to his fellowmen, his successes, his friendships, was well lived, and he will be remembered and honored throughout the years to come.



**FRANK KEITH.** Beaumont has produced many generous and public spirited citizens, men who figure prominently in its history because their unselfish interest in the common welfare has made possible the city of today, and of these none are more conspicuous, or have done more for the community than did J. Frank Keith, who, throughout more than a quarter of a century was the spirit of progress, holding Beaumont first in his interest, and contributing to its growth in every way. Mr. Keith was a man whose high ideals of citizenship prompted him to make Beaumont his first consideration, and although he acquired wealth during the years of his residence here, it is not as a capitalist that he was best known, but as a city builder. When new advantages were offered the city, when some progressive movement was first launched, he was always the first to come forward and contribute to it in a way that insured its success, and today these enterprises which he sponsored form the backbone of the city's prosperity, and are a monument to the vision of this splendid citizen.

J. Frank Keith was born in Jasper County, Texas, on the eighteenth day of December, 1857, son of Henry Cortes Lafayette Keith and Sarah E. (LaPorte) Keith, who came to Jasper County during the early pioneer days. When he was a small lad, during the Civil War, the family moved to Sabine Pass, where the father's death occurred in 1869. J. Frank Keith then came to Beaumont and became identified with the mill operated by Long & Company, then located on Brake's Bayou, and here he learned the lumber business while yet a boy. Later he went to Village Mills, a short distance from Beaumont and became general super-

intendent of the Village Mills Company, building a saw mill which at that time was considered the largest and best equipped mill in the country. Eight years later Mr. Keith returned to Beaumont in an executive capacity with the Texas Tram Company and also at that time purchased the property now occupied by the Keith Building. In 1899 he organized the J. F. Keith Company, operating a saw mill at Hook's Switch, and later disposing of this property to the Kirby interests. In 1902 he organized the Keith Lumber Company, building the large mill at Voth, which he operated until his death. Mr. Keith was one of the founders of the American National Bank and a director in that institution until his death, and was also interested, financially and otherwise, in practically every other enterprise in Beaumont.

J. Frank Keith was married the twenty-ninth of March, 1882, at Beaumont, to Miss Alice Carroll, a member of a pioneer Jefferson County family, and daughter of F. L. Carroll, pioneer lumberman of Beaumont, and one of the builders of Baylor University, of which he was treasurer for many years, and Sarah Prichard Carroll. Mrs. Keith has long been interested in civic affairs at Beaumont, and is widely known for her many benefactions as well as her interest in and aid of all matters in which Beaumont women are concerned. She is a constant worker for the advancement of Beaumont, much of her time being devoted to work for the United Charities, in recognition of which she has been made honorary president for life, and for life, and for the Day Nursery and other like organized charity and social work. Mr. and Mrs. Keith had an ideal home life, delighting in the charming home they had made, and in the family of children whom they reared. The only son is W. Carroll Keith, president of the Keith Lumber Company. He is married to Miss Blanche Doucette, and they have one child, William Carroll Keith, Jr. Four daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Keith: Cecil, wife of Chester A. Easley, of Beaumont; Olga, wife of Harry C. Wiess, of Houston; Azilee, wife of Con Clark, of Beaumont, and Alice, wife of Harry Hutchison, of Beaumont.

Mr. Keith was the first park commissioner of Beaumont, and has for many years devoted much time to this work, building Keith Park, one of the most attractive pleasure spots of Beaumont, himself. He was one of the earliest and most enthusiastic supporters of the deep water harbor, and it was largely due to his efforts that this project became a reality. He was also responsible for bringing the first steamboat to Beaumont, and was one of the supporters of the movement to build the railroad from Beaumont to Waco. He also promoted and was for years a stockholder of the old Beaumont Telephone Company, and was interested in many other activities, of both a public and an industrial nature. His death occurred at Beaumont the sixth day of November, 1921, following an operation. Although he had lived his three score years he was young in spirit and had the enthusiasm of a young man in all his work for Beaumont. His death cut short a life lived to the full, and the memory of his usefulness, his deeds, his generousness, will be an inspiration to those who follow him to emulate him, and will be a bright page in the history of Beaumont throughout the years.





**WILLIAM STAMP FARISH.** Although the Lone Star State never claimed him for a resident, the name of William Stamp Farish, prominent legist of his day, and a man preeminently qualified to occupy a place of leadership, is well known in Houston. A man of sterling qualities, of outstanding attainments, he passed these characteristics on to his sons, and they are all men of affairs in the Lone Star State, and held in high esteem at Houston.

Mr. Farish was a native of the State of Mississippi, his birthplace being at Woodville, and his parents, Hazlewood and Jane (Davis) Farish, the latter a great-niece of Jefferson Davis, and both of whom were natives of Virginia. Mr. Farish after some years of attendance in the schools near his home, entered the University of Virginia, as a law student, and was there when the Civil War broke out. He left the university, at the age of eighteen, to enlist in the Confederate Army, and after the close of the conflict returned to finish his course. He had his law degree conferred on him by this institution, and returned to his native state to begin his interesting career.

Mr. Farish's first practice was at Mayersville, where his unusual ability won him instant recognition. He had a distinguished bearing, a real talent as an orator, and a keen discrimination that marked his career, and gave significance to his whole life. Mr. Farish was elected to the Mississippi State Legislature, where he impressed his influence on much of the important legislation of the day and added further to the prestige won as a lawyer. He also held the office of district attorney for fourteen years and while in that office demonstrated at all times his devotion to the best interests of his community.

William Stamp Farish was married at Mayersville, Mississippi, May 19th, 1880, to Miss Katherine Power, daughter of Steve Power of Ireland, and Rosina Harris Power of Mississippi. Mrs. Farish is a highly accomplished woman, sincere, and charming. As a wife she was a comrade and helpmate, the inspiration of her husband, and a devoted mother to a family of five children. She came to Houston in 1918, almost two decades after her husband's death, and built the beautiful Farish home, at 4412 Montrose Boulevard, where she and her daughter have since resided. The five children of Mr. and Mrs. Farish are: William S. Farish, president of the Humble Oil and Refining Company, and prominently identified with activities at Houston, and incidentally one of the editors of this work; R. D. Farish, formerly of the Land and Lease Department of the Humble Oil and Refining Company; Thomas Harrison Farish (deceased), formerly with the Humble Oil and Refining Company at Cisco, Texas; Stephen P., president of the Navarro Oil Company and Rosalie Farish.

William Stamp Farish died at his home in Mayersville, Mississippi, in November, 1877, being at the time of his death fifty-four years of age. During his lifetime he exerted a vital influence over the life of the day, and was one of the men taking an active part in moulding public opinion. Mr. Farish had intellectual talents of high order, and much of his success was due to his ready perception of the basic principles of a proposition, and a personality that impressed itself on those about him. In his

political life he was honest and steadfast in his convictions, and in private and social life a congenial, warm hearted and generous man. The achievements of his life make a bright page in the history of Mississippi, and Houston is indeed proud to honor him, and in honoring him likewise honor his sons, by a place in this volume.



**OL. CHARLES DILLINGHAM,** during his lifetime of twenty-seven years in Houston, was identified with the group of farsighted business men who laid the foundation of the city of today with its metropolitan aspect. He was prominently identified with three of the factors that have contributed most to the rapid growth and expansion of Houston, namely: railroads, ship channel and banking.

Charles Dillingham was born in Waterbury, Vermont, February 18th, 1837, the son of Governor Paul Dillingham of that State, and Julia Carpenter, and a brother of the late Senator Wm. P. Dillingham of Vermont. He was educated in his native State, studied law, and was engaged in the practice of his chosen profession when the Civil War began. Immediately upon the outbreak of that conflict he raised a company of his native town and was made its captain. Later he was successively promoted to major and lieutenant colonel of the 8th Vermont Volunteers and came south with his regiment. After the war he settled in New Orleans, where he was appointed to the position of collector of the New Orleans port. Leaving this service he engaged in mercantile pursuits until 1885, when he was appointed receiver of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. He moved to Houston in this year and entered upon the duties of this position, which he creditably filled until his resignation in the early 90's. He then turned his attention to the banking profession, in which he was active during the remainder of his life. He was one of the incorporators of the South Texas National Bank, which he served as vice president and later as president for a number of years. When the South Texas National Bank consolidated with the Commercial National Bank to become the South Texas Commercial National Bank he became chairman of the board of directors of the latter institution. Mr. Dillingham was as successful as a banker as he was in his other undertakings, and lived to see his bank grow to be one of the leading financial institutions of the South. He was keenly interested in all things that might contribute to the upbuilding of Houston, but particularly in the securing of deep water and was active in all efforts to bring this about. He served diligently and ably for a number of years as chairman of the Houston Deep Water Committee, and was one of perhaps half a dozen men to whose efforts the realization of Houston's dream of a ship channel to the sea was largely due.

On November 5th, 1863, Mr. Dillingham was united in marriage, in Cleveland, Ohio, to Miss Frances M. Cutter of that city. To this union were born Edwin Kirke Dillingham and Mary Pauline Dillingham, both of Houston. Mrs. Charles Dillingham resides in Houston at 3214 Austin Street. Charles Dillingham died in Houston, June 19th, 1917. His life was a successful one, not only in a material way, but in all others. Although his business demands were great, yet he did not fail to take a live interest in the civic and social life in the cities



in which he resided, contributing both of his time and means to the furtherance of those activities that contribute to the welfare of a community.

**LOUIS F. HALLER.** The name of Louis F. Haller will ever be associated with the early days of Victoria as that of a pioneer who by his sincere belief in, and untiring efforts for, the development of this city, was a factor in its upbuilding and progress. Mr. Haller, a native of Victoria, began his business career here, as a young man launching a small mercantile venture with an enthusiasm and energy that marked it for success from the start. With advancing years this business, so closely interwoven with the history of the progress and growth of Victoria, grew and prospered, and twenty-eight years after its establishment, at the time of Mr. Haller's death, was, and had been for many years, the largest mercantile establishment here, and one of the vital business interests here. Mr. Haller also made numerous investments in Victoria property, and built the building occupied by his store, as well as one two-story business building and two one-story buildings. He also owned and operated two farms in this section, one at Bloomington, and one three miles out of Victoria, this last being known as Brookridge Farm.

Louis F. Haller was born at Victoria, on the fourteenth of August, 1869, son of Eustacus Haller, and Christine (Luter) Haller, both natives of Germany, who came to America during their early years. Louis F. Haller attended the schools of Victoria, but like many of the boys of that day, his school days were brief, and he acquired his education largely in the school of experience, that greatest of all colleges. He spent a number of years with the First National Bank, serving as teller for seven years, during the early part of his career. Later he established the Haller Dry Goods Company, in a small way, and was active in the management of this business for twenty-eight years, building up the largest mercantile establishment in Victoria, a large, well-stocked store that supplied the merchandise needs of the city in an adequate and satisfactory way. This store, built as it was on the desire to give the people of Victoria real service, was more than a mere business establishment, and was regarded as a Victoria institution, and a friendly store that had the best interests of its patrons uppermost, a factor that was a reflection on the policy of Mr. Haller throughout his merchandise experience of over one score and a half years.

Mr. Haller's home life was made ideal by his wife, Annie Weber, whom he married in 1891, on the fifteenth of June. Mrs. Haller was a daughter of Michael Weber, a brewer, who came to Victoria from Germany, at the age of eighteen years. Her mother, whose maiden name was Katherine Fuhnman, was also a native of Germany. To Mrs. Haller and her constant inspiration and interest in his affairs, Mr. Haller always attributed much of his success. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Haller: Raymond B. Haller of Del Rio; Clarence F. Haller of Houston, Elmer M. Haller of Victoria, Leonard E. Haller, with Munn's, at Houston; Christine, now Mrs. Albert Harrison of Victoria, and Lawrence F. Haller, a student in the Victoria schools. Mr. Haller was a Catholic and a Knight of Columbus and an Elk. Since his death,

which occurred the eighteenth of March, 1919, the family have continued to reside at 207 North Glass Street, the family home for many years. Mr. Haller was a man of high ideals and honest friendships, and was the finest type of self made man, rising to his position entirely through his own efforts. He will be remembered at Victoria as one who impressed his life indelibly on the community in which he lived.

**JOHN HOUSTON McCLUNG** was for more than thirty-five years a well known and highly esteemed citizen of Houston, Texas, where throughout this period he was a staunch supporter of every movement for the betterment and advancement of this city. During practically all of his business life he was associated with the well known law firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood as auditor, having served this organization in that official capacity for almost thirty-five years, at which time he was forced to abandon his work as auditor on account of ill health. After retiring from active business pursuits, with Mrs. McClung, he traveled for about four years, in an effort to restore his health. On his return to Houston, he became manager of the estate of James Bute (deceased), managing all business affairs for the heirs of this large estate for several years.

A native of Virginia, Mr. McClung was born at Fairfield, Rockbridge County, on September 4th, 1861. His father, Dr. John A. McClung (now deceased), was also a native of Virginia and a well known pioneer physician of that State. His mother, Mrs. Mary (Wilson) McClung, was a member of a prominent Virginia family. His education was obtained in the schools of his native State, graduating from the Fancy Hill Academy. After leaving college, Mr. McClung taught school for two years in Virginia, prior to coming to Houston, Texas. While he was a native of Virginia, Mr. McClung had lived in Houston since early manhood and had a host of friends in this city and community.

Mr. McClung was married at Houston, Texas, on July 11th, 1906, to Miss Dolores Pearl Guion, a native of Louisiana and a daughter of E. B. Guion (now deceased), who was a native of New Orleans and a member of a prominent family of that city. Her mother, Mrs. Eliza Stuart (Hartwell) Guion, also a native of New Orleans, was a member of a pioneer family of the Crescent City. The McClung home is located at 2314 Caroline Street. Mr. McClung held membership in the B. P. O. E. and many of the commercial, social and civic organizations of this city, in all of which he took an active interest. Mr. McClung died at Houston, Texas, on May 12th, 1922. While throughout his life he had been a man unassuming in his manners, he drew to himself many staunch friends in both business and social life. He was indeed a true Southern gentleman, in all that expression implies. In him were resurgent the characteristics of the Southern atmosphere—including courage, generosity and deep sympathy for all who might be in distress. His mind was keen and clear, his purposes were manngnanimous, his will was unconquerable. To many of Houston's citizenship the unselfish friendship of John Houston McClung was one of life's greatest benefactions, and his memory is a benediction upon the lives of all who knew him.





**MAJOR BENJAMIN FRANCIS WEEMS**, a resident of Houston for over half a century, took an influential part in the commercial and civic affairs of this community. Coming here in the pioneer days when the city had just a fair start, along with such men as W. D. Cleveland, Capt. J. C. Hutcheson and Capt. Sinclair Taliaferro, he helped lay the foundation for the Houston Ship Channel that has played such an important part in the recent rapid growth of this community. Although a civil engineer by profession, his career after coming to Texas was devoted to banking, insurance and investments. Few pioneer Texans have been held in higher esteem by his contemporaries. He was a Southern gentleman of the old school and a man of great personal charm. An imprint of his life has been left in Houston, where his name is recorded as a soldier, early pioneer, builder, good citizen, and a man of courageous honesty and of spotless character.

Major B. F. Weems was born June 23rd, 1839, son of Dr. Francis Marion and Frances E. (Ewell) Weems of Prince William County, Virginia. Frances E. Ewell was a sister of Gen. Richard S. Ewell, a graduate of West Point, class 1840, and Commanding General of the Second Corps of the Army of Virginia under Gen. Robt. E. Lee. Major Weems was a grandson of Mason Locke Weems, George Washington's first biographer. He was educated in the schools of Virginia and York, Pennsylvania, where he studied engineering. At the age of sixteen he went to Illinois as a civil engineer for the C. B. & O. Railroad. When this work was completed he joined an engineering party going to the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. He was chief of the party that was engaged to lay a road across the Isthmus. On his return to the states and to New Orleans he was engaged as a civil engineer under Bentley B. Hazel, chief engineer of the New Orleans, Jackson and Great Northern Railroad. When the work undertaken for this railroad was completed he returned to York, Pennsylvania. In the winter of 1860, at the age of twenty-one, he joined a party of engineers in New York, and with them came to Houston to locate an extension of the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railroad from Columbus to San Antonio. The New York office for this railroad decided not to go forward with this contemplated work because of the threatened war between the states. Major Weems planned to visit his cousin, Dr. Mason L. Weems in Brazoria County, Texas, before returning to New York. While on this visit the South was recruiting soldiers for the war that seemed imminent. He joined the first company of soldiers at Columbia, Texas, that was raised by Capt. John A. Wharton for Terry's Texas Rangers. This regiment was sworn into service in Houston, Texas, September, 1861, and immediately sent to Bowling Green, Kentucky. Throughout the war he fought with the Army of Tennessee and won promotion for gallant service. His rank at the close of the war was that of Adjutant-General on the staff of Gen. John A. Wharton, who commanded the 8th

Texas, known as Terry's Texas Rangers. He and Gen. Wharton were wounded at Murfreesboro. At the close of the war he returned to Houston, in 1866, and for over fifty years resided in the old family home at 1616 Rusk Avenue. He soon took his place among the hardy pioneers who made the beginning of a great city. His influence was felt in every walk of life, contributing of his time and means to the commercial and social development of the then little community. He lived to see the city develop from a small struggling town on the bayou to a veritable metropolis, sea-port and railroad center, whose future outlook is unsurpassed in the South.

Major Benjamin Francis Weems was united in marriage on December 7th, 1876, with Miss Maria Nash Carrington, daughter of Dr. William Fontaine Carrington of Charlotte County, Virginia. The latter received his A. B. degree from the Hampden Sidney College of Virginia in 1841, and the M. D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania shortly thereafter. He was a surgeon in the U. S. Navy and resigned when Virginia seceded from the Union and became chief surgeon of the Confederate States Navy. Mrs. B. F. Weems was a niece of Col. Charles S. Venable, Professor of Mathematics, University of Virginia, 1865-1900, and President of this university 1870-1875. Col. Venable was on the staff of Gen. Robt. E. Lee, and served during the entire war with distinction.

The children of Major and Mrs. B. F. Weems, all of whom were born in Houston, are Fontaine Carrington, Dr. Benjamin Francis, Wharton Ewell and Kate Allen. Fontaine Carrington Weems received the B. Litt. and A. M. degrees from Princeton in 1907 and 1908 respectively. In the World War he served as Lt. Col. Gen'l Staff U. S. A. He received a Distinguished Service Medal from the U. S. Gov. and was made an officer of the Order of the Crown by the Italian Gov. He is with J. P. Morgan and Company, New York, and is a writer of distinction. Dr. Benjamin Francis Weems received the A. B. and M. D. degrees from Johns Hopkins University and was a post-graduate student in the University of Freiberg, Germany. During the World War he served as Capt. U. S. Medical Corps, Base Hospital No. 2, A. E. F. He is now a practicing physician in Washington, D. C. Wharton Ewell Weems received the A. B. and A. M. degrees from the University of Virginia, and the L. L. B. degree from the University of Texas. During the World War he was Capt. in the Air Service, U. S. A. He is a member of the law firm of Vinson, Elkins, Sweeton & Weems, Houston. Kate Allen Weems is the wife of H. R. Dulany, Jr., a practicing attorney of Washington, D. C.

In the passing of Major Benjamin Francis Weems on June 28th, 1923, Houston and the South lost one of her most beloved and eminent citizens. His career as a soldier, business man, husband, father and citizen was an inspiration to all who knew him and is worthy of emulation to those who aspire to real success.



*B. F. Weems.*

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**T**HOMAS ALFRED JOHNSON, one of the best known cotton men of the Lone Star State, during the latter years of his life made his home at Houston, where he enjoyed the esteem of his fellow citizens and business associates. Mr. Johnson made cotton not only his business, but his hobby, and gave to this great industry of the State an appreciative and interested study that made him one of the best informed cotton men of his time. While few men were more favorably known among business men than Mr. Johnson, he was throughout the years of his business career a man of exceptionally modest habits and never sought the limelight. His home and his business were his interests, and in the quiet pursuance of these interests he was content.

Thomas Alfred Johnson was a native Texan, born in Paris, Lamar County, the fourth day of May, 1870, son of T. W. and Lizzie Dickens Johnson. His father came to Texas as a young man, later serving throughout the Civil War, on the Southern side, and afterwards returning to his home in Lamar County. He engaged in the cotton business under the name of T. W. Johnson and Company.

T. A. Johnson was educated in a private school in Paris, A. and M. College, and in the business college at Lexington, Kentucky. As a young man he became associated in business with his father, the firm being T. W. Johnson and Company, Cotton Factors. After his father's death the name was changed to T. A. Johnson and Company. In 1916 he came to Houston, where he also engaged in the cotton business under the same name. He was the active head of this business until his death. Mr. Johnson was one of the leading independent cotton operators, and by his close application to business, his careful study of all phases of the industry and his attention to detail, advanced to a place among the outstanding cotton men of the Lone Star State, and has a wide acquaintance in this field.

Mr. Johnson was married in Oklahoma, to Miss Nell Easton, a native of Paris, Texas, and daughter of Eugene and Allie Bonner Easton. Mr. Easton was a native of Kentucky, who came to Paris, Texas, as a young man, later removing to Oklahoma, where he took a prominent part in the practice of law. Allie Bonner Easton was born in Paris, Texas, a member of an old Texas family. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had one child, a daughter, Virginia, wife of Randolph Cooper West. Mrs. Johnson is a charming and talented woman, a devoted mother and was the inspiration of her husband during his career. Mr. Johnson was a home loving man, and never happier than when with his family. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson bought the Johnson ancestral house in Paris and in 1906 had it remodeled into a typical Southern mansion, which for years has been one of the show places of that city. The original Johnson house was built in the forties by the grandfather of T. A. Johnson.

Mr. Johnson died in Washington, D. C., on the 18th day of January, 1921, following an operation in that city. Modest and retiring to a marked degree, Mr. Johnson never sought to assume a place of leadership, but delighted in quietly associating with his friends, talking of his hobby, cotton. His friends were many, men from the highest walks in life, as well as the humbler, to all of whom he was endeared by his high Christian ideals, and simple, unassum-

ing manner. His death was sincerely regretted throughout Houston, and his former home, Paris, and he will be remembered as a real friend, a business man of distinction, and loyal citizen.

**E**DMOND BROWNE, pioneer resident of Houston, gained a wide personal esteem for his active part in the development of his city, being identified with the early growth of the community, and as a building contractor, building many of the first houses here. Mr. Browne invested his money in lands, foreseeing the rapid growth of the city with its consequent increase in property values, and also in farming lands and other real estate holdings. He took an active part in the development of the ship channel project, and was a leader in securing the first ship channel. He was also interested in fine horses and in the race track events of that day. Any movement that had for its object the betterment of the city was sure to find in him an active supporter, and he gave freely of his time and means to this end. Mr. Browne established the firm of the Browne Building Supply Company, large dealers in bricks, cement and contractors supplies, and also headed a large contracting business.

Edmond Browne was born in Ireland, in 1836, son of John and Lucy (Burke) Browne, natives of that country. His father died there, and after his death his mother came to the United States, to Philadelphia, remaining in that city until her death. After coming to Philadelphia, Mr. Browne engaged in business there several years, coming to Houston in 1868, and thereafter taking an active part in the business and civic life of the city.

Mr. Browne was married at Philadelphia, the twenty-eighth of October, 1866, to Miss Margaret Connolly, a native of Erin's Isle, who came to this country from her home in Belfast, with her brother, Joseph Connolly, as a small girl. Her parents had died in Ireland and she was reared by relatives in Philadelphia, residing there until her marriage.

Mrs. Browne has many recollections of the early days of Houston, recalling the time when many of the now big business men, at the head of large industries and commercial enterprises, were small boys. She, with true hospitality, opened her home and her heart to these citizens of her adopted city, and no woman was more beloved than she. Mrs. Browne was a devoted wife and a true mother, and in addition to being the inspiration of her husband's career, reared four children. These children are Harry Browne, now deceased, and who left a widow, Doris Young Browne; Lucy, wife of O. J. Lorehn, well known architect of Houston, and who has three children, Edmond, Margaret and Lawrence; Katherine, widow of Robert Ault, and who has one child, Aileen; and J. E., who married Miss Hattie Salome Clarke.

Edmond Browne died at Houston, the sixteenth of May, 1916, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a member of the Catholic Church, the faith of his boyhood and his country. He took an active part in the organization of the Elks Lodge and was identified with various civic movements. This venerable pioneer, giving as he did his best to his community and fellowmen, could truly count his years well spent, and his death was cause for a sincere grief among his many friends.





**R. FRANK BAYLOR HOGG**, whose eminence in his chosen profession made him a leader in the field of medicine and surgery at Houston, was one of those outstanding physicians qualified by nature to achieve distinction in their own profession and at the same time win the respect of an entire citizenship and the admiration of a large patronage. Dr. Hogg's contributions to the medical advancement of his time were very real, and his leadership in the local fraternity impressed his influence on the medical standards of his community indelibly.

Dr. Hogg was a native of the Lone Star State, having been born in Rusk, Cherokee County, Texas, the sixth day of November, 1871. He came of a distinguished family, his father, Judge Thomas E. Hogg, being a leader in his own community, a great man and a great attorney, the first lawyer in Rusk. His father's brother, the late Governor James Stephen Hogg, was one of the truly great men of the Lone Star State, and his name is honored by every true Texan. Dr. Hogg's mother, before her marriage Miss Annah McMath, was also of a prominent Texas family.

Dr. Hogg began his education in the public schools of Denton, Texas, to which place the family had removed, and after finishing the public school course with honors, went to Winchester College, Tennessee, where he took his A. B. degree. He then took his course in medicine and surgery in the medical department of the University of Texas, graduating from that institution with the M. D. degree, in 1896. He then began his medical practice at Denton, which he continued until the outbreak of the Spanish American War in 1898. He entered the service and was appointed first lieutenant and assistant surgeon of the First Texas Regiment. He served throughout the conflict, and was with the Army of Occupation in Cuba. After the close of the war, General Sternberg selected him to go to Galveston to help in the work of mustering out the men. He was discharged in that city and at the advice of his uncle, Governor Hogg, came to Houston to resume his medical practice.

Coming to this city, Dr. Hogg opened his office in the old Mason Building, where his favorable reputation and his real ability soon gained for him an extensive practice. He rapidly made his way to a place of leadership in his profession, at the same time keeping pace with the advances of medical science. He later removed his offices to the First National Bank Building, and when the new Temple Building, at the corner of Main and Capitol, was finished, a suite of offices was equipped especially for him. Here he devoted his talents to the service of humanity along the lines that best promoted the development of his life's vocation, until his death, the twenty-first day of March, 1909.

Dr. Hogg was married at New Orleans, Louisiana, the twenty-third of November, 1898, to Miss Josephine Connolly, this wedding being one of the social events of the season, attended by prominent people from Texas and New Orleans, of which city the bride was a native. Mrs. Hogg was the daughter of Thomas Connolly, a native of Ireland who came to New Orleans as a young man, rapidly making his way to a place among this city's most prominent citizens. Her mother, Miss Marie Louise O'Connor, was also a native of Erin's Isle, coming

to New Orleans as a girl and meeting in this city Thomas Connolly, whom she later married. Dr. and Mrs. Hogg had one child, a daughter, Marie Louise, who graduated from Rice Institute, in 1921, with the B. A. degree, and who is married to Dr. Robert Alexander Johnston, a graduate of Johns Hopkins Medical College and a practicing physician in Houston. Dr. and Mrs. Johnston have one daughter, Marie Josephine.

Dr. Hogg was not only a leader in medical activities at Houston, building up a lucrative practice and an enviable reputation, but made himself one of the substantial citizens of this city, investing in numerous enterprises. He took an interest in all civic affairs, particularly those which had to do with the betterment of his community, and questions of public health especially appealed to him. He was well worthy the obligations and honors associated with his profession, and his death was a distinct loss to his city.



**JOHN EVERETT WEBB.** A sketch of the development of the petroleum resources of Texas, and especially of the Gulf Coast District, however brief, would be incomplete were mention not made of John Everett Webb, pioneer operator in that field, and a man who took a prominent part in its development. Essentially a business man, Mr. Webb had the vision to foresee results, the courage to take a chance, and withal the sound and practical judgment that characterizes the successful oil operator, and few men who have entered the oil business from a development angle had more successes to their credit. Aside from his position as a leader in an industry ranking as one of the most important of Texas, Mr. Webb was the type of man who would naturally attain a great measure of esteem and distinction in any community, and during the years he spent at Humble he became known as the true type of Christian manhood, ready to help those in less fortunate circumstances than himself, as well as ready to enter heartily into any important movement of the day, whether of civic or commercial character.

John Everett Webb was born at Hillsville, in Carroll County, Virginia, the son of D. Smith Webb and Mary Ellen (Edwards) Webb. The father, a Baptist minister of Virginia throughout his life, and still active in religious work, makes Virginia his home. The mother is deceased. As a boy Mr. Webb attended the schools of Hillsville, Virginia, afterward graduating from the State Normal College at Danville, Indiana. As a boy he had gone to work in the mines of his native State, studying mining at night, and after his graduation he went to the mining camps of Colorado, Montana, and other states of the Northwest, his adventurous spirit finally leading him to the gold fields of South Africa. He was at Johannesburg, South Africa, when the Boer war began, and the subsequent paralyzing of business resulted in his going to Central America. Here he spent some time prospecting at Guatemala, and while there made the decision to return to the United States, the news of the discovery of oil in Texas, in the early part of 1901 being the immediate cause of this decision. June, 1901, found Mr. Webb at Spindle Top, where he was first engaged as manager of the Kansas City Oil and Rice Land Company and the New England and Beaumont Oil Company, remaining in charge



of their interests until May, 1903. At that time he went to Sour Lake, in the interest of D. R. Beatty, and under his management the first Hamilton-Prince well was sunk. Afterward it was upon his suggestion that Beatty No. 1, now famous as a gusher, was sunk. Mr. Webb continued to represent the Beatty interests until 1910 when he began to operate independently, organizing the Webb Oil Company, which company made one of the big successes of the Humble field, Mr. Webb's lease in that field having some fourteen producing wells, with a daily production averaging many thousands of barrels of oil.

John Everett Webb was married at Beaumont, Texas, the first of June, 1904, to Miss Ida Mae Kaiser, a native of Temple, Texas, and the daughter of C. L. Kaiser, one of the pioneer operators of the Gulf Coast oil fields, and one of the best known oil men of Texas. Since Mr. Webb's death Mrs. Webb has succeeded him as president of the Webb Oil Company, managing his interests in a capable and efficient manner. He father, C. L. Kaiser, is vice president and general manager of the Webb Oil Company.

John Everett Webb was killed by a fall from one of his derricks, on the twenty-second day of December, 1919, while helping his men work on the well so that they might finish it before Christmas and not have to work on that day. His death occurred just a few hours after the fall, ending the career of one of the best known oil men of Texas, and a man who was loved by all who knew him, from the highest executives in the oil business to the humblest helper in the fields. Mr. Webb's last act, that of helping his men, is typical of his entire life, for he was a man simple and without ostentation, with the courage to look the world squarely in the face with the conviction that he had nothing to hide, and exerting an influence which ever inspired confidence and created happiness.



**D. L. MARTIN**, vice president of the Myers-Spalti Manufacturing Company, has for the past seventeen years been an active figure in the business circles of Houston. The Myers-Spalti Manufacturing Company are manufacturers and wholesale distributors of furniture, mattresses, springs and general house furnishings. This firm was established in Houston in 1904 and enlarged in 1907, in 1910, and again in 1923, making it the largest manufacturing plant of its kind in the Southwest. The plant of the Myers-Spalti Manufacturing Company is located at 2115 Runnels Street and the I. & G. N. Railroad tracks and covers a space of four acres. One hundred and seventy-five people are employed by this company in the mill and factory. Their office force consists of fifteen experienced employees and four traveling representatives of this company are on the road. Other officers of the Myers-Spalti Manufacturing Company are: W. S. Myers, president; J. A. Grieves, secretary and A. Hellberg, treasurer.

A native of Mississippi, Mr. Martin was born in Yalobusha County in 1857. His father, R. Martin, was a pioneer Methodist minister, a native of Alabama, but spent most of his life in Northern Mississippi. His mother was Miss Elizabeth Mims, a member of a prominent Virginia family. Mr. Martin's education was obtained in the public schools of Mississippi.

Mr. Martin began his business career in the furniture business in Owensboro, Kentucky, and later was engaged in the same line of business in Memphis, Tennessee. In 1906 he came to Houston and became associated with the Myers-Spalti Manufacturing Company as secretary of this company, later being made vice president.

Mr. Martin was married in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, in 1880, to Miss Virginia F. Perin, who was born in White Sulphur Springs Virginia, but is a member of a well known Mississippi family. They have two children, Frank L. Martin of Dallas, and Anna Clyde, now the wife of H. C. Plunkett of Houston. The Martin residence is at 1217 Richmond Avenue. Mr. Martin has an abiding faith in the future of Houston and expects this city to continue its steady, consistent growth and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines.



**E. MOON**, for more than a decade a factor in the business life at Houston, has since 1920 been associated with the development of the city as a real estate man whose greatest success can be attributed to the development and sale of unimproved properties. Mr. Moon is a realtor and contracting builder, with offices at 313 West Building. He is taking an active part in home construction, building homes and placing them on the market on terms that will appeal to the man of limited means, and has rendered real service to the community in this field. Since Mr. Moon has been in business he has successfully promoted and handled much business of this type, financing and constructing homes in all parts of the city. Through his interests in home building and civic improvement he has been instrumental in building up a number of new residential additions, additions like South End, Montrose, Manchester and Mandell, that have contributed to Houston's claim to the title, "A City of Homes." He has also taken an active part in securing improvements of the highest type for these additions, including street car extensions, schools and other public improvements. In this construction work Mr. Moon is in full charge of the business.

He maintains his own construction crews, consisting of rough carpenters, skilled carpenters and finishers, painters, paperers, masons, and all skilled and unskilled workmen required for these building operations. He has under way at all times construction aggregating around a hundred thousand dollars, and as fast as one home is completed another is under way. He employs some forty workmen.

Mr. Moon was born at Frankford, Indiana, the fifth of April, 1882, son of O. P. Moon, a contractor, and native of Indiana. He was educated in the public schools of Indiana, graduating from high school, after which he began his business career. He came to Houston in 1910, and was variously engaged until the opening of his present business in 1920.

Mr. Moon was married at Houston in June, 1911, to Miss Evelyn Wheeler, daughter of Henry Wheeler, of Houston. They make their home at 3604 Fannin Street. Mr. Moon is a member of the Advertising Club, the Real Estate Board, the Builders Exchange, and fraternally is an Elk. He is not only familiar with all phases of the building industry, but has an expert knowledge of real estate values, and is regarded by his fellow citizens as a real city builder.





**JOHN HENRY LANG, SR.**, one of the real pioneers of Houston, and citizen whose highly successful efforts in behalf of the development of the oyster business made him a figure of state wide prominence, was for many years a factor in the commercial and civic life of his community and one of the most respected and generous men of his time. Mr. Lang was a real industrial leader and organizer and one of the first men of his time to see in the oyster business an industry of more than local scope. He gave to the development of this resource of the Lone Star State many years of an industrious and useful life, encouraging the establishment of oyster fisheries, as well as conservation, and his efforts in behalf of this industry will be remembered for many years to come. In political affairs, he took an interest and served as alderman of First Ward, in the early days.

Mr. Lang was a native of the Lone Star State, and the son of Frank Lang, a native of Prussia, who came to Galveston as a young man, bringing with him his young wife, Katherine Lang, the mother of the subject of our sketch. Mr. Lang spent his boyhood in Galveston, attending the schools of that day. At the opening of the Civil War, Mr. Lang ran a blockade out of Galveston and was captured in Mexico, but was later released and served as a soldier later in the Confederate Army. He came to Houston in 1866. Reared in a coast city, where fishing was one of the principal occupations of many of the residents, he had early made the decision to make this industry the basis of his career. With this in mind he established a wholesale oyster business shortly after his arrival in Houston, and in a short time had broadened the scope of his business to such an extent that he was not only supplying a heavy demand for shell fish in the vicinity of Houston, but was sending out large shipments to all parts of the state.

His wife, too, took an active part in the business life of the day, and in 1877 established an oyster parlor which she ran for four decades, proving herself a business woman of real ability and executive capacity. In 1911 her sons took over this interest, running it very successfully until 1922, when they sold it.

Mr. Lang was married the twenty-fifth of March, 1877, to Miss Ida Kumke, a native of Prussia, who came with her parents, Carl and Anna Wiese Kumke, to the United States in 1870.

Mr. and Mrs. Lang spent much time in travel, and during the months when the oyster business did not require their constant presence in Houston, delighted in going to various parts of this country. They were the parents of five children, the surviving are: John Henry Lang, Jr., of Houston, and who is married; Edward Henry Lang of Houston, and who is married and has three children; and Dollie, wife of R. B. White.

Mrs. Lang is a woman of many accomplishments and sound and constructive business ability. Her home at 1104 Austin Street, is the seat of a gracious hospitality, and she has hundreds of friends in this city and Galveston who admire her many fine qualities. She takes a deep interest in the affairs of the day, especially those concerning public welfare, and is well informed on all current events. She and her family are large property

owners both in Houston and in Galveston, and it has been her privilege to watch the progress of both these cities from the small towns of her childhood to their present state of development.

Mr. Lang died on April 26th, 1907, his death being deeply felt throughout the city, and a distinct loss to the business world. A man of sterling worth in his community, there was ever associated with his name an integrity that gave him prestige in his community. Of simple tastes, and endowed with those virtues which make for leadership, he not only took a leading part in the development of the oyster business, but was the friend of all who knew him, and a real citizen in the highest sense of the word.



**HENRY S. FOX, SR.** Among the outstanding men in the history of Houston's banking circles Henry S. Fox, Sr., occupies a prominent place. In 1870 Mr. Fox founded the Henry S. Fox Bank, of which he was president. The bank continued under this name until 1876, when it was changed to the Houston National Bank, and the splendid institution of today stands as a memorial to the ambitions and high ideals of Henry S. Fox, Sr., who continued as its president until his death, February 12th, 1912.

Henry S. Fox was born in Germany, October 15th, 1835, son of Henry S. Fox. The life of Mr. Fox is an example of what courage, indomitable will and ambition can accomplish. In the year 1849, as a lad of only fourteen years of age, he left his native home in Germany in order more ably to assist in the support of the family. He spent two years in New York, employed in the mercantile business. In 1851 he came to Texas, where he continued in the mercantile business, sometime later becoming senior member of the hardware firm of Fox and Heitmann, retiring from this firm when he founded the Henry S. Fox Bank.

Mr. Fox was twice married, his first marriage being to Miss Lena Gohlman, daughter of Henry Gohlman, pioneer Houston merchant. Mrs. Fox died leaving two children, Henry Fox, Jr., (deceased) and Mamie Fox Twyman, wife of Wm. G. Twyman (deceased), who was vice president and director of the Houston National Bank. In 1889 Mr. Fox was married to Miss Leonora Harby. To this union was given one daughter, Louise Fox Campbell, wife of J. C. Campbell.

Mr. Fox was actively interested in civic affairs, being especially interested in the Houston Harbor development work, to which he gave his liberal support. His faith in Houston and its future was apparent by his heavy real estate investments. He was very popular in social and commercial circles alike. In amassing a large fortune Mr. Fox never lost sight of the fact that as a mere lad he was compelled to face the world single handed, and it was his greatest pleasure to lend a helping hand to every ambitious boy with whom he came in contact, and many successful business men of Houston today will tell you of the kindnesses shown them in their youth by Henry S. Fox, Sr. Mr. Fox was a member of the Masonic Lodge, the Elks, the Houston, and Houston Country Clubs. He was president of the Clearing House Association, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce.





**M. (MITCHELL) SEELIGSON** for many years has been active in industrial affairs at Cuero and Goliad, and has been especially interested in the development of the grain resources of this section. Mr. Seeligson is president and general manager of the Cuero Mill and Feed Company and of the Cuero Gin Company, two large concerns built and operated with local capital. The Cuero Mill and Feed Company, built in the early part of 1924, and capitalized at fifteen thousand dollars, produces corn products of all kinds, and also mixed feeds, horse feeds, dairy feeds and poultry feeds. The plant is equipped with the best and most modern machinery, including a special steel corn cutter, and is operated under thoroughly modern conditions. The Chix Feed is one of the leading specialties of the plant, the brand, "Turkey Trot" under which it is marketed, being registered at Washington, D. C. Mr. Seeligson originated the idea of developing these feeds for this particular part of Texas, and has been very successful in building up his plant. Railroad connections here, offering the advantage of transit privileges, greatly enhance the value of the plant from a commercial standpoint, and all indications are that it will develop into one of the largest mill and feed plants in this section. Mr. Seeligson has taken an active part in protecting grains in Texas in their indemnity insurance rates, and has worked indefatigably to secure a fair deal for grains. Mr. Seeligson is also president and general manager of the Cuero Gin Company, organized in 1917, and which operates one of the largest cotton gins in this section. All equipment in this plant, as in the mill and feed plant, is modern and the plant has handled a large volume of the ginning business in this section since its opening. In addition to these interests Mr. Seeligson is vice president and general manager of the Riverdale Corporations, which include the Riverdale Gin Company and the Riverdale Mercantile Company. These interests were established by Mr. Seeligson in 1912, with a capital of five thousand dollars, and under his management have grown and expanded until they now have a capital and surplus of seventy thousand dollars and are among the more important enterprises of this section. Mr. Seeligson also has a three hundred and fifty acre farm in cotton and corn, which is also under his personal management, as all his interests. He is a thoroughly progressive agriculturist, and employs the latest and most scientific methods on his farm, including a fertilization program and the use of calcium arsenic on his cotton in the control of the boll weevil.

W. M. (Mitchell) Seeligson, was born at Goliad, Texas, the twenty-ninth of August, 1887, son of L. Seeligson, who was born at Rio Grande City, and whose death occurred in 1914. His grandfather, L. Seeligson, was a pioneer merchant of Cuero, and his great-grandfather, M. Seeligson, one of the pioneers of Texas, served as mayor of Galveston in 1859. Mr. Seeligson's mother was Miss Bell Coffin, before her marriage, and was born at Indianola, Texas. Her father, Captain Coffin, of the Morgan Line Boats from New York, and later lighthouse keeper at Salaeria Pass, was a direct descendant of Trystan Coffin, who landed with the Pilgrims from the Mayflower, at Plymouth Rock. Mr. Seeligson was educated in the public schools. He served as

commissioner for the port for eight years at Fannin Park, and during the World War was secretary and in active charge of the exemption board for three years, and adjutant general, United States Army. Later he was in charge of clearing the delinquent list, and was at Austin for some time, clearing the records of many thousand men who were carried as deserters but who were actually in service. Concluding this work he came to Cuero.

Mr. Seeligson was married at Bastrop, Texas, in 1910, to Miss Maud Maynard, daughter of Judge W. E. Maynard of that point. Mr. and Mrs. Seeligson reside at Goliad, and have one child, Mary Isabell. Mr. Seeligson is a member of the Episcopal Church, having served as vestryman for ten years. He is a Mason, both York and Scottish Rites, Consistory at San Antonio, Shrine at Austin, belonging to Ben Hur Temple Shrine. He belongs to the Cuero Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Ginners Association, serving as president of that organization in 1923. Mr. Seeligson is a thoroughly public-spirited citizen, and has contributed in a very material way to the development of this section.



**ERVANT MAXUDIAN**, president and general manager Coastal Oil Fields Company, Inc., is regarded as one of the leading operators in the oil fields of South Texas. Mr. Maxudian has been coming to Houston from New York at intervals since 1919, and this company was organized in 1923 with a capital stock of \$1,000,000.00 operating under a New York Charter with a Texas permit, and has acquired properties in South Texas. The company has producing wells and owns approximately fifty acres in fee and leases in the proven area on the southwest flank of Barbers Hill and seven hundred and fifty acres in wildcat leases farther to the west, as well as leases in Big Creek, Fort Bend County. Offices are at 25 Broadway, New York. The success of the Coastal Oil Fields Company, Inc., is largely due to Mr. Maxudian, who personally organized the company. Mr. Maxudian is extensively interested in Lake Maracaibo, District in Venezuela.

Mr. Maxudian was born in Armenia, November 6th, 1889. His father, H. Maxudian, killed during the war, was a prominent professional man of Armenia, where he was extensively interested in railroads. His mother was, prior to her marriage, Miss Santought Seferian, a member of a prominent family of Armenia, and is now residing in Constantinople. During his early boyhood, Mr. Maxudian studied at various schools of Europe, and after coming to America, entered Cornell University and graduated from this institution in the class of 1914, with the degree of B. S., after two years of special work in engineering and the sciences, with four years spent in Cornell University. After his graduation, Mr. Maxudian became associated with the Edison Company in their sales department in New York State, where he remained from 1914 to 1917, when he entered the army and was assigned to the air service, and during the one and one-half years spent in this service, he served at Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, where he was an instructor in Air Service. Mr. Maxudian is now an officer in the Reserve Corps Air Service. He is a member of the Gulf Coast Oil Association and the University Club in Houston; the Racket Club in Washington, D. C., and the Cornell Club in New York.





**JOHN JOSEPH DAVIDSON**, for the past several years a factor in oil production at West Columbia, has attained an enviable reputation among his associates and is regarded as a real authority in his line of work. Mr. Davidson is superintendent of production of the Humble Oil and Refining Company at West Columbia, coming here to take charge of production in 1919. He had prior to that time been with the Humble Oil and Refining Company for several years, in the production department at Goose Creek, and is one of the younger men to make a record for his activities in this line. The Humble Oil and Refining Company has at the present time around fifty producing wells in the West Columbia field, and is getting production of better than three thousand barrels daily. There are around sixty-five employees in this department, under the direct supervision of Mr. Davidson, and he has one of the best organized and functioning departments in the field. His equipment is all of the best and most modern type, and he makes it a point to see that each detail under his direction is carefully worked out, and the highest efficiency maintained. This is no small factor, and considering the large amount of work this entails, and the investment of the Humble company in this field, Mr. Davidson is working under a heavy responsibility.

John Joseph Davidson was born at New Iberia, Louisiana, the fifteenth of October, 1887. His father, J. A. Davidson, a builder and carpenter of Louisiana, now makes his home at Vinton, in that state. His mother before her marriage was Miss Tillie Beelman. Mr. Davidson attended the schools of his native state, and when a boy began work in the oil fields there. Since that time he has been in every position in connection with oil field operation and knows at first hand, and by experience, all phases of this great industry. From Louisiana he came to Goose Creek in 1917, and went with the Humble Oil and Refining Company, in the production department, and was three years later sent to West Columbia by this company as superintendent of production here.

Mr. Davidson was married at Crowley, Louisiana, the fifteenth of July, 1911, to Miss Jennie Henderson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Henderson, Mr. Henderson being a well known oil field operator. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are now making their home in West Columbia, and take their part in the social life of the community. Fraternally Mr. Davidson is an Odd Fellow. He has made many friends in the coastal field and is regarded as a man whose years of experience and real knowledge of his work justify the responsibility that has been placed on him, and who faces a real future in the oil industry.



**MONROE CHANCEY** for several years was a factor in oil development activities at West Columbia and is regarded as one of the most enterprising men associated with the industry. Mr. Chancey served as superintendent of properties for the Peer Oil Corporation, a position he assumed in 1920. Mr. Chancey demonstrated his ability in the handling of oil field activities in West Columbia, and dispatched some difficult work in this field.

Monroe Chancey was born in Montgomery County,

Texas, on the twelfth of September, 1898. His father, Robert Chancey, has been for many years a farmer, land owner and stock raiser of that county and is well known there. His mother's maiden name was Miss Lou Craty. Mr. Chancey received his education in the schools of Montgomery County, growing up in a wholesome out-of-doors atmosphere. As a boy he helped his father on the farm and spent his life there until he went to Humble to engage in oil field work. He spent two years with the Texas Company in the Humble field, after which he came to West Columbia and was with the Monarch Oil and Refining Company until that company consolidated with the Peer Oil Corporation. He then became superintendent of properties of the consolidated corporations and attained the reputation of a capable oil field executive.

Mr. Chancey was married at West Columbia in July, 1923, to Miss Eva Lynch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Lynch, the father a farmer and land owner of this section. Mr. Chancey is regarded as one of the younger men in the oil fields who have a real future, and the next few years should see his rapid advancement in the industry.



**JOSEPH P. UNDERWOOD** is a pioneer in the mercantile business of South Texas and has operated a general store at West Columbia for more than fifty years. He is also a large land owner of this county and for many years was one of the leading cattle men of Brazoria County, owning thousands of head of cattle in the early days of the Lone Star State. At that time there were no railroads in Texas and the cattle were driven along the several cattle trails to market in St. Louis, Kansas City and other points. Mr. Underwood was born in the house where he now lives and is the oldest man living, who was born here or in this vicinity. He has spent his entire life here and has been engaged in many lines of endeavor. At one time Mr. Underwood was immensely wealthy and used to buy thousands of bales of cotton each year and ship same by boat to Galveston for export. In addition to his farming interests here, he also has city property, and still gives his personal attention to his general merchandise store. Mr. Underwood is a veteran of the Civil War, having served for three years in the Confederate Army, and has given his time and means to assist in all other conflicts in which his country has been engaged since that time.

Mr. Underwood was born on February 26th, 1845. His father, Almon Underwood, was a pioneer settler of South Texas and one of the largest land owners in this county. He was for several years a member of the state legislature and has always been engaged in the mercantile and cattle business, besides his large farming interests. He is getting along in years now, but is still active. His mother was born in Louisiana and came to Texas at the age of four. His early education was obtained in the schools of his native town and county, after which he attended Austin College at Huntsville for one year.

Mr. Underwood was married at Columbia, Texas, in 1867, to Miss Louise Hanks, a daughter of Dr. John Hanks, an eminent and noted physician of North Carolina. They have three children: Laura Underwood, Mrs. Louise Munson and John H. Underwood. Mr. Underwood has always been active





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in the Masonic circles of his city and of the state. The town of Columbia has the unique distinction of having the first Masonic Lodge in the State of Texas, and Mr. Underwood was master of this lodge for two terms, and is also past high priest of the Columbia Chapter. Mr. Underwood has seen many changes in the state during his long life here, which has affected every line of business—mercantile, cattle, farming, banking and all others have given over their old methods to the spirit of modern times, but the retrospection on the old times in the Lone Star State is not without its many pleasures to the pioneers who lived the pioneer life.

**JOHN FLEMING BOZEMAN**, for the past three years associated with oil activities at West Columbia, has won recognition as a drilling expert, and has to his credit the designing of a number of drilling tools that have proven very successful. Mr. Bozeman is superintendent of drilling for the Humble Oil and Refining Company at West Columbia and Damon's Mound, and has charge of all drilling operations of this major company in these fields. He has under his direction a well organized department of from forty-five to fifty operatives, and is at the present time engaged in active drilling operations. The Humble Company is the second largest producer in this field, and Mr. Bozeman has had opportunity to demonstrate his ability to fill his position on many occasions. He has had some unusual conditions to meet and has on every occasion proven equal to the emergency, directing his force with a sure knowledge of conditions and method of procedure. In 1922 Mr. Bozeman was presented by the Humble Oil and Refining Company with the fourth gold medal ever issued for his bravery in rescuing a fellow worker from the derrick floor when the well blew out and demolished the derrick. Mr. Bozeman performed this act at great risk to his own life. Mr. Bozeman has designed a number of drilling tools, primarily for his own use, but which have proven so successful that the Hughes Tool Company is now making and selling them.

John Fleming Bozeman was born at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, the fourteenth of December, 1897, son of James William Bozeman, a farmer and land owner of Arkansas, and Sibilla Harper Bozeman. He was educated in the public schools of Arkadelphia, graduating from the high school there. Like most boys he tried out various lines of work until 1916, when he entered the oil industry and went to work for the Fondren Drilling Company at Humble, Texas. A little later he was transferred to Sour Lake, remaining there fifteen months, then to Goose Creek for one year, and from there to Stratton Ridge, immediately preceding his transfer to West Columbia, and his promotion to superintendent of drilling.

Mr. Bozeman was married at Humble, Texas, in July, 1919, to Miss Katie Alma Porter, daughter of John T. Porter, a teaming contractor, and variously identified with industrial activities. Mr. and Mrs. Bozeman are making their home at West Columbia and have one child, John Fleming, Jr. Mr. Bozeman is identified with the Masonic order. In addition to his distinctions in the oil industry has also won distinction in other fields, and is the holder of the state championship for the long distance motorcycle race of 108 miles, which he won

in 1914. He is known throughout the country as the "King of Wheels." Mr. Bozeman is considered by the oil fraternity as a young man to whom the future promises much, and his career is being watched with interest.



**ROBERT MCFARLAND**, for upwards of four decades a prominent figure in the life of West Columbia, was one of the most honored pioneers of this section, and gave largely of his time and means for the development of his community. Mr. McFarland came to West Columbia in 1882, and until his retirement took an active part in the cattle business, and was at the time of his death, November 8, 1923, one of the large land owners of this city. There were few activities incident to the development of this section, that had not claimed his attention at one time or another, and much that he did in a business way was for the general upbuilding of his community. During the oil boom, in 1920 and 1921, when oil was produced in large quantities, he leased much of his land, and took an active interest in the development of this important resource.

Robert McFarland was born near Windsor, Canada, the second of June, 1857, son of Andrew and Margaret McComb McFarland. His father was for many years in the lumber business and engaged in farming and merchandising activities. He took part in the Civil War, having come to the United States and settled in Michigan in 1859. Mr. McFarland spent his boyhood in the wholesome out of doors, and while his educational opportunities were few, he knew a vast store of things gleaned from personal experience. He lived in Michigan up until 1882, when he came to Texas, locating at West Columbia. Since coming here he engaged in many things, during the early days operating a transfer and hauling business. Mr. McFarland always saved his money, making investments in land, city property and cattle. At times, during the last thirty years, he had as many as a thousand head of cattle, but some two years ago sold his entire herd.

Mr. McFarland was married in West Columbia, the eighteenth of December, 1895, to Miss Mamie Tinsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henderson Tinsley of West Columbia. Mrs. McFarland is the granddaughter of I. T. Tinsley, one of the very first settlers of this section who bought land for 25 cents per acre. Mr. Tinsley was for many years a farmer, land owner and general business man of this community. Mr. and Mrs. McFarland made their home at West Columbia throughout their married life. The McFarland homestead, a fine old place in the center of a large city block, in the heart of West Columbia, being one of the most attractive homes in the city. They had four children: Margaret, Alice, Robert Lee, and Geraldine. Margaret is married to Mr. W. Hanson, son of one of the pioneers of this part of the state. Mr. McFarland was a member of the first Masonic Lodge in Texas, and was a Royal Arch Mason. He took a vital part in the life of his community, prospering as it prospered, and West Columbia can boast of no truer, more generous citizen, than this splendid man who gave so largely of his time and means for the development of the resources of this section. He died November 8th, 1923, and was buried in West Columbia in the oldest cemetery in Texas.





**HUBERT G. SHOOK**, for around half a decade, has been closely associated with the advancement and development of the oil resources at West Columbia, and is considered one of the most competent drillers in the field. Mr. Shook is general superintendent for the Texas Company, and in active charge of their work in this territory. He has under his supervision some forty or fifty producing wells, on the valuable leases of the Texas Company here, and a large camp of eighty cottages, where the employees, engaged in drilling, working over wells, and other activities, are housed. The Texas Company is the largest operator in the West Columbia field, and have more than ten thousand barrels daily production. The Abrams lease, owned by the company, on which is located the Abrams well Number One, was one of the largest wells ever brought in here and produced more oil than any well in the coastal fields. They also own the Hogg lease, on which is located Number One, Hogg well, the largest well in the field, and which produced over thirty thousand barrels a day. The investment of the Texas Company in this field totals more than two million dollars. Mr. Shook has been in charge of the work at West Columbia for around five years, during which time he has supervised all the drilling in this territory, and has been with the Texas Company since 1909.

Hubert G. Shook was born at Salem, Arkansas, the thirteenth of April, 1889, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shook, his father a contractor of that city. Mr. Shook spent his boyhood in Arkansas, attending the schools near his home, until 1907, when he began work in the oil fields. He spent two years at Sour Lake, after which he went to Saratoga, where he remained four years, then returned to Sour Lake for a period of five years. He then came to West Columbia at the time the first well was brought in in this field, and has since handled all the drilling for the Texas Company in this field.

Mr. Shook was married at Lufkin, Texas, in 1911, to Miss Bessie Tomerlin, whose father has spent many years in the maintenance department of the railroad business. Mr. and Mrs. Shook make their home at the Texas Company's camp, at West Columbia, and have four children: Bertha, Grace, Evelyn, and Huberta. Mr. Shook is well known throughout the coastal fields, having had drilling experience in the various fields in this section, and is regarded by oil men as an authority on drilling operations. Since coming to West Columbia he has not only built up an excellent organization, but has been interested in the welfare of the employees in the field, and has done much to improve the usual oil field mode of living.



**LAWSON E. BALES**, one of the best known production experts in the coastal fields, for about eight years has been associated with oil development activities at West Columbia, and is one of the men in this section carrying heavy responsibilities. Mr. Bales is superintendent of production for the Texas Company, the largest operators in the West Columbia field, and has had charge of all oil production and preparing of oil for the pipe lines of this company since 1918, when the field was first brought in. There are in the various holdings of the Texas Company here around fifty producing wells, all of which are under the supervision of Mr. Bales. The Texas Company

has a number of very valuable leases in this section, among them being the W. C. Hogg lease, on which is located the Hogg Number One well, the largest well in the field. A total of around one hundred and fifty men are now in the Texas Company camp at West Columbia.

Lawson E. Bales was born at Montpelier, Indiana, the eighth of September, 1883, son of Leander Bales, for the past twenty years active in oil field work, and Flora Bales. Mr. Bales received his education in his native state and also gained his first oil field experience in that state. He came to Texas in 1905, and was at Saratoga with the Producers Oil Company until 1918, when he came to West Columbia with the Texas Company. During his many years' connection with the oil industry in the fields Mr. Bales has always given his attention to the production end, and has become known to oil men in the various Texas fields as one of the best trained, most experienced production men in the fields today.

Mr. Bales was married at Montpelier, Indiana, in 1904, to Miss Edith Burson, daughter of James Burson, a minister and builder of that city, and Mrs. James Burson. Mr. and Mrs. Bales have a family of five children, Sybil June, Lee Burson, Margaret Elizabeth, Richard Lawson and Merle Joyce, all of whom are with their parents at the Texas Company camp at West Columbia. Mr. Bales is a Master Mason, and going up in that order. His position in the West Columbia field is one carrying heavy responsibilities, and requiring an expert knowledge of production, and there are few men who could fill it in so capable a manner as Mr. Bales. He is congenial, well liked by his men, and qualified in every way to handle the production crews and dispatch the many duties which devolve on him as production superintendent.



**HENRY LAWRENCE CLAYTON**, well known in the oil circles of South Texas, came to West Columbia in July, 1922, as general superintendent of the Gulf Production Company. In the West Columbia field, the Gulf Production Company has twelve producing wells, which make about one thousand barrels per day, however, at this time they have curtailed their production temporarily. This company owns many valuable leases in the West Columbia field, many of which were purchased soon after the first well came in here, at a very conservative price, and these leases have increased in value as the field has increased in all directions. The Gulf Production Company have between twenty-five and thirty warehouses here, containing a large and complete stock of all kinds of oil equipment, casing, etc. This company is one of the largest producers in this field and employ between twenty-five and thirty people here. Mr. Clayton began his business career in the employ of the Santa Fe Railroad, and after a few years became associated with the Houston and Texas Central Railroad in various capacities. He left the railroad service in order to enter the oil business and has had a wide experience in this great industry. His first experience in oil was at Humble, Texas, where he remained for a period of nine years, after which he went to Blue Ridge, Texas, where he remained for one year and then went to Pierce Junction and remained in that field for one year and then came here. He has been



associated with the Gulf Production Company practically all the time, and is regarded as one of the best practical oil men in the business and a valuable asset to his company.

A native Texan, Mr. Clayton was born at Hearne on April 10th, 1882. His father, James Clayton, was for many years a locomotive engineer for the Houston and Texas Central Railroad. His mother was Miss Carrie Orleans, a member of a well known Texas family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston, after which he attended a business college there.

Mr. Clayton was married at Wylie, Collin County, Texas, in 1903 to Miss Ethel McCarty, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of Frank McCarty, for many years engaged in the general merchandising business in Collin County. They have six children: Maxl, Mogene, Fayelva, James Monroe, Paul and Carl. Mr. Clayton is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is active in this organization. He has been very successful in the oil business and has a host of friends in South Texas, and is liked by the officers of the company and by the men employed by him, and to both he is known as a real oil man, successful, conscientious and progressive in his line of endeavor.

**T**HOMAS F. SWEENEY is one of the pioneers of the oil industry, and has been actively engaged in this field of endeavor in various States for more than thirty years. He has for almost two years been general superintendent of the Sun Oil Company's operations at West Columbia, Texas, and has been with his present company for many years, where he is regarded as one of the leading men engaged in drilling and production in the entire country. In the West Columbia field, the Sun Oil Company has four producing wells with upward of one hundred and seventy-five barrels of oil as a daily production and one well drilling. They own many valuable leases in the proven field here and plan in the near future to do a vast amount of development work. Mr. Sweeney has devoted his entire business life to the oil industry, which he began when nineteen years of age in the oil fields at Bolivar, New York, where he remained for four years. He then went to the Finley oil fields in Ohio and remained in this field for five years, after which he went to Indiana and for three years was employed in the fields at Marion and Gas City. When oil was first discovered at Bartlesville, Oklahoma, he went to that field, where he remained for one year and then returned to Illinois and for three years was in the fields at Robinson and Bridgeport. In 1913 he came to Electra, Texas, and remained in the Electra field for one year, after which he came to South Texas and to Humble, and remained in the Humble field for two years. Mr. Sweeney then went to the Vivian, Louisiana, field where he remained for almost two years, and came back to Texas and went in the Hull field, where he remained for two years, after which he came to West Columbia, and for many years his activities in the different oil fields was in the interest of the Sun Oil Company, who regard him as one of their most valued employees.

Mr. Sweeney was born at Wellesville, New York, on August 21st, 1874. His parents, Thomas Sweeney and Mary Sweeney, were large land owners and

extensive farmers in New York State. His education was obtained in the schools of his native State.

Mr. Sweeney was married at Robison, Illinois, in 1912 to Miss Katherine Wonderley, a native of Illinois and a daughter of John Wonderley, a well known drilling contractor and oil operator of Illinois. They have one son, Joseph Francis Sweeney, two and one-half years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney are at present making their home in West Columbia. Mr. Sweeney is popular with the officials of the Sun Oil Company as well as the employees, and since coming to West Columbia has made a host of friends here. Mr. Sweeney is one of the best known, practical oil men in South Texas, and is held in the highest esteem by the various big oil companies by whom he has been employed.



**G**EORGE SHEPERD PATRICK, for more than a decade a resident of Houston, and a factor in building activities as one of the leading painting and decorating contractors in the city, has had many years experience in this business and is one of the most capable men in his field. Mr. Patrick is a member of the firm of Hamilton and Patrick, leading painting and decorating contractors in Houston, and a firm foremost in building activities. The business was established in 1921, as a partnership, by T. B. Hamilton, for many years a painting and decorating contractor of Houston, and Mr. Patrick, who came here in 1911, and has since been in the painting and decorating business. The office of the firm is located at 213 Larendon Building, and the business is operated on a business like basis, placing it in the ranks of industrial activities. They have equipment for handling any kind of work, including painting, papering, and interior decorating of all kinds. A force of from twenty-five to thirty workmen is maintained, many of them artisans of unusual skill in the decorating craft. The firm gives special attention to fine residence work, and has had charge of all decorating work on such homes as those of John C. Crotty, Kenneth Womack, H. V. Neuhaus and many others.

George Sheperd Patrick was born at Chicago, Illinois, the eleventh of October, 1879, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Patrick, of that city. His father is a fresco decorator and contractor of Chicago. Mr. Patrick was educated in the public schools of Chicago, and graduated from the high school there, after which he entered preparatory school. After leaving school he began in the painting and decorating business, and spent a number of years in Chicago as a painter and decorator. He has also been in several other cities, in this line of business, coming to Houston in 1911. He engaged in a contracting business here until forming the partnership with Mr. Hamilton, as Hamilton and Patrick, in which firm he is now active.

Mr. Patrick was married at Janesville, Wisconsin, in 1904, to Miss Maude Adams, the daughter of John Adams, a manufacturer of wagons and wagon parts, of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Patrick make their home at the Glen Ellen Apartments. Mr. Patrick is a Mason, Scottish Rite, 32nd degree. He belongs to the Builders Exchange, and takes a deep interest in all community activities. Mr. Patrick has attained the reputation in the business world of a conservative man, thoroughly versed in his line, and has made many friends in Houston.



**C**LAUDE W. SMITH, since coming to Goose Creek several years ago has been actively identified with commercial interests, and has been a factor in the distribution of Magnolia products, both wholesale and retail, in this city and the adjoining territory. Mr. Smith represents the Magnolia Petroleum Company, selling gas and oil in wholesale quantities in this territory, and supplying the trade in Lynchburg, Crosby, Cedar Bayou, and Mont Belvieu. Mr. Smith operates one big drum truck, in the distribution of gas to the various stations he supplies, and employs three people. He annually handles more than two hundred thousand gallons of gas, about seventy-five thousand gallons of kerosene, and seven thousand gallons of lubricating oil. Mr. Smith operates the Central Filling Station at Goose Creek, which his wife manages, and in addition to selling oil and gas, has a good line of accessories and supplies. This station combines all the modern equipment, with progressive management, and gives efficient service to a large patronage. Mr. Smith also operates his own stations at Baytown, Mont Belvieu, Cedar Bayou, Crosby and Elena. He is familiar with the distribution of oil and gas and his activities in the supply business have won for him a commendable reputation. He is thoroughly appreciative of the problems of the filling station operator and as a wholesale dealer, co-operates with him to the advantage of all concerned. In his retail trade he has done much toward creating good will by his consistent efforts to give the best possible service, and in this he is aided by Mrs. Smith, who is a business woman of ability. Mrs. Smith took up business after her marriage and has shown every attribute of the successful business woman. Mr. Smith handles Magnolia gas and oil exclusively and has done much to build up trade in this superior product in this section.

Claude W. Smith was born at Cedar Bayou, the seventh of January, 1894, son of E. G. Smith, a contractor and farmer, who came to Cedar Bayou from Wood County. His mother, before her marriage, Miss Mattie Hunt, was reared at Cedar Bayou, and lived there until three years before her death, in November, 1922. The last three years of her life were spent in Houston. Mr. Smith attended the public schools of Cedar Bayou, and later took a business course at Houston, and also attended the business college at Galveston. After leaving school he assisted his father in the contracting business for several years, until he started in business for himself. He began in the oil business in 1919, with the Humble Oil and Refinery Company, remaining with that corporation until 1922, when he went with the Magnolia Petroleum Company, in charge of their wholesale and retail distribution in Goose Creek and neighboring towns. Mr. Smith also owned and operated the Claude W. Smith Lumber Company for a time, but sold this interest and confines his time to his filling stations and oil business.

Claude W. Smith was married the thirteenth of July, 1921, to Miss Lilah Lawrence, daughter of A. B. Lawrence, well known cattleman of Chambers County, and granddaughter of one of Chambers County's most honored pioneers, who came here about 1820 when the country was under Mexican rule. Her mother, Mrs. Varuna Hartman Lawrence, is a well known writer of songs and short stories,

which she publishes under her maiden name, Varuna Hartman. Mrs. Smith has taken an active interest in her husband's business and has under her management the Central Filling Station at Goose Creek. Mr. and Mrs. Smith make this city their home, and take an active part in the life of the community. Mr. Smith is a member of the Odd Fellow's. As a business man he has made rapid progress along the road to success, and a prosperous future is indicated.



**C. CAIN** has seen many of the important events in the life of the city of Houston and during the years he has resided here has witnessed many changes that bore directly upon the development of the present modern city. For more than thirty years he has lived in Houston and nearly all the time has resided at his present address, 3916 Chenevert Street. Mr. Cain was formerly engaged in the dairy business here but for the past three years has been retired from active participation in business affairs, retaining, however, an undiminished interest in anything pertaining to the development of Houston.

Mr. Cain was born in Mississippi in 1860 and passed his boyhood in that state during the trying days of the reconstruction period following the close of the Civil War. Coming to Texas at the age of twenty-five, he located at Richmond, but remained there for only a few months when he removed to Alvin. He established a dairy business at Richmond which he removed in 1890 to Houston. Significant of the remarkable advance in the value of Houston property is the fact that seven lots were purchased by Mr. Cain on which he built his residence on Chenevert Street shortly after coming to Houston at a price of one hundred dollars each. These same lots could be sold today for more than a thousand dollars each.

A son of a Mississippi farmer who had a very large family, Mr. Cain was forced to work his way through school. After attending the public schools at his home, Mr. Cain was a student at Mississippi Agricultural and Mechanical College at the time General S. D. Lee was president of this institution.

Mr. Cain was married at Richmond to Miss Fannie Cochran, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Cochran, a member of a well known family of Georgia, who moved to Mississippi and later to Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Cain have four daughters and a son, Carrie Anita, Mrs. Sara Alva Conway, Mrs. Tom Holland, former director of domestic science in the schools at Beaumont, Mrs. Winnie Mae Reed, a teacher in the Houston schools for several years, and Virgil H., in business at Main and Stewart Streets, Houston.

Some years ago Mr. Cain purchased 370 acres of land at Pierce Junction for pasturage for dry cows and young mules and later bought fifty acres more. He sold out his dairy business when oil was discovered at Pierce Junction. The first well on his land was brought in on July 12, 1921, and development work is still in progress there. The Gulf Company leased 210 acres of Mr. Cain's land.

An interesting talker, Mr. Cain relates many incidents of early life in Houston that have had important bearing on the city's progress. Very few, if any, of the pioneer citizens of Houston have participated in and witnessed more of the important





*Claude Smith.*



*Mrs. Claude W. Smith*





changes here than he has. While retired from active business life, he retains a keen interest in any movement that is for the betterment of his home city.



**UDSON L. TAYLOR, M. D., M. Sc., F. A. C. S.**, has been a resident of Houston for about fourteen years, where he has successfully practiced his profession.



**THOMAS H. GUTHRIE** has for the past fourteen years been engaged in the real estate business in which his firm specializes in business and industrial sites and South End better homes and home sites.

Mr. Guthrie has been instrumental in locating many of the largest industries in the South and is one of the fathers of the Country Club Estates Company.

Mr. Guthrie's real estate business is conducted under the firm name of Thomas H. Guthrie Company and is located on the eleventh floor of the Union National Bank Building. His firm deals only in high class property, listing nothing in First, Second, Fifth and Sixth Wards, nor Brunner, Houston Heights, Woodland Heights, Eastwood, Magnolia or Central Parks unless it is adaptable for warehouse or factory locations.

Mr. Guthrie and his associates located the Ford plant in Houston, also Moncrief-Lenoir Manufacturing Company, Harris-Hahlo Dry Goods Company, and the Woolworth Company in seven different points through Texas and Oklahoma.

His company is sales manager for and conceived the plan of the Country Club Estates Company and River Oaks Country Club. He and his associates bought 362 acres of land in fee and utilized 188 acres most adaptable for club purposes and the remainder, which was most adaptable for home sites, was planned in a very advantageous way to the advantage of both club and home surroundings. The restrictions placed on the home sites were most unusual and have the most high protective interest to home owners of any addition ever placed on the market in Houston or South Texas. One of these restrictions being that the purchasers must be eligible to membership in the club.

The membership of River Oaks Country Club, adjoining the Country Club Estates, was limited to five hundred members and each of the members of the club became a stockholder in the Country Club Estates Company.

The total amount of stock sold was \$249,750, of which \$125,000 was taken by club members, thereby confining the control of the company in the club membership.

The total amount of stock subscribed, i. e., \$249,750, was first used to develop a high class golf course, club building and general improvements on club property before actual development or improvements were started on the Home-site Addition of Country Club Estates. Improvements on the estates are of the very highest type, having storm and sanitary sewers, hard surface streets, curb, gutter and sidewalks, city water, lights and telephone connections. There was no watered stock or promotion fee in this enterprise. When the Home-sites are all sold, the Country Club Estates will be liquidated and control will then rest in the River Oaks Country

Club. This addition is beautifully wooded and is located just west of Montrose Addition and less than two miles of the intersection of Montrose and Lovett Boulevards.

It is ideally located, as 95 per cent of the club members live within ten minutes' auto drive of the club. There are no railroad tracks or any undesirable neighborhoods to pass en route to the club. The entire property has sandy soil and perfect drainage. This club has natural hazards and is considered by golf experts to be the finest golf course in the entire South.

Mr. Guthrie was born in Louisville, Kentucky, July 17, 1881. His father, T. J. Guthrie, was for many years established in the general merchandise business at Bloomfield, Kentucky, and in later years of his life was in the insurance business in Louisville and was well known in business circles throughout the state of Kentucky. Mr. Guthrie's education was obtained in the public schools of Louisville and soon after leaving school, which was at the age of fourteen years, he started his business career in St. Louis with Ely Walker Dry Goods Company, where he remained four years and moved to New York to become associated with an importing firm who were dealers in laces and embroideries. He was later sent to Europe to assist in creating styles and designs in laces and embroideries and was factory representative for his firm of Leumann, Borsch & Weingart, the largest people in this line of business at that time in the world. After fourteen years of service with Leumann, Borsch & Weingart, he associated himself with Douglas & Green of Belfast, Ireland, manufacturers and exporters of hand-embroidered handkerchiefs and linens. Their New York firm name was S. W. Mangus & Company. He was in the Irish linens and handkerchief business for six years and was interested in the importing business for some years after moving to Houston in 1907, while developing his real estate business.

Mr. Guthrie has been interested in some of the big land companies in Houston, among which were the Frank C. Colby, Houston Land Corporation, owners and developers of Montrose Addition, and he personally was responsible for the sale of a large portion of this addition. Mr. Guthrie was married in Houston on May 14, 1907, to Miss Mary Virna Colby, the only child of Frank C. Colby of the "Eat at Colby" Restaurant fame. They have five children, Sarah Frances, Frank Colby, Thomas H. Guthrie, Jr., Mary Virna and Robert Stewart. Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie reside at 3804 Main Street.

Mr. Guthrie is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Gray Lodge, is a member of Scottish Rites body of this order and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also a member of River Oaks Country Club, Houston Club, Rotary Club and Chamber of Commerce, and is also a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Houston has many loyal citizens who have worked hard for the progress and advancement of their city, but there is none who has striven any harder for his city than has Thomas H. Guthrie. His success is attributed to his diligence in his work, and to his fair business methods. It is a known fact that he will not tolerate a misrepresentation of any kind, and the absolute truth must be told in all deals. It is his opinion that Houston will soon become the leading city of the Southwest.





**B. LAWRENCE**, representative of one of the real pioneer families of Chambers County, and one which for the past century has taken a leading part in its prosperity and development, has for upwards of three decades been a factor in the cattle industry and one of the largest land owners in this section. Mr. Lawrence has in past years taken a leading part in the ranching activities of Chambers County, and the annual round-up on his ranch was one of the events of the year. More recently his interest in the cattle business has been slowed down by unfavorable market conditions and he now has but around fifteen hundred head of cattle, which he grazes on his own land, tracts aggregating eight thousand acres, and an additional thousand acres of pasturage which he holds under lease. Mr. Lawrence, unlike many of the cattle men, has not been discouraged by the present unfavorable conditions, but believes that in the near future the cattle business will come into its own, and that the man who can hold his cattle will come out ahead, although it now costs more than the market value of a cow to raise it. Dipping, one of the factors causing much dissatisfaction, he sees in an advantageous light, especially if it is properly handled. Mr. Lawrence does no farming, giving his entire time to looking after his cattle and his ranch interests. He is assisted by his sons, and with them has handled the entire work of the ranch for some years.

A. B. Lawrence was born in Chambers County the seventh of January, 1865. His father, Joseph Lawrence, was also a native of this county, his birth occurring here in 1832. His father, and the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, had come to Chambers County in the early twenties, and the land he secured then, from the Mexican government, is still in the family, and Mr. Lawrence, as a cattle man, is upholding the traditions of a family which has been in the industry for more than one hundred years. His mother, before her marriage, was Miss Elizabeth Barrow, a member of one of the real pioneer families of this section of the State.

Mr. Lawrence spent his boyhood on his father's ranch, and while only attending school for a few months of each year, at such times as opportunity presented itself, obtained a good education. He helped about the ranch from an early age, and it was but natural that when he chose his career he should, like his father and grandfather, become a cattle man. For many years his herds were among the largest in Chambers County, and he kept a regular outfit busy, holding round-ups and looking after the routine of raising cattle. About three years ago he sold off most of his steers, and has practically quit buying and selling stock since that time, retaining a herd of about fifteen hundred head of cows.

Mr. Lawrence was married in Chambers County the twenty-seventh of May, 1885, to Miss Varuna Hartmann, the daughter of Edward Hartmann, a well known resident of Chambers County. Mrs. Lawrence is a gifted writer of songs and poems, and has attained an enviable reputation in this field of writing under the name of Varuna Hartmann. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence make their home on their ranch near Cedar Bayou, and have a family of eight children. These children are: Cecil V. Lawrence, a well known farmer of this section; Fay M. Lawrence,

Valda E. Lawrence, Pearl G. Lawrence, Elva A. Lawrence, Lilah R. Lawrence, J. Fenton Lawrence, with his father in the cattle business, and A. Belmont Lawrence, also associated with his father. The family attend the Presbyterian Church and are prominently identified with various social and civic affairs. Mr. Lawrence has been for many years a member of the Cattlemen's Association and has a wide acquaintance among the cattle men of Texas. He is typical of the cattle men of the early days—genial, generous, and kind-hearted. His home offers a genuine hospitality to a host of friends, and for those less fortunate than himself he offers a benevolence, simple and unostentatious, but indicative of his true character.



**WILL HENRY ALLEN** has devoted his entire life to mechanics of various kinds and is regarded as one of the most skilled men in his line in the oil fields of South Texas. Mr. Allen is master mechanic and superintendent of machine shops at Goose Creek for the Humble Oil and Refining Company which is one of the most important departments of the company as he makes special tools used by the company and all materials and quality of same must be perfect. The Humble Oil and Refining Company have one of the largest and most complete machine shops of any of the big companies operating in the coastal fields and is supplied with all the most modern and necessary equipment—lathers, power hammer, pipe threading machines, etc. The fishing tools used by the Humble Oil and Refining Company are made under the supervision of Mr. Allen and he has made and patented some of the best and most practical tools for efficiency in oil well drilling. Twelve men are employed in the machine shops at Goose Creek.

A native Texan, Mr. Allen was born in Polk County, July 12th, 1884. His father, Will Allen, was engaged extensively in the lumber business in East Texas and was the owner and operator of several saw mills. His mother was Miss Maggie Atkinson, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a well known East Texas family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston. Soon after leaving school, Mr. Allen entered the mechanical department of one of the railroad systems and remained in this line of work until 1908. He then went with the Texas Company at Humble in their mechanical department, after which he opened a machine shop of his own in the oil fields of Louisiana and remained there for two years. He then returned to Texas and with the Texas Company, where he remained until 1919 when he came with the Humble Oil and Refining Company, where he has since remained, and throughout his career has always been in mechanical work, and is known as one of the best oil field mechanics and machinists in the business.

Mr. Allen was married in Houston in 1909 to Miss Florence Cook, a native Texan and a daughter of Harry Cook, who has for many years been connected with the Southern Pacific Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Allen reside at Goose Creek. Mr. Allen is a member of the Scottish Rite body of Masonic fraternity, and various other organizations. He is well and favorably known in the oil circles of South Texas and is regarded as one of the most skilled and efficient men in his line.





*A B Lawrence*



*Mrs Varuna Hartmann Lawrence*







**OTTO F. HARBECK**, for a decade active in oil field development, and whose qualifications have been proven by his many successes has been one of the active developers of the field at Dayton, and made his headquarters here since this field first came into prominence. Mr. Harbeck is manager of the Old Colony Oil Company, and the Dayton Oil Company, which operate jointly, and directs all operations of these two companies in the Dayton field, where their operations center. These companies are incorporated under the Texas laws, and the directors are men whose standing in the business and commercial world augurs well for its success. Joseph Riviere is president of the Old Colony Oil Company, and D. J. Harrison of Houston, president of the Dayton Oil Company. The Old Colony Company has an especially valuable lease in the Dayton field, and brought in their first producing well, a good one hundred barrel well, in 1919. The Dayton Oil Company also has a good lease here, and has brought six hundred to one thousand feet, the immediate drilling program calls for drilling for deep production.

Mr. Harbeck has been identified with oil activities since 1913, when he went with the Trinity Oil Company. His progress since that time has been uniform, and he has had a number of successes to his credit. He came to the field at Dayton on a wild-cat proposition, which he was handling for outside operators, and after the conclusion of that experience went with the Dayton and Old Colony companies, in charge of the work here. Mr. Harbeck has operated for many years in the Dayton field and thinks it one of the most promising in the state. The leases held by the companies he represents are all well located, adjoining the leases held by major companies, and near the proven field. At present he is selling all production to the Sun Company Pipe Line, and operations are going steadily forward.

Mr. Harbeck was born in Germany, the third of June, 1879, and as a boy attended the gymnasium in Germany. At the age of fourteen he came to Davenport, Iowa, to join his father, M. Harbeck, who for many years was in the milling business there, but has now retired. His mother's death occurred in Germany. After coming to Davenport Mr. Harbeck attended the public schools there and went to night school. His first business experience was in the milling business, and he later became a steam engineer, working for the state for some time. He spent his time in Davenport prior to coming to Texas. At the time he came here, his father-in-law, C. H. Lamp, was drilling at Dayton, and got him to come down and look after his interests. He drilled one well for Mr. Lamp, and after his death began with the present operators, at that time interested in the Trinity Oil Company.

Mr. Harbeck was married at Davenport, Iowa, the twenty-first of September, 1900, to Miss Clara C. Lamp, whose death occurred the eighth of January, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Harbeck had three children, Catherine, Clara and Helen. Mr. Harbeck and his daughters are making their home in Dayton. The family attend the Methodist Church, with the exception of Mr. Harbeck who attends the Lutheran Church, in which denomination he was reared. Mr. Harbeck belongs to the National Association of Stationary Engineers, the South Texas Motor League, and is one of the men actively interested

in the civic advancement of Dayton. His work in the Dayton Oil Field is well known to the oil fraternity, and he has from the opening of the field been one of its most enthusiastic developers. He has been a close student of developments here, and has studied all available data with reference to this field, and is a real authority on any matter pertaining to oil development in this section.



**D. PRUETT**, cattle man of Dayton, Texas, inherited his liking for the cattle business and grew up in the atmosphere of this great industry. Mr. Pruett is the owner of two large ranches—his main ranch, consisting of nine thousand acres, is located five miles North of Dayton and another ranch of two thousand acres is South of Dayton, and this ranch is the old home place of the Pruett family. The subject of this sketch grew to manhood on the old homestead, south of Dayton, and has lived here all his life. On the death of his father, he inherited this splendid ranch and home. During 1923, Mr. Pruett sold two thousand head of cattle, keeping upward of one thousand head of stock cattle, all of which are pastured on the large ranch or run on the open range. During this same year, he grazed six hundred head of steers in Butler County, Kansas, shipping these animals there in May, and in August they had gained in weight from 250 to 300 pounds each. Mr. Pruett loves the out of doors and has spent the greater portion of his life in the open, and has been riding horseback since he was large enough to sit on the back of a gentle cow pony, and has been successful in his chosen line of endeavor. He has had many opportunities to sell his holdings here at a great price, but says that he could never feel at home any other place except in the wonderful South Texas climate and with his cattle interests.

A native Texan, Mr. Pruett was born at Dayton on January 8th, 1891. His father, Edmund Pruett (deceased since May 2nd, 1918), was born on the home place near Dayton in the early 40's, and the father of Edmund Pruett, Beasley Pruett, came to Texas from Virginia about 1820, and engaged in the cattle business and Edmund Pruett grew up in the cattle business here, and was one of the biggest cattle men in this portion of the state. He was the owner of much land and thousands of head of cattle which was entirely free of debt. His mother was Miss Minnie Frances Day, a member of a prominent pioneer Texas family. His education was obtained in the public schools.

Mr. Pruett has been twice married. His first marriage was on October 8th, 1907, to Miss Katherine McConnell. Of this marriage, one child was born—Lillian Ruth Pruett of Dayton. His second marriage was on June 6th, 1923, to Miss Ruth Elizabeth Walker, a member of a family well known in Oklahoma. Mr. Pruett is a member of the Cattleman's Association and is active in this organization. He also takes an active interest in politics and all things having to do with the good of his state and county, having inherited a desire for these important citizenship activities from his father, who served as county commissioner for several years and at different times, which was for the good of his county and not for any gain that could come of this office.





**CHARLES FAHRENTHOLD**, for almost half of a century has been associated with the life of Weimar, and has contributed in a constructive way to the development of the town through the building of business structures and the establishment and operation of the largest merchandising house, as well as by supporting any movement for the progress of this section. Mr. Fahrenthold has a large general mercantile store, handling a complete line of dry goods, groceries, hardware, clothing, implements, feed and flour, these two last named being handled in car-load lots as well as smaller quantities. Mr. Fahrenthold is the local dealer for B. F. Avery & Sons, manufacturers of farm implements, and has a large implement building, in the rear of his store building, where some thirty by one hundred and twenty feet are devoted to the display of farm implements. In the operation of his store Mr. Fahrenthold has always made a policy of helping the farmer in every possible way, through the extension of credit, and in other ways, and he has done much to encourage agriculture in this section. He represents Sanders and Company, cotton factors of Houston, buying cotton for this large firm, and is one of the most successful judges of the cotton market here, and an expert in judging this staple. Mr. Fahrenthold owns the building occupied by his store, a modern structure, forty-five by one hundred and ten feet, and employs a force of six people in the store. He also owns the other corner in the same block in which the store is located, and has five new brick business buildings, including three store buildings in this block. Across the street he has three brick store buildings, and on the side street across from these, he has two brick store buildings. He also owns property on the side street, fronting on the main road leading into town, and as the growing business section demands business buildings will improve this property to suit prospective tenants. Mr. Fahrenthold has been a leader in the development of the business section of Weimar, and himself constructed streets and laid sidewalks in order to secure the highest type of development. In addition to his property interests in Weimar, Mr. Fahrenthold also has extensive farming interests, including three hundred and twenty acres of land adjoining town, of which seventy-five acres are in cotton and the rest used as pasturage for cattle and mules; six hundred and forty acres in Fayette County, cultivated by eight Mexican and white tenant families, and devoted to the growing of cotton and corn; and three hundred and twenty acres of pasture land in Columbus County. In addition has banking interests and is a stockholder in the First State Bank of Weimar, owns property in Eagle Lake, Glidden and Rock Island, lots and acreage, also some seventy-five lots about fifteen miles east of Houston at Aldine, Texas, and property in Lavaca County.

Charles Fahrenthold was born in Fayette County, Texas, the seventh of August, 1859, son of Louis Fahrenthold, who came to Texas in 1840, and was subsequently a farmer and ginner of this state until his death. As a boy Charles Fahrenthold attended the country schools, and like the average boy whose home was on the farm in those pioneer days, spent a large part of his time working in the fields, and was a lad of fourteen before he had his first pair of shoes. As a young man he often walked

six miles or more to a dance, and was a leader in social activities of this section. As a boy he came to Weimar, with only thirty-five cents in cash in his pocket, but a generous endowment of faith in the future, and a capacity for hard work. He went to work for George Herder, Sr., with whom he was reared, and with the definite aim of going in business for himself began to save his money until he had acquired the small capital his first venture required. In the years that followed the business prospered and Mr. Fahrenthold began looking around for means of investing his profits. With a belief in the future of Weimar, he invested in Weimar real estate, and as the growth of the city justified built store and business buildings that have proven a factor in the development of the town.

Mr. Fahrenthold was married at Weimar in 1886, to Miss Adeline Schawe, daughter of Henry Schawe, a pioneer merchant, land owner and farmer on an extensive scale of the Weimar section. Mr. and Mrs. Fahrenthold had no children, but reared the three children of Mrs. Agusta Konz. Mr. Fahrenthold is a member of the Luthern Church and the Retail Merchants Association. Mr. Fahrenthold is a man of distinctive personality, with a keen and twinkling eye, responsive to humor, quick to get at the main points of a business proposition, and genial. He is the type that looks ahead and builds for the future, and to this characteristic Weimar owes much of its civic development. Mr. Fahrenthold is deeply interested in all that concerns Weimar, and stands ready to do anything, whether it be build a new building, support a new industry, or contribute to the success of a civic movement, to insure the continued growth and prosperity of the town.



**HENRY R. FROESE**, secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Cuero Buick Auto Company; J. R. Froese, president; B. Schiwetz, vice president, has been identified with the life at Cuero for many years, and much of the success of his present company has been due to his managership. The Cuero Buick Auto Company, Inc., was established in 1916, since which time it has sold a record number of Buick cars in the Cuero territory, and has done much to popularize this car in this section. A complete service and parts department is operated in connection with the sales department, the firm occupying a modern building, built for this business by H. Runge & Company. A force of eleven people is employed by the firm in the various departments. Mr. Froese is also interested in the Yorktown Motor Company, established in 1921, with himself as president, J. R. Froese, vice president; Ed. Zedder, secretary-treasurer, and W. C. Smith, manager. He is also one of the directors of the Cuero Building and Loan Association, and has various interests in this section.

Henry R. Froese was born at Cuero the seventeenth of April, 1881, son of William Froese, a pioneer of this section, and member of the old firm of H. Runge and Company until his death. Mr. Froese received his early education in the public schools of Cuero, and after leaving high school here entered the San Antonio Academy, later taking a business course at Hill's Business College. He returned to Cuero, entering the banking house of H. Runge & Company. Here he began at the bottom, working up from a clerkship paying twenty



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*A. W. Swenson*

dollars a month, to one of the most responsible positions in the organization. After seventeen and a half years with the bank Mr. Froese left that institution, and in 1920 effected the organization of his present business, the Cuero Buick Auto Company, Inc.

Mr. Froese resides in Cuero and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Cuero Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, and for the past fourteen years has served as treasurer of the Cuero Fire Department, and took an active part in the development of that department. He enjoys a wide acquaintanceship in this section, and is regarded as one of the most progressive business men, and public spirited citizens, of Cuero.



**W. SWENSON** of Yoakum, Texas, has for more than a decade been engaged in the automobile business, in which field of activity he has met with great success. Mr. Swenson is the sole owner of the Swenson Motor Company here, dealers in Ford and Lincoln cars and Fordson tractors. He purchased this business from the Cook Motor Company on September 1st, 1922, and has operated it since that time. The territory in which Mr. Swenson sells his cars extends in all directions out of Yoakum. He owns the building in which his business is located, which was constructed in 1924 of reinforced concrete, and is a substantial structure, modern in every detail. Mr. Swenson's business has had a phenomenal growth since locating at Yoakum, which is borne out by the fact that in 1923 three hundred and seventy-five cars were sold by the Swenson Motor Company and in 1924 this company sold and delivered five hundred and eighty-three cars.

Mr. Swenson started his career in the business world in the mercantile business, where for several years he was located at Brady and Sample, Texas. He later went to Cuero, DeWitt County, where he engaged in the automobile business, remaining there for more than seven years, where he was associated with the Cook-Day Motor Company, until he took over this end of the business, divided their affairs, and he is selling more cars than the old firm. Seventeen experienced people are employed in the operation of the Swenson Motor Company at Yoakum.

A native Texan, Mr. Swenson was born in Williamson County on September 30th, 1889. His father, Oscar Swenson, came to Texas soon after the close of the Civil War, and was a pioneer railroad man and farmer of Texas and Williamson County. His education was obtained in the schools of Williamson County, and graduated from Trinity College at Round Rock, Texas, Banking and Commercial Department.

Mr. Swenson was married at Cuero, Texas, in 1919, to Miss Ernie Wofford, a member of a pioneer family of Southwest Texas. The Wofford family have been known through several generations as extensive cattle raisers and large land owners of DeWitt and adjoining counties. Mr. Swenson is a member of the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, the State Automobile Association and many of Yoakum's business and social organizations, in which he is very popular. Since locating in Yoakum, Mr. Swenson has identified himself with the business life of this city, and has many interests here. He is active in all matters having to do with the civic improvement

and betterment of Yoakum along all lines. Mr. Swenson is regarded as one of the best automobile men in this portion of the state along the many lines ranging from salesmanship to executive management. He is well liked in the territory in which he sells the Ford products and makes service the watchword of his establishment, next to fair dealing and courteous treatment of the public.



**L. GARDIEN, JR.**, member of the firm of Gardien and Company, a firm conducting an insurance, abstracting and building loan business at Gonzales, is one of the younger element of progressive business men here. Gardien and Company was established in 1918, and is the outgrowth of the old firm established by W. L. Gardien, Sr., a score of years earlier. The present members of the firm are W. L. Gardien, Jr., and his brother, Kent E. Gardien. A general insurance business is handled, the firm representing a number of old line companies, and writing every kind of insurance with the exception of life. The Republic Insurance Company of Texas is the principal company represented, and through the activity of this firm this home insurance company has on its books a large per cent of the insurance business in Gonzales. Gardien and Company also own and operate the Gonzales Abstract and Title Company, one of the principal abstract companies doing business in this section. Mr. Gardien is also secretary and manager of the Gonzales Building and Loan Association, incorporated in 1924 by local capital, and operating in the Gonzales territory. He is secretary and treasurer of the Gonzales Cotton Warehouse, a local company established in 1924, and operating a state bonded warehouse for the storage of local cotton. With his brother, Kent Gardien, Mr. Gardien also has charge of the management of farming interests, held by his mother, in Bastrop County.

W. L. Gardien was born at Gonzales, in November, 1892, the son of W. L. Gardien, Sr., and Mrs. Maude K. Gardien. W. L. Gardien, Sr., a native of Alabama, came to Gonzales at the age of eighteen years and was subsequently an insurance man here, and also served as mayor of Gonzales for eight years. His death occurred in 1921. Mrs. Gardien is still living, making Gonzales her home. Another son of the couple, Kent L. Gardien, was born at Gonzales in December, 1887, and was educated here and at Texas A. & M. College. He is married to Miss Mattie Lee Dilworth, and is associated with his brother, W. L. Gardien, Jr., in business.

W. L. Gardien, Jr., the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Gonzales, and afterward took preparatory work for the Naval Academy. After completing his education, Mr. Gardien entered upon his business career at Gonzales, and with the exception of a period spent at Houston, has been at Gonzales since.

Mr. Gardien was married, at Gonzales, the twentieth of February, 1918, to Miss Mabel Morrison, a member of a local family. They have one child, Frances Gardien, and reside in Gonzales. Mr. Gardien is a Knight of Pythias, past chancellor; a Mason, past master, and past high priest, Scottish Rite, No. 5, San Antonio. He belongs to the State League Building Association, the fire department, is a director of the Chamber of Commerce and the Gonzales Fair Association, and is one of the most progressive business men of Gonzales.



**J**OEL HUDGINS, a native of Wharton County, and a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of this section, is one of the leading stockraisers and planters of the county, and has also served six years as tax assessor of Wharton County. Mr. Hudgins has a ranch at Hungerford, comprising five hundred acres in cultivation, and devoted to the growing of cotton and corn, and twelve hundred acres in pasture and woodland. He has a herd of several hundred cattle, bred up from Texas range cattle, through years of breeding to high grade Brahma bulls until the Brahma strain is very high. Mr. Hudgins has recently added some nearly full blood Brahma cows, of the Borden herd, to his herd, and expects to develop one of the finest herds in this section. Mr. Hudgins makes his home in Wharton, where he moved to give his children educational advantages, and in 1918 was elected tax assessor of Wharton ing for re-election.

Joel Hudgins was born in Wharton County, Texas, the fourth of March, 1882, on the farm which had been his father's birthplace, the son of Alexander Richey Hudgins and Julia (Compton) Hudgins. Joel Hudgins is a grandson of Joel Hudgins, the founder of the Hudgins family in Wharton County. A native of North Carolina, where he was born the seventh of November, 1800, Joel Hudgins came to Texas in the early days, building the first saw mill in this part of the country. He also became interested in the cattle business, acquiring a small herd and some land of which he cultivated sixty acres, growing feed stuffs. As his family reached the age where educational advantages were necessary, he moved to Chapel Hill so they could go to school, and his death occurred there, in 1862 (1873). In 1873 the family returned to the estate in Wharton County, the eldest son having been in charge in the meantime. Joel Hudgins married Rachel Ann Northington, a native of Kentucky, where her birth occurred in 1821. She was the daughter of Major Andrew Northington, who had charge of the women and children who were leaving the country ahead of Santa Anna's army just prior to the battle of San Jacinto. Mrs. Hudgins was first married to a Mr. McKenzie, three children being born of this union. After his death she married Joel Hudgins, who at his death left four sons, William A. Hudgins, now deceased, J. D. Hudgins, Green C. Hudgins deceased and Alexander Richey Hudgins, the father of the subject of this sketch, and who is now deceased. Mrs. Hudgins died in 1903, many years after the death of her husband, and after her death the estate was divided among the four sons, Alexander Richey Hudgins carrying on his share and adding to it, at the same time extending agricultural development. At his death, the sixth of March, 1918, the estate was left to his three children, Joel Hudgins, Jennie Hudgins Border and A. G. Hudgins, and has since been divided equally among them. The Hudgins family was established in the United States in the early nineteenth century, by five brothers who came here from Holland, among them Humphrey Hudgins, the great-great grandfather of Joel Hudgins, the subject of this sketch. Humphrey Hudgins had eleven sons, of whom Joel Hudgins, the grandfather of the subject was one.

Joel Hudgins attended the country school estab-

lished by the Hudgins family at Hungerford, later entering Texas A. and M. College, where he attended during 1899, 1900, and 1901. After leaving college Mr. Hudgins returned to Wharton County and became active in the cattle business, and was also engaged in extensive farming operations, raising rice, cotton and corn. He served as tax assessor of Wharton County from 1918 until 1924, and has been otherwise active in civic work.

Mr. Hudgins was married at Wharton, Texas, the seventeenth of September, 1905, to Miss Bessie Border, daughter of Sidney Border, who lived in Ohio about six years and as a boy ran away from home and came to Texas. After becoming of age he joined the ranks of the confederate army in Kentucky. Mr. Border is of English descent, his father coming to the United States from Lincolnshire, England. Mrs. Hudgins' mother, Mrs. Border, was prior to her marriage, Miss Annie Newton Williams of New Iberia, Louisiana, a direct descendant of Roger Q. Williams of Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Hudgins had four children, Joel Border Hudgins, whose death occurred at the age of four years; Julia Williams Hudgins, Sue Border Hudgins and Mary Claire Hudgins. The family reside at Wharton. Mr. Hudgins is a Mason, Wharton No. 621, Scottish Rite, eighteenth degree at Houston, thirty-second degree at Galveston, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston, and the Texas Cattle Raisers Association. Mr. Hudgins is a thoroughly public spirited, patriotic citizen, and few men have done more for the advancement of Wharton County than has he.



**O. HOLCOMB**, for some years past associated with the development of large fig interests near League City, is a fig grower and horticulturist whose years of experience have qualified him to speak authoritatively on the subject, and has taken a vital part in the advancement of this industry. Mr. Holcomb is superintendent of the farm and preserving plant of the Gulf Coast Orchards Company, coming here in 1920 to take charge, at which time the orchards were a practically undeveloped resource. Under his direction they have been developed into one of the finest fig orchards in the State, with about one thousand acres of figs, bearing in commercial quantities. A preserving plant, utilizing the product of the farm, has been installed at League City, with a capacity of eighteen hundred bushels of figs daily. The output of the plant is being marketed profitably, and the demand growing daily. The fig farm is located four miles from League City, on a fine shelled road. All improvements are modern and complete, and include fine buildings for machinery, store houses, mess and bunk houses for employees, a blacksmith shop, machine shop and carpenter shop, and a modern bungalow for Mr. Holcomb and his family. All work is done by Fordson tractors, and with the exception of three teams of mules, kept for odd work, the entire cultivation of the farm is done with these sturdy tractors. There are on the average around twenty to twenty-five employees on the farm, and during the packing and preserving season this number is increased to one hundred and twenty or more.

Mr. Holcomb was born in Bastrop County, Texas, the twenty-first of August, 1886, the son of J. F. Holcomb, a native of Georgia, who came to Texas before the Civil War, and Mary Hankey Holcomb,



a native of Texas. He was educated in the public schools of Texas, gaining his nursery experience through practical work. He began with the W. A. Stockwell Nursery Company, at Aline, Texas, in 1908, and later spent two years in the lumber business and five years with C. E. Schaff, president of the Katy railroad, after which he went with the Southern Orchards, spending five years with that concern, and then came with the Gulf Coast Orchard Company.

Mr. Holcomb was married at Houston, the first of April, 1910, to Miss C. A. Jones, a native of Iowa. They make their home at the fig farm, in an attractive bungalow built according to Mr. Holcomb's plans, and have one child, Stella. Mr. Holcomb is in complete charge of the fig farm, which is in itself a complete village, and his work in the fig industry has attracted the attention of fig growers throughout this district, who come here to study his methods, and seek his advice. Mr. Holcomb has done much to advance the fig as a commercial crop, and considers the industry still in its infancy, with the market as yet practically undeveloped.



**A. ROUSH** for around a decade has been identified with industrial activities at Pearland, and is one of the dominating figures in the food manufacturing industry. Mr. Roush is superintendent of the factory of the Southland Products Company, one of the largest packing plants in this part of the State. Since its establishment this company has concentrated its attention on placing on the market one superior product, a highly standardized fig preserve, and has utilized profitably a large part of the fig crop in this section. The factory itself is immaculate, and the most rigid sanitary conditions exist throughout every department. Mr. Roush is an expert in handling a plant of this kind, and has had exclusive charge of the factory since coming here in 1916. He has been a prime factor in the rapid growth of the company, and in the widespread popularity of the product. When working full capacity the plant furnishes employment to around a hundred and fifty operatives, and is one of the large industrial units in this territory. The plant has a daily preserving capacity of around five hundred bushels of figs, one of the principal small fruit crops of this section. The plant puts out their product under three different brand names—Imperial, being the whole fig, peeled; Seawall, being the whole fig, unpeeled, and Magnolia, being the crushed fig. The entire management of the plant devolves on Mr. Roush, and he gives careful attention to each detail of the business. R. D. McDonald is president of the Southern Products Company.

C. A. Roush was born at Mimborn, Iowa, the seventeenth of March, 1887, son of Francis Marion Roush, a contractor and bridge builder, and Eliza Jane Roush. He was educated in the public schools of Nebraska, and is a high school graduate. After leaving school he spent two years in the drug business, then came to Texas in 1908, going first to Aldine, and later to Houston, where he engaged in structural iron work construction. He remained in Houston until 1913, when he went with the Southern Products Company, coming to Pearland in 1916 to take charge of the plant here.

Mr. Roush was married at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1913, to Miss Frances Louise Holbien. Mr. and Mrs.

Roush make their home in Pearland the year round and have a fine home near the plant. They have two children, Allen Edwin and Mildred Louise. Fraternally Mr. Roush is an Odd Fellow. Mr. Roush has been a factor in community development, and during the years of his residence in Pearland has done much for the advancement of the city. Particularly along the lines of industrial development, and in matters touching on employment has he been active, and the city owes much to him for his work in this direction. He is thoroughly familiar with factory operation, and is well known in food manufacturing circles as an expert in this field.



**ROBERT BUSCH** is one of the real pioneers of Harris County, and while growing up with the community and prospering as it has prospered, has taken an important part in developing and cultivating the lands of the county, and has, throughout a busy life been associated with farming activities. Mr. Busch owns one of the best and most carefully cultivated farms in Harris County, near Cedar Bayou, his home place consisting of two hundred acres, and in addition has other farming lands in various parts of the county. Mr. Busch, who has always lived within a few miles of Goose Creek, has watched this section of the country develop from the days when deer, bear, wild turkey, and other wild game ranged here, until it is now the center of a busy and prosperous life, and in this development has taken his part. His farm adjoins the Humble Oil and Refining Company's refinery at Baytown, on one side, and the farm of his brother, Edward Busch, on the other. Mr. Busch, although now in his eightieth year, takes an active interest in his farm and personally supervises its cultivation, and his farm, under this supervision, is one of the best cultivated and most profitable in this section.

Robert Busch was born near Goose Creek, the twenty-sixth of October, 1843, son of Frank and Mariah Busch, who came from Germany in the early days and settled here where the elder Mr. Busch was a farmer and cattle raiser until his death. Living in a time when education and schools were not common, Mr. Busch received but little schooling, and the eldest child in the family, he early became his father's assistant on the farm. In those days farming was not as easily started as it is today, for there must first be the cutting of timbers, and the long, arduous work of getting the soil in a tillable condition. As a boy and in early manhood, Mr. Busch endured many of the hardships of the pioneer days, but realizing that success could only be won through hard work, he persevered, and has in his latter years had the pleasure of seeing the farm lands, acquired at the cost of his own labor, become not only among the most valuable in this section, but the best cultivated and the most productive.

Mr. Busch was married more than half a century ago, near Goose Creek, to Miss Jennie Galaway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Galaway, who came to Texas from Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Busch are still living on the place where they began their married life, and are among the most honored and respected pioneers of this community. Of a family of five children, only one, Max Busch, survives. Mr. Busch has many friends here, and one of his greatest pleasures is recalling the days when Harris County was in the making.





**DANIEL WILLIAM JOSEPH RYAN.** In the history of water transportation in the gulf district, the name of Captain Daniel William Joseph Ryan stands out as one of the sterling sea captains and engineers who gave years of devoted service in this field. Capt. Ryan was prominent as a sea captain, and known in many waters, being licensed on all seas as captain and engineer. He served this calling gallantly, and made friends wherever he went. He took an active part in all water transportation along the coast, and was interested in many phases of this business, and in securing for Houston all the advantages of harbor facilities. Captain Ryan first went to sea in 1903, shortly after he left school, sailing on various vessels until 1912, when he came to Port Arthur. In that year he went in the water transportation business for himself, and for a number of years his headquarters were at Port Arthur. He came to Houston in 1919, and bought the Buffalo Bayou Company, Incorporated, one of the largest of its kind, and engaged extensively in the water transportation business, and in towing on the ship channel. He also handled a sand and shell business on a large scale, selling this product in quantity lots, for road building and construction work. Captain Ryan had a number of large tugs and tow boats, and also sand and shell boats, and handled a large volume of freighting. Captain Ryan was active in this work until his death, and was one of the best known men in the business.

Daniel William Joseph Ryan was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, son of Martin Ryan, a native of Ireland, who came to America as a young man, bringing with him his young wife. They settled first in Maine, later removing to Tennessee, where Mr. Ryan had a large plantation, and after the war came to Louisiana, which was his home until his death. Captain Ryan attended the public schools of Mississippi as a boy, and after finishing his education went to sea, in 1903, his career thereafter having been given. The Ryan family were a prominent and prosperous family in Louisiana.

Captain Ryan was married the twenty-fourth of February, 1919, to Miss Martha Hazel Rogers, a native of Lake Charles, at New Orleans. Her father, Walter Rogers, a native of Indiana, came to Lake Charles from his native state, making that city his home for thirty-five years, where he was a contractor and builder. He came to Houston in 1919, and resides here. Her mother, before her marriage Miss Nettie Inman, was a native of Nebraska. The Rogers and Inman families were of the Quaker faith.

Captain and Mrs. Ryan came to Houston in 1919, and thereafter made their home in this city, where they were prominent in both social and civic activities. Mrs. Ryan has always enjoyed many friendships, and when in Houston resides at 3304 Milam Street.

Captain Ryan was that genial type of manhood who makes friends wherever he goes. He gave to his calling the best that was in him, and went whole-heartedly into any undertaking. His sincerity of purpose, his belief in his fellowmen, and his ability to carry any undertaking to an ultimate and successful conclusion, are tributes to his character that significantly marked his career. His philosophy was that of the Golden Rule, and with

a native ability he combined fidelity and conscientious responsibility and accountability to himself and his associates. He was an integral part of the successful operation of a water transportation system, and his death was not only a distinct loss to his particular line of endeavor, but to the entire gulf coast district.



**G. GRIFFIN**, one of the recent recruits to the business world at Houston, has since coming to this city been a factor in mercantile activities, and is known as one of the progressive druggists here. In November, 1922, Mr. Griffin and associates bought the Radford Drug Store, established more than thirty years ago, and has since been president and general manager of this firm, changing the name to Griffin-Lueders Drug Company, Incorporated. This store is one of the best in the city, occupying a modern store at 319 Main Street, with thirty by seventy feet of floor space. The fixtures are of finest mahogany, and the stock complete in every way. The prescription department is in charge of a registered pharmacist, and every precaution is taken to insure absolute accuracy. A feature of the store is the fine fountain, seating thirty-two, and operated in keeping with highest accepted standards. The new store opened in the Keystone Building, surpasses any efforts in the art of drug store design made heretofore by this enterprising firm. The interior arrangements are unique, practically all of the fixtures being designed specially by Mr. Griffin. Every space is utilized efficiently. An air of refinement pervades the whole atmosphere. The window arrangements are carefully carried out. The prescription department is equipped with every modern appliance for efficient service, and is in charge of Mr. J. H. Thibodeaux, who is reputed to be one of the best prescriptionists in the South.

Mr. Griffin is a business man, who keeps in touch with modern merchandising methods, and who by his personality impresses his influence on the life of his city. Since taking over the old Radford store, now the Griffin-Lueders Drug Store, the business has been almost doubled.

Mr. Griffin was born at Blossom, Texas, the sixteenth of February, 1896, son of Henry Griffin, a native of Missouri, who has spent many years in Texas, and Laura Womack Griffin, also a native of Mississippi. He was educated in the public schools of his native city, and after finishing his education went to Louisville, Kentucky, where he was a drug clerk. Later he went to Indianapolis, Indiana, also as a drug clerk, and still later, in 1920, came to Houston with the A. E. Kiesling Drug Company, and later with the Liggett Drug Company. In November, 1922, with his associates, he bought out the Radford Drug Store, and has since been in business for himself. Mr. Griffin was in the U. S. Navy during the world war, enlisting in the Medical Department at Houston. He was located at various naval centers and was assigned as chief pharmacist's mate on the U. S. S. North Pacific. He made eight trips across the Atlantic.

Mr. Griffin was married at Houston, the thirtieth of September, in 1922, to Miss Ruth Marie Streeter, a native of the Lone Star State. They make their home at 610 Francis Street. Mr. Griffith is a Mason, in Temple Lodge, No. 1, and is also a member of the Salesmanship Club.





*D. L. Ryan,*







**B. BUTLER**, who has for many years made his home at League City, is a factor in the cattle industry in Southeast Texas, and has taken an important part in the development of this industry along the highest lines, and has also been active in the civic advancement of his community. Mr. Butler owns a well improved five hundred-acre ranch, about five miles from League City, and adjoining the Gulf Coast, and also has a fig plantation in this section. Both places are equipped with modern improvements, the ranch buildings being much better than those usually to be found on ranches in this section. Mr. Butler runs his herd on the home place, and on the range adjoining. He is interested in Brahma cattle only, and began a number of years ago to dispose of all other stock, retaining only Brahma stock. He has several fine Brahma bulls, and is increasing his herd in anticipation of a renewed interest in the cattle business, and a stabilizing of the market that will stimulate production. The cattle business, particularly the cattle business in the coast region, has been passing through the most critical period of its history, and there has been a tendency on the part of the cattlemen to dispose of their holdings. Mr. Butler, however, has met the situation with confidence, and has considered the condition a temporary one only, building for the future and has one of the finest herds of Brahma cattle in this section. He has for many years given special study to this breed, making as the objective of a trip to India an opportunity to study the Brahma in its native habitat.

Mr. Butler was born at League City, the 31st of January, 1888, the son of George W. Butler, for many years one of the most prominent cattlemen of this section, and Mary M. (Baker) Butler, a native of Houston, and now residing at League City. George W. Butler was born in Louisiana, in 1845, coming to this section at the age of ten years old, and when he was about twenty-one years old going with Allen Coward in the cattle business. He was later given a half interest in the business and thereafter took an important part in the cattle industry in this section. His death occurred in April, 1921, at which time his son, the subject of this sketch, assumed charge of the estate. Allen Coward was one of the pioneer cattlemen of the Lone Star State, and in the early thirties began the development of the business that Mr. Butler now holds. M. B. Butler was educated in the public schools at San Antonio, later attending Allen Academy for three years, and further preparing himself for his business career through a course at Massey's Business College. He spent some time in a bank subsequent to finishing his education, and then a year in operating a lumber yard at League City, but neither of these enterprises appealed to him, and he returned to the business in which he had been reared, the cattle business. At the time of his father's death, in 1921, he took charge of the estate, as one of the trustees, and has had active management of the cattle interests of the elder Mr. Butler. He has also extensive interests of his own, and is a factor in the development of the Brahma strain in this section.

Mr. Butler was married at Houston, the seventh of February, 1908, to Miss Ceole Gird, a member of a Kansas family. They have three children:

Gladstone, Henry and Mary Nell, and make their home in League City, but spend much time on the ranch. Mr. Butler is a Mason, belonging to the League City Blue Lodge, Consistory and Eighteenth degree at Galveston. He is an Eastern Star, as is also Mrs. Butler. Mr. Butler has taken a deep interest in the development of League City, a city with which his family has been associated for around half a century, and has done much to build up the community. He has spent many years of his career as a cattleman in promoting the interests of Brahma cattle, and in urging cattlemen of this section to make this the standard strain. He finds these cattle admirably adapted to conditions of this section, and his own herds are practically limited to this breed.



**JOHN F. STANDLEY** a few years ago became identified with the City of Huntsville, and since coming here has been one of the most enterprising men in the cotton ginning business. Mr. Standley is a member of the firm of the Huntsville Gin and Wharf Company, a partnership, with J. G. Ashford and Lampkin Brothers as the other members of the firm, but not active in its management. The Huntsville Gin and Wharf Company was established in 1919, with gin capacity of sixty bales of cotton per day, and is ginning upwards of three thousand bales of cotton during the cotton season at the present time, employing a force of around ten operatives during the time of the plant's activity. The company has storage capacity, maintaining adequate wharves to store cotton ginned in the plant, and all equipment is modern and first class. Under the management of Mr. Standley, the plant has met with a gratifying success, and is doing a rapidly increasing business annually.

John F. Standley was born in Polk County, Texas, the twenty-fifth of April, 1869, the son of J. J. Standley and Sophrona Chambers Standley. J. J. Standley, a native of Alabama, came to Texas as a boy of ten years old, and was for years a stockman with interests in Trinity and Polk counties, but is now retired and makes his home at Huntsville. Mrs. Standley, a native of Mississippi, came to Texas as a young girl. John F. Standley was educated in the schools of Trinity County, and at the age of nineteen years began work in logging camps and lumber mills in Polk County, remaining there until 1896. He then went in the cotton ginning business, in Trinity County, where he was in this business twenty-two years. He then went to Angelina County, and after operating a cotton gin there for one year came to Huntsville, establishing his present business.

Mr. Standley was married in Trinity County, the twenty-fourth of July, 1889, to Miss Jeannette Blackshear, a native of that county. They have six children: A. Delbert Standley, a cotton man of Huntsville; Oscar Standley, a cotton man of Madison County, Texas; Wert Standley, a cotton man of Madison County, Archie Standley, also in the cotton business in Madison County; J. Bryan Standley, in the grain business at Huntsville, and also active in the cotton business, and Blanch, wife of H. S. Day, a cotton man of Shelby County, Texas. Mr. Standley is a Knight of Pythias and a Dokey, and is one of the most prominent and highly regarded business men of Huntsville.





**C** E. BAILEY has been associated with the J. C. Penney department store at Yoakum, Texas, since its establishment here in August, 1922. In recognition of his efficiency, Mr. Bailey was in April, 1924, made manager of this store and has held this responsible position since that time. The J. C. Penney establishment is a department store which would do credit to towns of much larger size than Yoakum. Selling to the retail trade only, it carries a full and complete stock of merchandise, every department being filled with the newest ideas in its particular line. During a portion of the year only five people are employed at the J. C. Penney store, but this number is increased to fifteen during the fall months. Except for the time spent in the World War, Mr. Bailey has been engaged in the various branches of the mercantile business all his life. His first experience was in a general store in West Kansas, where he remained for almost two years, before entering the army. He enlisted on December 14th, 1917, and was assigned to the Aero Squadron at San Antonio, Texas. He later was transferred to Virginia and then went overseas to England, where he remained until the signing of the Armistice, when he returned to America and was discharged on December 14th, 1918. He then went to Jerome, Arizona, where he entered the employ of the Penney Company in February, 1919. He remained with this company until he came to Texas and to Yoakum, in August, 1922.

A native of Kansas, Mr. Bailey was born at Madison in 1895. His parents removed to Missouri when Mr. Bailey was seven years of age, and he grew to manhood in that state. His father, L. E. Bailey, was engaged in farming in Missouri and was well known and highly esteemed by the people who knew him. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of various towns of Missouri.

Mr. Bailey is a member of the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, the Retail Merchants Association and many other of the city's business and social organizations in which he takes an active part. He is a member of Yoakum Post American Legion at Yoakum and is keenly interested in the workings of this Post, and lends his aid and encouragement in every way to keep the good work of the legion before the public and the boys who were participants in the World War. While yet a very young man, Mr. Bailey has had a wide and varied career, withal a successful one. As manager of the J. C. Penney store here, he has had an important part in shaping the destinies of this institution, and the success achieved by this establishment is largely due to the efforts of Mr. Bailey as the manager and head of the various departments. He is a consistent booster for Yoakum and believes that this portion of the state is entering on an era of great business prosperity along all lines.



**L** G. WADE of Yoakum, Texas, has spent his entire business life in the postoffice service, where he is regarded as one of the most efficient men connected with this branch of the United States government. He has the honor and distinction of standing No. 1 on examination among 300,000 employees in his class. Mr. Wade is a student in all that word implies, in addition to his duties in the postoffice service he finds time for study. Several years ago he took up the study of

Geology, and during his vacation periods made trips of exploration to various parts of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Kansas in order to study the surface conditions of these states. After much intensive study and close examination, he became thoroughly convinced that this portion of the country contained a new development in oil formation, which he was determined to show conclusively by a test. After several years of effort, he succeeded in getting together about 20,000 acres of leases and in 1918 began active work for a test. Later, he turned the leases all back to the owners in fee of the land, on account of false reports being circulated as to his intentions in regard to the leases. In July, 1923, he again started to work along this same line of activity, with the result that a test well was drilled and in this manner much of his deductions was proved to be correct.

A native Texan, Mr. Wade was born at Weimar, Colorado County, on October 23rd, 1891. His parents also natives of the Lone Star State, were well known and highly esteemed citizens of Colorado County. His education was obtained in the public schools of Weimar, which he left at an early age in order to enter the postoffice service, where he has since remained.

Mr. Wade was married at Yoakum, Texas, in October, 1914, to Miss Emma Neumann, a native Texan and a daughter of H. Neumann, a pioneer settler of DeWitt County and who was one of the first county commissioners of this county. He also served for many years as Alderman of Yoakum, and was always actively identified with the local political affairs, in which he took a deep interest. Mr. and Mrs. Wade have two children, L. G. Wade, Jr., and Dorothy Elain. Mr. Wade is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in the Yoakum Lodge of this order. He is also a member of the Association of Postoffice Clerks, and many of the business, social and civic organizations of Yoakum, in which he takes a keen interest. Mr. Wade has accomplished much for Lavaca County and contiguous counties through his studies along geological lines and has succeeded in having some of the foremost promoters of the country interested here, and with this as a beginning great things are expected of Lavaca County as one of the coming oil fields of the state. Practically all of this activity was brought about through the untiring efforts of Mr. Wade.



**M** ONROE E. RINN, of Yoakum, Texas, was reared in an atmosphere of the furniture business and has since 1919 been manager in charge of the Gus Rinn and Son Furniture establishment in this city. This firm was established here in 1904 by Mr. Rinn's father, Gus Rinn, who has retired from active business pursuits, content for his business mantle to rest on the shoulders of his experienced and capable son. This firm sells at retail only and carry a full and complete stock of furniture, house furnishings, stoves, in fact everything for the complete furnishing of the home. The territory in which the Gus Rinn and Son sell their furniture, etc., includes the towns of Yoakum, Hallettsville, Schulenburg, Shiner and others and the counties of Lavaca, Fayette and contiguous communities. The country business is conducted on a cash basis, while in Yoakum and other towns, goods are



*C. E. Bailey*





sold both for cash and on installments. Three people are employed at the Gus Rinn and Son Furniture establishment here, which does a large volume of business.

A native of Yoakum, Texas, Mr. Rinn was born on February 4th, 1892. His father, also a native of the Lone Star State, was born at Industry, Fayette County, in 1867. His father started a blacksmith shop at Hochheim, DeWitt County, which he operated for two years before coming to Yoakum. His father is a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Sons of Herman, in both of which organizations he takes an active interest. His mother, Mrs. Sophia (Volkel) Rinn, was a member of a well known and pioneer Texas family. It is a strange coincidence, and unusual as well, that Mr. Rinn's grandfathers, Rinn and Volkel, both came from Germany at the age of fourteen years and settled at the same place in Texas. His education was obtained in the public schools of Yoakum. Mr. Rinn saw service in the World War. He enlisted on December 13th, 1917, and was sent to Camp Travis, San Antonio, Texas, where he was assigned to the personnel office. He was discharged on January 23rd, 1919. When he came back to Yoakum his father being in poor health, Mr. Rinn took active charge of the business, which has grown in volume since that time.

Mr. Rinn was married at Yoakum, Texas, in June, 1914, to Miss Gladys Smoot, a native Texan and a daughter of Thomas Smoot, well known in the legal circles of the Southwest and a cousin of Senator Smoot of Utah. They have one son, Thomas Munroe Rinn. Mr. Rinn is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in the Yoakum Lodge; is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, being chancellor commander of this lodge. He is a director of the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the Retail Merchants' Association, the American Legion Post Shelton Moore No. 112, and many other of the city's business and social organizations. Mr. Rinn is a leader among the younger generation of business men of Yoakum and one of this city's most progressive citizens.



**R. DAVIS** of Yoakum, Texas, is well known in the business circles of Texas where during his successful business career he has been engaged in various fields of activity. As vice president and general manager of the Texas Wholesale Grocery Company of this city, Mr. Davis has had much to do with the success of this company. The Texas Wholesale Grocery Company, as the firm name indicates, are wholesale grocers, dealing also in produce, vegetables, eggs and cold storage products. In 1923 the produce department shipped three thousand cases of eggs to Cuba and Mexico through their brokers. The business of this grocery firm extends throughout the territory within a radius of sixty miles of Yoakum, with truck delivery at all competitive points. Twenty-one experienced people are employed in the operation of this establishment. The Texas Wholesale Grocery Company also own and operate the South Texas Broom Factory here, selling the products of this factory to jobbers only in East Texas, Houston and South Texas, one salesman taking care of this business on the road. Twenty per cent of the raw material for the broom factory is produced in this territory and the remainder comes

from South Texas points. The quality of the broom corn raised in the vicinity of Yoakum has been improving each year and the supply increasing, and the time is close at hand when all the raw material will be produced here for the factory. The demand for the product of the South Texas Broom Factory is increasing rapidly on account of the superior article turned out by this factory. Great credit is due Mr. Davis for the success achieved by this industry, as it was taken over by this firm when it was in a bad financial condition, and is now on a paying basis and growing rapidly.

As a young man, Mr. Davis engaged in the undertaking business, having become a licensed embalmer with a good business, before he reached the age of twenty-one years. He had built up a splendid business, handling a jobbing line of various goods, when health failed, and he was forced to seek other lines. He later held several city offices, and his regime in these positions are a part of the history of Yoakum. He traveled much in order to entirely regain his health, and in 1909 went to Houston, Texas, where he worked the city trade for Baldwin and Cargill. Theo. Keller and Company, Gordon Sewell and Company and other large Houston firms. He remained in this line of business until he came to Yoakum to engage in the wholesale grocery business.

A native Texan, Mr. Davis was born at Eagle Lake on January 22nd, 1888. His father, T. W. Davis (deceased since 1918) settled near Alleyton, Colorado County, soon after the close of the Civil War. He later removed to Eagle Lake where for a period of twenty-three years he was a public weigher. Mr. Davis' education was obtained in the public schools of Yoakum, which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world.

Mr. Davis was married at Eagle Lake, Texas, in 1907, to Miss Grace Buffington. They have five children, Jack Ryan, Oliva Roger, Jimmie Daniel, Garner Lloyd and Glen Buffington. Mr. Davis is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in the Yoakum Blue Lodge No. 662, and is also a member of the chapter and commandry here. He is a past master, past district deputy grand master under Johnson. He is a member of the advisory board of the De Molay, is president of the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, president of the South Texas Wholesale Grocers Association and is a member of the Undertakers' Association, American Wholesale Grocers' Association, National Credit Men's Association and many other of the city's business, fraternal, social and civic organizations. He is chairman of the board of trustees, Municipal Hospital (Huth Memorial) and is active in all matters having to do with the advancement and progress of Yoakum and Lavaca County. He has been very active in the campaign sponsored by the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce for much needed good roads in Lavaca County. Mr. Davis is profoundly interested in the educational matters of Yoakum, being one of the leading exponents of education, both as to the elementary and higher branches. His interests have not been confined to his work as a wholesale grocer, and he has shown a genuine sympathy for all worthy enterprises. Mr. Davis is popular with his business associates and warmly admired by his friends, he has had placed upon him the seal of approval by his adopted city and is making his full contribution to her commercial development and to her civic welfare.





**HENRY BURTTSCHELL** of Alleyton, Texas, has throughout his life been engaged in farming and cattle raising, and is known as one of Colorado County's most successful citizens engaged in these industries. He has aided greatly in improving the cattle and hog raising industries in Colorado and contiguous counties by improving the blood of both the cattle and hogs. Instead of the small range cow he has bred his herd into high grade stock and the old "razor back" hog is a matter of history and jest, while in its place is high grade and registered Poland-China hogs. Mr. Burttschell has four hundred and fifty head of cattle which are of the Red Polled variety crossed with Herefords and Brahma, and is breeding away from the Red Polled stock on account of its small size. He also has one hundred head of sheep and one hundred and fifty head of Poland-China hogs, which he is improving by breeding with registered boars. He has twelve hundred acres of land fenced with hog-proof, net wire and his hogs run on this land. Mr. Burttschell also owns 3,500 acres of land which he uses exclusively for grazing purposes. He has three hundred acres of farm land planted to cotton and corn, which he cultivates with day labor, and finds this labor more satisfactory than the tenant farmer plan.

A native Texan, Mr. Burttschell was born near Mentz in Colorado County in 1861. His father, Frank Burttschell, came to the United States from Germany about 1844 and settled in Colorado County, Texas, near the little town of Mentz, where he was engaged in farming and stock raising all his life. His education was obtained in the public schools of Colorado County, and he began at an early age to assist on the farm and in the raising and tending of stock. He was raised up in an atmosphere of these industries and could not be happy or satisfied if he should make a change to any other class of business. He has gradually increased his holdings here since he began in the cattle and farming business until today he is regarded as one of Colorado County's largest farmers and live stock men.

Mr. Burttschell was married near Mentz, Texas, to Miss Rosa Miekow, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of William Miekow, who came from Germany about 1844 and settled on the place where Mrs. Burttschell was born and reared. They have the following children, Urban, who was born here on December 26th, 1895, and is associated with his father in business, as is also another son, Reuben Burttschell; Lola, Tillie and a son, Dallas, reside in Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Burttschell reside on the ranch near Alleyton, where they have all the conveniences of a modern ranch home, and are enjoying the free life of the South Texas country. Mr. Burttschell says that the secret of success on the ranch is hard work, and living on the farm, which all farmers can do if they desire, by raising vegetables, fruit, poultry, cows, sheep and hogs, and not purchase these things in town. He is an advocate of modern farming methods, intensive cultivation of crops, and the improvement of the blood of the cattle and hogs. The cattle are easily wintered here, which is a great feature in the expense of cattle raising. Mr. Burttschell is regarded as one of the most progressive citizens of Colorado County, ever ready to aid in any movement for the good of his county and state.



**H. WOOTEN**, of Columbus, Texas, is a well known educator of this portion of the state, and is also engaged in farming and cattle raising, and is one of the leaders of his generation in the business life of Columbus. Mr. Wooten manages 1650 acres of land in Colorado County, owned by the family, four hundred and fifty of which is cultivated—cotton and corn being grown. The other portion of this acreage is used for grazing, not because it is unsuited for cultivation, but from the scarcity of farm labor in Colorado County. Much of this land is very fertile and well drained, but there is only about one-fourth of the negro population here which cultivated the farms in this county twenty years ago, they having gone to the various cities and towns. Mr. Wooten has sixteen families as tenants, all of whom are well pleased and doing well. He has about two hundred and fifty cows which he is breeding toward the Polled Angus blood, from common cows and high grade Polled bulls. He also has about thirty brood mares, and raises many horses and mules in addition to his cattle. The land which Mr. Wooten now manages came into the family through his grandfather, Colonel William Herbert, who came to Texas from Tennessee in 1854, and the old house which he built in that early day is still standing on the place. He wagoned cotton to Brownsville, Texas, during the Civil War, with the aid of his slaves, and died while returning from one of these trips, at Victoria, Texas. His son brought the body to Columbus and buried it in the local cemetery, but the awful flood which swept this county in 1869 destroyed all traces of the grave. Mr. Wooten was superintendent of the school at Flatonia, Texas, for three years—from 1912 to 1915, and much of the progress made by these schools was largely through the efforts of Mr. Wooten at that time, and reflects the spirit of the superintendent having the welfare of these schools at heart. During 1923 and 1924, he taught history in the public schools of Columbus. In 1925, he was superintendent of the Columbus schools.

A native Texan, Mr. Wooten was born at Eagle Lake, on December 4th, 1883. His father, J. R. Wooten (now deceased), was one of the best known and most progressive citizens of Colorado County. He was a member of the legislature of Texas for one term, beginning in 1903, and while he was a member of the lower house, the subject of this sketch was a page in that body, and some of the most pleasant memories of his life date back to this time when he served as page in the great Texas lawmaking body. J. R. Wooten introduced long staple cotton into Colorado County, and for many years was a prominent cotton seed dealer of Columbus. His mother's parents died of yellow fever and she was reared by Jim Herbert, a son of Colonel William Herbert. Her father was a Harcourt, one of the best known lawyers of Texas in his day. His education was obtained in the public schools, University of Texas and Southwestern University.

Mr. Wooten was married at Columbus, Texas, in 1911, to Miss Helen Gordon, a daughter of Dr. E. C. Gordon, who is a physician and surgeon. They have two children—James H. Wooten, Jr., and Helen Gordon. Mr. Wooten is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is a chancellor commander in this organization. Mr. Wooten is active in all matters pertaining to the good of his community and his county.



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During 1923, he was chairman of the centenary celebration, and took an active part in everything pertaining to this event. During the World War he was one of the most active citizens and was chairman of the Colorado County Council of Defense, assistant chairman of all Liberty Loan drives, and was made a major in command of the Colorado County Home Guards, with six hundred members, one hundred being armed with rifles and uniformed. In 1919, he was made captain of Troop H, Seventh Regiment, Texas Cavalry. Mr. Wooten takes a keen interest in the farming conditions and methods used in it, and says that in order to develop the country, that the big farms must be cut up in order that the farmer must live on his land and produce enough for the family to eat there, rather than follow out the present custom of producing little or nothing and buying all foodstuffs in town. He has done much to aid the farmers in Colorado County and is regarded as one of this county's most progressive and public-spirited citizens, ever ready to aid in the upbuilding of his community.

**C**HARLES L. GRUNDER, secretary-treasurer and manager of the Grunder Industries, Inc., with a capital stock of \$150,000.00, has been a factor in industrial affairs here for nearly a score of years and has done much to develop Victoria and vicinity as a cotton market. The Victoria Compress and Warehouse Company was established in 1910 by Mr. Grunder and a group of his associates, and at that time was operated as a cotton compress only, the warehouse business having been built up since 1921. On March 24th, 1925, the charter was amended and capital stock increased. The name of the new company being Grunder Industries, Inc., and have extended their operations to Beeville, Texas; Mathis, Texas, and other points in the state. The compress capacity is one thousand bales of cotton daily and the warehouse has a storage capacity of eight thousand bales of cotton, and also has facilities for storing general merchandise, in car load lots, and does a large forwarding and shipping business, pooling cars and handling distribution of merchandise in this section. The territory served by the Grunder Industries, Inc., includes Victoria, Refugio, Goliad, Jackson, Wharton, Matagorda, DeWitt, Lavaca, Bee and other counties in this section. The permanent employees number fifteen, a number increased to one hundred or more during the busy season. The warehouse is situated on the Gulf Coast Lines and the Southern Pacific Lines and the company owns its own trackage. A new warehouse, of fire-proof construction, and one hundred by one hundred and fifty feet, has just been completed, greatly augmenting the facilities of the company. The Grunder Industries, Inc., is incorporated under state laws, with V. J. Grunder as president and Charles L. Grunder as secretary and treasurer.

Charles L. Grunder was born at San Antonio, Texas, the twenty-ninth of November, 1889, son of V. J. Grunder, now in the compress business at Cuero. He was educated in the public schools of Texas, later attending Eastman College, in Virginia, where he took the B. A. degree in 1911. He returned home and went in the compress business with his father, having gained a practical knowledge of compress operation through previous work in his father's plant, dating from his eighteenth year.

Mr. Grunder was married at Victoria, the seventh of September, 1913, to Miss Wilhelmina Schmidt, a native of San Antonio. They have two children, Armine Louise, and Charles L. Grunder, Jr. Mr. Grunder is a member of the American Chain Warehouses, the Texas Transfer and Warehousemen's Association, the Victoria Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, and the Victoria Country Club, a club with one hundred acres of land and a nine hole golf course, of which he was one of the organizers and is secretary and treasurer.



**H**ENRY W. MAYER, since coming to Cuero several years ago, has been a factor in industrial circles, and under his management the Cuero Coca Cola Bottling Company has become one of the largest manufacturing enterprises here. Mr. Mayer is general manager of the Cuero Coca Cola Bottling Company, one of the best and most modernly equipped bottling plants in this section, representing an investment of thirty-five thousand dollars. The plant occupies an especially designed and built building on West Main Street, and furnishes employment to eleven people. The daily output of the plant is six hundred cases of bottled beverages, the products including bottled Coca Cola, a full line of bottled soft drinks. Beverages bottled by the Cuero Coca Cola Company are distributed in three counties, DeWitt, Calhoun and Victoria Counties, and several branch distributing stations are maintained. The Cuero Coca Cola Bottling Company was established in a small way, in 1915, by W. E. Brogard and operated by him until 1919, when H. C. and R. A. Randow of Yorktown bought the plant, placing Mr. Mayer, who has had a score of years in the bottling business, here as manager. Under Mr. Mayer's management the business has grown and expanded annually, much new machinery has been installed, and the plant has been developed into one of the leading bottling industrial enterprises in this section.

Henry W. Mayer was born at Wied, Texas, the twelfth of September, 1896, son of H. A. Mayer, for many years engaged in the bottling business. Mr. Mayer attended the schools of DeWitt County, and as a boy helped his father in the bottling plant after school hours, learning the business from actual experience. After leaving school he continued in the bottling business, and up until 1919, when he came to Cuero, was in plants at various cities of Texas. Since coming to Cuero he has been general manager of the Cuero Coca Cola Bottling Company.

Mr. Mayer was married at Cuero, Texas, the sixteenth of June, 1923, to Miss Erna Le Sage, daughter of Archie Le Sage, pioneer of this section, and was justice of peace at Cuero, and now living at Graham, Texas. Mr. Le Sage also has farming interests here. Mr. and Mrs. Mayer reside at Cuero. Mr. Mayer is a member of the Cuero Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Odd Fellows at Cuero, the State Bottlers Association and the Coca Cola Bottlers' Association. He is past post commander of American Legion, Dintor Post No. 3, serving in the World War as sergeant, stationed at Dijon, France, until his discharge the sixth of August, 1919. Since coming to Cuero Mr. Mayer has taken a deep interest in the development of this section, and through his work in building up the Coca Cola bottling plant here has contributed materially to the industrial advancement of Cuero.





**F**C. HESSE for around a score of years has been actively engaged in the cold storage and packing business at Cuero and has done much to make this one of the greatest turkey markets in the state. Mr. Hesse is manager of the Cuero Packing Company, pioneer turkey dressers of Texas turkeys, and one of the leading cold storage plants in this section. This business, established in Houston in 1903 and three years later, in 1906, was moved to Cuero as this district is one of the greatest turkey raising sections of the state.

The plant, at that time small, has constantly expanded, and at present consists of six cold storage rooms, of varying capacities, ranging from twenty by fifty feet up to two hundred and twenty by forty feet. Modern storage rooms are thus provided for eggs, beef for local consumption, including local butchers and farmers who store meat and provisions. There is also a completely equipped packing room and an office where all business is transacted, the entire plant being of modern concrete construction, and one of the finest in the state. At the time the Cuero Packing Company was organized it was the only plant in Texas packing turkeys, but the success with which it was operated led to the establishment of other plants. In the days when this was the only plant as many as one hundred and twenty-eight cars of turkeys were shipped to markets from this plant, but with the establishment of like plants this number has been lowered, at the present time some twenty cars going to Eastern cities from the Cuero market annually. The egg market is largely export to Cuba and Mexico, and is a well developed trade. David Stahl of Gonzales, is president of the Cuero Packing Company; Jake Stahl, vice president; W. K. Breeden, secretary-treasurer, and E. Leonard, general manager of all plants, Mr. Hesse manager of Cuero plant.

E. C. Hesse was born at Galveston the twenty-second of November, 1877, son of J. E. Hesse, associated with the Mallory Lines for more than half a century, and at present purchasing agent for the Galveston branch. Mr. Hesse received his education at the Rosenberg School and Ball High School at Galveston, and the Daniel Baker College of Brownwood, Texas. After leaving school began with the Mallory Lines at Galveston, later going with the Cuero Packing Company, with which he has been associated for a quarter of a century.

Mr. Hesse was married at Galveston, in 1901, to Miss Margaret Spence, daughter of N. A. Spence, retired produce man of Galveston. Mr. and Mrs. Hesse reside at Cuero and have two children, Ashton Hesse and Mrs. Charles Davidson of Victoria. Mr. Hesse belongs to the Cuero Chamber of Commerce, the Mohawk Club and the Texas Poultry Dealers Association, also Presbyterian Church and is regarded as an authority on turkey dressing and shipping.



**C**HARLES COOK, pioneer automobile dealer of Cuero, has been active in this business since 1908, when he sold the old two cylinder Reo, to the present time, and the history of the development of the automobile business at Cuero is largely the history of the development of the Cook and Day Motor Company, which he owns. The Cook and Day Motor Company was established in 1908, as the Cook-Richter Company,

at which time the Reo agency was secured. In 1910 the firm took over the Interstate interests, and a year later became local representatives for Henry Ford, selling Ford cars, which they have sold continuously until May, 1912, when the business was sold to a firm incorporated as the Texas Motor Car & Supply Company. This firm, however, ceased to operate in 1914, at which time Mr. Cook, with James S. Day, bought out the business, and reorganized it as the Cook and Day Motor Company. Later Mr. Cook bought Mr. Day's interest in the business, and has since operated it alone. The Cook and Day Motor Company sells Ford and Lincoln cars and Fordson tractors at Cuero and in the Cuero territory, doing an annual business in excess of five hundred thousand dollars. The Cook and Day Motor Company occupies a large and modern building in Cuero, with one hundred and sixty-two by one hundred and twenty-five feet of floor space. A complete parts and service department is maintained, this being housed in one of the two adjoining buildings occupied by the firm, while the sales and display rooms are in the other building. Mr. Cook has at various times established or bought out Ford agencies in neighboring towns, and has owned within recent years the Cook Motor Company of Yoakum, the Runge Ford Agency and the DeWitt Motor Company at Yorktown. The business at present is concentrated in the Cuero plant and the Yorktown plant, which is also housed in a modern building. In addition to the sale of Ford and Lincoln cars and parts and Fordson tractors, the Cook and Day Motor Company is agent for the Texaco products, and has a number of sub-agencies in this section, including R. L. Barnes at Cheapside, the Hildebrandt Garage and Roy Carter at Westhoff, W. W. McCormick & Sons at Concrete, S. O. Woods at Edgar, Louis Smolke at Fordtran, R. V. Shaefer at Meyersville and Adolph Kornfuehrer at Shroeder. Mr. Cook has a well organized and high power sales force in the Cuero plant, and all service is in charge of expert mechanics, his force in the main plant numbering more than twenty people. The Yorktown plant is also well equipped as to sales force and service force, and this plant is giving, on a smaller scale, the same class of service the Cuero plant is rendering in its territory.

Charles Cook was born in DeWitt County, on a ranch, the eleventh of January, 1874, son of Fred and Henrietta Cook, who settled in DeWitt County in the early days on the Three Mile Coletto, where they engaged in farming and ranching. Charles Cook attended the rural schools at Five Mile and Clinton, later attending grade school at Cuero, after which he entered old Nash College, receiving excellent training under Prof. D. W. Nash. He then further equipped himself for his business career with a course in the Alamo Business College, after which he went to Mission Valley, where for a time he was bookkeeper for James Rives, a merchant of that place. Later he came to Cuero and was associated with A. S. Crisp in the publication of the Cuero Star, also dealing in real estate, until 1908, when he entered the automobile business, with Captain H. Richter. Since that time he has been actively engaged in this business, with the exception of a brief interval from 1912 until 1914, when he engaged in the real estate business.



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Mr. Cook was married at Cuero, in 1901, to Miss Melani Spies, daughter of Adolph Spies, pioneer ranchman of the Five Mile community. Mr. and Mrs. Cook have one of the fine residences of Cuero, and are the parents of two children, Raymond Cook, University of Texas student, and Miss Dorothy Cook, a student at Ward Belmont. Mr. Cook is a director of the Buchel National Bank, the Cuero Building & Loan Association and has various business interests in the mill and gin line. He also owns four fine farms in DeWitt County and a five thousand acre ranch in Jim Wells County. He is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Chapter at Cuero, Commandery at Yoakum, Scottish Rite, to eighteenth degree, at San Antonio, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He belongs to the Cuero Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Automobile Dealers Association and the Texas Cattle Raisers Association, and few men have taken a more active part in the commercial development of Cuero or contributed more generously to the welfare of this section than he.

**V**ICTOR J. GRUNDER, who since coming to Cuero in 1890, has been active in industrial affairs, is secretary-treasurer and manager of the Cuero Compress and Warehouse Company, one of the largest industrial enterprises of Cuero and one of the oldest industries here. The Cuero Compress and Warehouse Company had its origin in 1895, when John Stratton, E. Mugge, Louis Keller, and others established the Cuero Compress Company, a compress company with a capacity of compressing one thousand bales of cotton a day. The first officers included Edward Mugge, president, pioneer business man of Texas; Louis Keller, secretary and treasurer, who is still with the company, now as president, and others of the business men of that day. In 1915 the company was reorganized, and the name changed to the Cuero Compress and Warehouse Company, and the present company has a storage capacity of twelve thousand bales of cotton. The warehouse capacity of ten thousand bales, normal, although an additional five thousand bales can be handled. The trade territory served by the compress extends from San Antonio on the Southern Pacific Railroad and from Kenedy on the Aransas Pass Railroad. Cotton from the compress goes to Galveston and Houston, and is shipped direct to all parts of the world. Present officers of the Cuero Compress and Warehouse Company are, Louis Keller, president; Walter Reiffert, vice president, and Victor Grunder, secretary-treasurer, with Charles L. Grunder and Berthold Schiwetz, additional directors. Mr. Grunder also owns the Victoria Compress and Warehouse Company and controls the Shiner Compress Company.

Victor J. Grunder was born in Alsace, France, in 1863, coming to the United States ten years later. He received a public school education, and then entered the office of L. Wolfson, where he remained ten years. In 1890 he came to Cuero engaging in the china and house furnishing business until 1910, when he went with the Cuero Compress and Warehouse Company, with which he has since been connected.

Mr. Grunder was married at Cuero, in 1887, to Miss Augusta Keller, daughter of Anton Keller, pioneer of this section who came here from Indian-

ola in 1873. Mr. and Mrs. Grunder have three children, Charles L. Grunder, one of the directors of the Cuero Compress and Warehouse Company and manager of the Victoria Compress and Warehouse Company, Mrs. Geneva Cole, receiving clerk of the Cuero Compress, and Mrs. Gertrude Bell, bookkeeper of the Cuero Compress. Mr. Grunder is a member and ex-president of the Rotary Club, helped in organizing this club at Cuero, and also organizing the Rotary Clubs at Kenedy and Yoakum, and belongs to the Cuero Chamber of Commerce of which he has served as president, vice president and has been a director for many years, although now, due to the exacting demands of his private interests he is not active in Chamber of Commerce work. Mr. Grunder has done much to secure the industrial development of Cuero, working along progressive lines, and with the various organizations that have had civic work as their primary object.



**M**BYRNE, for more than a quarter of a century one of the leading merchants and cotton factors of Cuero, has taken a deep interest in the development of DeWitt County as a poultry raising and agricultural section. Mr. Byrne is the owner of the firm of M. Byrne and Company, a business established in 1895 by him and his brother, J. J. Byrne, who later left the firm and moved to Fort Worth. Mr. Byrne has a large grocery business and also sells farm implements and buys and sells cotton. He has a modern store building in the Cuero business district, and also has two warehouses on the Southern Pacific Railroad. The business furnishes employment to some twelve or thirteen people. Mr. Byrne has built his business to its present state largely through an ambition to give customers a real service, and to sell only merchandise that is first class in every particular, and at a fair price. He has given special attention to rural trade, and has a large patronage from farmers and stockmen of DeWitt County. Members of the firm of M. Byrne and Company are Mr. Byrne, the subject of this sketch and founder of the business; Barney Byrne, Jr., head of the cotton department, and J. C. Ley, buyer and floor manager.

Mr. Byrne was born in Ireland in September, 1869, coming to the United States in 1891. His education was received in the schools of Ireland, and after coming to the United States he went to Dallas, where he spent four years. He then came to Cuero, establishing his present business, and has since been actively engaged in this business. Mr. Byrne is also one of the directors of the Breedren-Runge Company, and has extensive farming interests in DeWitt County.

Mr. Byrne was married at Cuero in 1908, to Miss Mary Louise Ott, daughter of S. I. Ott, pioneer settler of DeWitt County. Mr. and Mrs. Byrne reside in Cuero and have one child, M. Byrne, Jr. Mr. Byrne is a member of the Retail Merchants Association and the Cuero Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Byrne takes a deep pride in the civic accomplishments of Cuero and has a firm belief in the future of this section, and especially in the development of the turkey and poultry raising business here. In the public development and growth of this section in recent years Mr. Byrne has taken an active part, and has contributed in every possible way to all organized work toward this end.





**F**RANZ HUEBNER, of Bay City, Texas, is one of the most successful ranchmen and diversified farmers of Matagorda County, where for more than forty years he has been engaged in these fields of activity. He is a large ranch owner, and began the purchase of land in fee in Matagorda County in 1883, \$1.50 per acre being the price he paid at that time. He has increased his holdings since the first purchase, and now owns in fee more than twelve thousand acres of land, the greater part of this was paid for through his share in two crops of rice. Mr. Huebner has done much in the development of this county, and has aided in getting the farmers to diversify, and he was also one of the first to encourage the rice growing industry here. As an evidence of the increase in the valuation of land in Matagorda County, in 1892 he purchased land here for \$10.00 per acre, in 1900 land values here had risen to \$15.00 per acre, and in 1919 almost any kind of land here was selling at \$32.00 per acre. Mr. Huebner is an example of what can be done by work and application of the proper farming principles in South Texas. In 1886 he and his brother had a combined capital of \$500.00, and today he has on his large farms thirty-one tenant farmer families, and employs cow hands at \$2.00 per day, as needed, and field hands at \$1.25 per day. Mr. Huebner has one thousand acres planted to cotton, and during dry years has made as much as one and one-half bales per acre. He has two hundred acres in rice, which he considers the safest crop of this portion of the country; seven hundred acres planted to corn, and two hundred acres in hay, from which he cuts three tons per acre and sells at \$15.00 per ton. He has twenty-five acres planted to sweet potatoes, and considers this a good money crop. He was two thousand head of cattle, and has for many years been raising Brahma breeds, but is now breeding his herds into high grade shorthorn. He says that no cattle man in Matagorda County has been forced out of the cattle business, and that good money can be made in cattle if given the proper attention. Mr. Huebner grew up in the cattle and farming industries, and has continued in this line of work throughout his life, and has continued to add to his land holdings.

A native Texan, Mr. Huebner was born in Fayette County on March 8th, 1859. His father, John A. Huebner, came to Texas in 1834, from Germany, and settled at San Felipe, and later removed to New Orleans, but in 1838 he returned to Texas and to Fayette County, where he traded a rifle for two thousand acres of land. He settled on this land and lived there for the remainder of his life. Franz Huebner's education was obtained in the country schools of Fayette County, which at that time were inferior, and lasted only a few months during each year.

Mr. Huebner was married, in Fayette County, in 1889, to Miss Louise Kehner, a member of a pioneer Texas family. They have four children—Otto Huebner, assistant paymaster, United States navy; Adolph Huebner; John A. Huebner, associated with the Houston Brick and Tile Company, and one daughter, Pauline, who is connected with the Houston Music Conservatory and is one of the finest musicians of South Texas. The Huebner home is on the ranch, two miles from Bay City. While Mr. Huebner has confined his interests largely to

Matagorda County, he has stock in many banks in various portions of the state, and is a large stockholder in the Planters Mills at New Braunfels, Texas. Mr. Huebner has always been a leader in any project for the good of his county, and is regarded as one of the most progressive citizens of Matagorda County, ever ready to assist in any manner for the advancement of this section. Perhaps no man in this county has accomplished as much in its development along the various agricultural lines as has Franz Huebner, always known as one of Matagorda County's most public-spirited citizens.



**P**AT THOMPSON came to Bay City, Texas, in 1917 and the following year became associated with the Bay City Auto and Sales Company as vice president and manager, and this business has grown to large proportions since that time. Associated with Mr. Thompson are his brothers, M. Thompson and F. A. Thompson, who are president, secretary and treasurer, respectively. The Bay City Auto and Sales Company are dealers in Ford cars, tractors and farm implements, and their business was established here in 1916, and there is only one other Ford dealer in Matagorda County. This firm owns their building, which is modern in every respect, with splendid salesrooms and garage. Twenty-five people are employed in the sales of tractors, farm implements and Ford motors. After locating here in his present business, Mr. Thompson's business integrity, his broad views and grasp of public affairs, gradually became known to the public, and in 1923 he was elected mayor of Bay City. His administration was one of great accomplishment, and his progressive ideas in regard to city government immediately became popular with the citizenship, who aided him in every way in carrying out his plans for the betterment of this city. He is making an effort to get parties interested in a water power project which is only three miles from this city, with cement basic work already finished. Bay City has a splendid system of water works, a fine depot, good sidewalks, and tentative plans for paving are now under way. The city is operated on a cash basis, which has been worked out during the regime of Mr. Thompson. The bonded indebtedness of the city is \$60,000.00, with a sinking fund of \$22,000.00, which is in excess now \$10,000.00 of the requirements. Mr. Thompson started his business career in the hardware and implement business, which he continued successfully until engaging in his present business.

A native Texan, Mr. Thompson was born at Lexington, on August 21st, 1890. His father, N. Thompson, came to Texas from Louisiana when thirty years of age, and settled in South Texas, where he became well known in the business and financial circles of this portion of the state. His education was obtained in the public schools of South Texas.

Mr. Thompson was married, at Canyon City, Texas, on September 25th, 1913, to Miss Winnie Anderson, a native of Illinois. They have two children, Neal Thompson and Glendine. Mr. Thompson is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in the lodge of Bay City, and is also a member of the Chapter here. He is a member of the Bay City Chamber of Commerce, the Advertising Club, State Auto Dealers' Association, in all of which he



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takes a keen interest. Mr. Thompson has been very active in the affairs of the Chamber of Commerce here, having been for two years president of this organization, later vice president and director, and for many years has been chairman of the industrial committee of this organization. Mr. Thompson is a leader in all matters having to do with the advancement and progress of his city and South Texas. He is ambitious for his city and his business and is an ardent worker for the success of both.

**T**ACITUS CLAY THORNHILL of Gulf, Texas, began his career in the business world with his father, in the merchandising business and in 1918 established his own business in this prosperous Gulf town, and has built up a large business. Mr. Thornhill is the owner of the Gulf Mercantile Company, which consists of a large and complete stock of merchandise, and a modern, sanitary meat market. He uses York's refrigerating system, which has a capacity of three tons of ice and storage room for twenty-five animals. He leases the ground and building. The trade of Mr. Thornhill is from the employees at Gulf, the greater part of which is fifteen-day accounts, which are satisfactory and good to all the tradespeople of the town. Mr. Thornhill is associated with his father in the W. G. Thornhill Fish and Oyster Market at Matagorda, Texas, which was established in September, 1905, and since that time has had a great business. Fish from this company is shipped as far as St. Paul and Minneapolis, and the larger part of their business is out of the state. For many years this company handled the finest oysters of Texas. During 1924 they shipped much shrimp. The W. G. Thornhill Fish and Oyster Market owns four dredges and employs four men on salary at the plant, with thirty-five men on the bay, and during the oyster season from eighteen to thirty men are employed in the oyster house. All money for this business is from the outside and the town makes its living from the fishing industry. Mr. Thornhill obtained good experience at Matagorda in the fish and oyster business, which has been invaluable to him.

A native Texan, Mr. Thornhill was born at Independence, Texas, on December 16th, 1896. His father, W. G. Thornhill, came to Matagorda as railroad agent at this point, having been engaged in various branches of the railroad service since he was eighteen years of age. W. G. Thornhill's father, Samuel Fisher Thornhill, came to Texas from South Carolina in 1853, and was among the pioneer settlers of this portion of Texas. His mother came to the Lone Star State from South Carolina, in 1848. Mr. T. C. Thornhill, on his mother's side, descended from Nestor Clay, who was his great-grandfather, and his grandfather was Tacitus Clay of Louisville, Kentucky. Nestor Clay came to Texas with Stephen F. Austin Colony, in 1823. Mr. Thornhill's early education was obtained in the public schools of Matagorda, after which he became a student of the Douglass Select School of Waco, Texas.

Mr. Thornhill was married at Chapel Hill, Texas, on July 14th, 1920, to Miss Bess Burton Routt, a native Texan also, and a daughter of J. E. Routt, a pioneer stockman of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Thornhill reside at Gulf, Texas. Mr. Thornhill is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Blue Lodge No. 7, of Matagorda, and is a member of the Chapter and Consistory at Bay City, and of the Scottish Rite body at Dallas, and also is a Shriner

of Hella Temple of Dallas. He holds membership in the I. O. O. F. at Matagorda. He is a member of the Retail Merchants' Association of Texas and is active in this organization. Mr. Thornhill never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for the Gulf Coast Country, and believes that with a small amount of advertising in order to let the world know about this great country, it can be made the finest fruit and vegetable section of the world, besides the vast fishing industries which are located here, with grazing interests and farming already established. The citrus fruit and fig industry is yet in its infancy here, but many people are becoming interested in it and more acreage is devoted to this industry each year.

**H**ERBERT E. LEONARDT has been active in the bottling business at Cuero since his entrance in the business world here, and is secretary-treasurer and manager of the Cuero Ice and Bottling Works. This enterprise was founded around forty years ago as the South Texas Ice Company, was founded by Dave Cypher, E. Leonardt and Mr. Fenner. Later the business was reorganized and incorporated and has been greatly expanded to meet the increased demands of this rapidly growing city. The Cuero Ice and Bottling Company has a complete ice plant, with a capacity of thirty tons of ice per day, and storage capacity of one hundred tons. Ice is manufactured for local consumption and is also shipped to Westhoff, Port Lavaca and the Cuero trade territory. The bottling department manufactures a full line of bottled beverages, and a large trade in this product has also been established. Around eight people are employed by the Cuero Ice and Bottling Works. E. Leonardt is president and S. C. Lackey, vice president of the company, with Herbert E. Leonardt as secretary and treasurer.

Herbert E. Leonardt was born at Cuero the twenty-ninth of May, 1890, son of E. Leonardt, pioneer business man of this city, and president of the Cuero Ice and Bottling Works. Mr. Leonardt attended the public schools of Cuero later entering the West Texas Military Academy where he took preparatory work. He later took a business course at Eastman Business College at Poughkeepsie, New York, after which he returned to Cuero and entered upon his active career, going with the Cuero Ice and Bottling Works, where he was active until his enlistment in military service. He enlisted the twenty-sixth of April, 1918, with the 343rd Machine Gun Battalion, serving overseas with the Ninetieth Division, and was commissioned sergeant major. He was discharged the twenty-sixth of April, 1919, returning to Cuero, and resuming his position with the Cuero Ice and Bottling Works.

Mr. Leonardt was married at Cuero the sixth of June, 1918, to Miss Marion Froese, daughter of Wm. Froese, and Mrs. Alfreda Froese. Mr. Froese, a member of the firm of H. Runge and Company, was well known in this section and prominent in the business world until his death. Mrs. Froese still makes Cuero her home. Mr. and Mrs. Leonardt have two children, Herbert, Jr., and Henry Froese Leonardt. Mr. Leonardt is a Mason, Chapter and Council at Cuero, Scottish Rite and Shrine at San Antonio, and belongs to the Cuero Chamber of Commerce and the Southwestern Ice Manufacturers Association, and is deeply interested in the civic advancement of Cuero.





**E. W. TURNER**, directing head of the Turner Rice and Irrigation Company, of College Port, and one of the most extensive rice growers of the College Port district, has been identified with the rice growing industry for upward of a score of years, and is an authority on rice culture. Mr. Turner began the development of the Turner Rice and Irrigation Company, a two hundred thousand dollar corporation, of which he is now general manager, in 1921, selling his interest to the present owners in 1923. Since that time he has remained with the company in the capacity of general manager, and has continued to develop the project as originally planned. Mr. Turner has developed more than fifteen thousand acres of rice land, all of which is now under cultivation, and has installed some thirty miles of canals to irrigate this land. The irrigation project alone, requiring a force of fifty employees in its operation, is a large undertaking and one requiring an expert knowledge of irrigation work. Water for the canals is obtained from the gravity irrigation canals developed by Mr. Harty, and insures the rice growers an adequate supply to make their crop. The Turner Rice and Irrigation Company rents the rice land owned by the corporation in tracts of varying sizes to farmers, the company furnishing the land, seed, water, and financing the crop, while the farmer contracts to furnish the equipment and labor necessary to produce the crop, the arrangement being on a fifty-fifty basis. Forty tenant families on an average are located on the land, and the labor force necessary to make the crop varies from around two hundred up to one thousand as the season advances. In developing the project, Mr. Turner graded all roads, built homes on the different tracts, and likewise improved the property, in addition to the construction of the canals. He also built a large warehouse for the storage of rice, with a storage capacity for twenty-five thousand bags of rice. In addition, fully equipped machine shops are maintained, and a threshing rig for harvesting the crop. Mr. Turner also put in operation a store, conducting the business on a small margin of profit, and farmers are financed from year to year, rather than from crop to crop. The store is doing an annual business of around one hundred and twenty thousand dollars, and is rendering the farmers a real service, selling them substantial merchandise at a fair price. The rice is harvested by the growers, delivered at the company warehouse and a sale day held, when the rice is sold in block by Mr. Turner. His office keeps all accounts for the farmers and returns from the rice sales are distributed as the accounts show. The annual rice crop, of approximately one hundred and fifty thousand bags of rice, is estimated at around a million dollars, and the entire project is handled on a businesslike basis, netting a profit for company and grower alike.

E. W. Turner was born in Brazil, South America, the first of September, 1873, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner. Frank Turner, a native of Kentucky, came to Texas in the early days and was a slave owner and planter of the state. After the Civil War he went to Brazil, remaining there until 1876, when he returned to Texas, going to Eagle Lake. Mrs. Turner, whose maiden name was Waddell, was a native of Columbus, Texas. E. W. Turner was educated in the public schools of Texas and as a young

man clerked in a mercantile store, later going in the mercantile business for himself, at Hungerford, in 1900. In 1901, he began rice farming in Wharton County, and was one of the pioneers in this industry in Texas, and one of the first to see the great possibilities rice growing offered the farmer. In 1915 he began making the plans that resulted in the development of the Turner Rice and Irrigation Company, from that date until 1921, when the actual development began, working toward that end, and building a large rice plantation in Wharton County. In 1921 he came to College Port and began the present venture, and has since been active in the development of this large rice growing enterprise. Mr. Turner also owns around five hundred head of cattle, grazing this herd on the rice lands when it is necessary to let them "lay out," at about the end of each third year of cultivation.

Mr. Turner was married at Hungerford, Texas, in 1900, to Miss Louise English. They reside at Bay City, where they have a fine home, and also have a summer home at College Port, on the bay front. Mr. Turner is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Bay City; Chapter and Commandery, Bay City; Scottish Rite, Galveston, and belongs to Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He belongs to the Bay City Chamber of Commerce, and has been active in the development of the College Port section since coming here several years ago. Mr. Turner is the type of man qualified to plan and develop big things, and is endowed with the capacity to bear heavy responsibilities as well as direct large groups of men. These qualifications have borne fruit in the success of the Turner Rice and Irrigation Company, and Mr. Turner is held in high esteem as one of the captains of industry who are taking a leading part in the development of the rice growing industry.



**ROBERT PINTSCH**, fig grower of Alvin, Texas, came here twelve years ago and by hard work and practical application of the proper horticultural methods, has become the leading fig grower in or near this city. Mr. Pintsch has ten acres or highly developed land, nine acres of which is planted to Magnolia figs, which he is growing along scientific lines. He grows no other crops, and believes that there is nothing that can produce the money crop as the Magnolia fig does. Mr. Pintsch came to America in 1890 and went direct to Wisconsin after he reached this country, where for several years he was engaged in the mechanic and blacksmithing business. In 1909, he came to Texas and purchased land on which he expected to raise oranges, and closed a contract to have this tract planted. Two years later, he came here to live and gave up the idea of raising oranges, but concluded to devote the remainder of his life to the culture of the Magnolia fig.

Mr. Pintsch was born in Germany, February 11th, 1872. His parents, William and Augusta Pintsch, were large land owners in their native country and engaged in farming on a large scale. His education was obtained in the schools of Germany, but Mr. Pintsch has continued to study, particularly along the lines of horticulture and agriculture and the liberal education he has obtained on these subjects, has been through his own efforts.

Mr. Pintsch was married in Wisconsin on September 25th, 1895, to Miss Barbera Kurey, a member of a well known Wisconsin family, who were large





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Ernest Steinmann

land owners and engaged in farming. They have five children: Arthur, Edna, Vera, Harvey and Emery. The oldest son, Arthur, was in the army of the World War for a period of four months and was located during this time at Austin, Texas, and is now a bookkeeper for Stone and Webster at Houston. Mr. Pintsch is optimistic as to the future of the fig industry in South Texas and believes that the finest fruit in the world can be produced here under proper cultivation and irrigation. The improved marketing systems, and preserving plants have revolutionized this industry and made it one of the best for the climate of South Texas.



**ERNEST STEINMANN**, Yoakum, Texas, was born, reared and has lived most of his life on a ranch near this place which was established by his father, a pioneer in the cattle industry of the Lone Star State. Mr. Steinmann is engaged in ranching and the Steinmann Bros. own and operate the Steinmann Bros. Cattle Company, one of the largest cattle organizations in this portion of Texas. Associated with Mr. Steinmann in this business is his brother, Ed Steinmann, who is also one of the best known cattle men of DeWitt and contiguous counties. The large ranches of Steinmann Bros. lies in DeWitt, Lavaca, Victoria and Jackson counties. They have more than two thousand head of high grade Brahma cattle, which they have bred from Durham and Hereford cows. They began this breeding up of their herds more than sixteen years ago, after getting their father to make a start and they have continued this breeding since that time and now have one of the finest herds of this kind of cattle in the Southwest. The Steinmann Bros. make a practice of keeping all female calves on the ranch for breeding purposes; the males being killed and sold through the Steinmann City Market and Steinmann Market at Yoakum, which is managed for them by Mr. B. Flint, their brother-in-law. During the year 1923, 1,800 head of cattle were killed on the ranch for the market. In addition to their large ranch, they have much farm land, four hundred acres of which is planted to cotton and corn and worked by tenant farmers. Mr. Steinmann is interested in the development of DeWitt County along all lines, and in order to develop this county, he helps in every way and is largely interested in the oil development of this section. Although a very young man, Mr. Steinmann is a leader in the business circles of Yoakum and Lavaca County.

Mr. Steinmann was born on the ranch near Yoakum in November, 1900. His father, W. E. Steinmann (deceased since 1917), came to DeWitt County more than forty years ago, where he was engaged in ranching during the entire period. When his parents came to the vicinity of where the town of Yoakum now stands, their nearest neighbor was many miles away, and wild game of all kind wandered over the prairies. His education was obtained in the public schools of Yoakum, but he was always on the ranch after school hours. Mr. Steinmann makes his home on the ranch, which is located four miles from Yoakum.

Mr. Ed Steinmann was also born on the Steinmann Ranch in June, 1889, and has spent his entire life here. He was educated at the public schools of Yoakum. He was married on the Steinmann

Ranch in 1912 to Miss Emma Schmidt, a native of Fayette County, Texas. They have five children, and. The name of Steinmann Bros. has been linked Delta, Wilmon, Velma and Thelma (twins) and Leon with practically every laudable civic and county enterprise launched in this portion of the state since they have reached manhood, and before them their father was a leader in all matters having to do with the progress of this portion of the Lone Star State. The Steinmann Bros. are optimistic as to the future of the cattle industry in Texas and believe that the ranching industry will always be one of the foremost enterprises of the state.



**WILLIAM ROGERS McDANIEL**, owner of the Alvin Plant Farms, has devoted many years of intensive study to the growing of plants and fruit, and is regarded as one of the leaders in this great industry of South Texas. Mr. McDaniel came to Alvin, Texas, in 1911 and established one of the best and most attractive plant and fruit farms in this vicinity, which consists of thirty-five acres, all of which is under intensive cultivation methods. Mr. McDaniel has seven acres planted to the fragrant cape jessamine, fifteen acres to Magnolia figs and Stuart pecans, and three to tube roses. In addition to these, Mr. McDaniel raises for market a general line of nursery stock. Numbered in this stock are orange trees, lemon trees and grapefruit. He has ten thousand feet under glass, and this, with his shrubs, fruits and flowers grown in the open, makes the Alvin Plant Farms one of the largest, and with his modern irrigation system and an abundance of water, makes it also one of the most complete plant farms in Alvin or vicinity. Mr. McDaniel began his business career as a machinist in San Antonio, but after a short time, became associated with a large fruit firm in Old Mexico, where for a period of four years he was engaged in raising bananas, oranges and lemons. Since 1904 he has devoted his entire time and attention to this work, and has achieved a great success in his chosen line of endeavor. His wonderful experience in the Republic of Mexico gave him an insight into the culture of flowers and fruits which has been of untold value to him in his plant farms here, where he is considered an authority in his line of work. Mr. McDaniel has continually pursued the study of horticulture, and in particular that portion which pertains to the practical side of this great industry in South Texas.

A native Texan, Mr. McDaniel was born in Gregg County, June 10th. 1886. His father, William Lee McDaniel, was a well known chemist, druggist and horticulturist of East Texas. His mother was Miss Mossie Whaley, a member of a pioneer East Texas family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of various places in Texas.

Mr. McDaniel was married in Alvin, Texas, in 1915, to Miss Lutie Lynch, a member of an old Texas family and a daughter of Alvin H. Lynch, well known farmer, land owner and cattle man of South Texas. In fraternal organizations, Mr. McDaniel is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and the Knights of Pythias, in both of which he takes an active interest. Mr. McDaniel is optimistic as to the future of the floral and fruit business of South Texas and believes that this part of the country is superior to California.





**P. KELLY, JR.**, has been identified with the town of Hochheim throughout his lifetime, and for some years past has engaged in the mercantile business here, also serving as postmaster. Mr. Kelly operates a general mercantile store, which he opened in 1916 and has since operated. He carries a full line of general merchandise, farming implements, drugs, hardware of all kinds, clothing, groceries, and has a meat market in connection with the business, buying cattle as needed, and has his own killing pens and cooling system. Mr. Kelly has a modern store building, seventy by fifty feet, of cement block fire-proof construction. The Hochheim postoffice also occupies this building, Mr. Kelly serving as postmaster. Mr. Kelly buys cotton in this section, which is shipped out to Yoakum, and also grows cotton, owning a hundred and twenty-five acre farm near Hochheim. He employs around six people in his mercantile store, and has developed a very large business.

J. P. Kelly, Jr., was born at Hochheim, Texas, the sixth of January, 1888, son of J. P. Kelly, Sr., a farmer of this section, and a grandson of Mr. Kelly, who was one of the early settlers here. Mr. Kelly was educated in the rural schools near his home, and after leaving school began in the butcher business, gradually adding various mercantile lines, until his present business has been developed. At the entrance of the United States in the World War. Mr. Kelly enlisted in service, serving at Camp Cody in the infantry for five months. He was discharged as corporal, returning to Hochheim, and resuming his business after his discharge.

Mr. Kelly was married at Gonzales, Texas, in 1920, to Miss Lelia Freeman, a member of a well known Gonzales family. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly reside at Hochheim. Mr. Kelly is a Praetorian and a member of the Retail Merchants Association at Yoakum. Mr. Kelly has been especially interested in the development of the rich farming country around Hochheim, and while he is known as a merchant, his farm, located near town, is one of the best developed farming interests in this section, and he is one of the most progressive farmers here.



**D. HUDGINS**, for more than fifty years a factor in the development of Wharton County, and a member of a family which for almost a century has been prominently identified with Wharton County, is a leader in activities of wide scope, holding cattle, farming, ginning and mercantile interests here. Mr. Hudgins came to Hungerford, in Wharton County, from Chapell Hill shortly after the death of his father, in 1873, managing the estate here for a time. He returned to make this his permanent home in 1873, at that time having around a thousand acres of land here, of which only about sixty acres were in cultivation. From that time he gradually increased his land holdings, entering the cattle business, and starting agricultural development that has kept up to the present day. He now has some three thousand acres in rice, cotton and corn, all of which is cultivated by tenant farmers, five white families and thirty Mexican and negro families living on his land. The family home is located on this land, a fine residence which would do credit to one of the best city residential districts. A general store, cotton gin, corrals, and other buildings are also on the

place, making the estate a complete village within itself. Mr. Hudgins holds around five thousand acres of pasture and wood land, and has one of the finest herds of Brahma and Hereford cattle in this section, the herd at present being about three quarters Brahma strain, which Mr. Hudgins has made a point of breeding up to. He has seven registered imported Brahma bulls from Brazil, and around one thousand head of cattle. An interesting feature of the operation of this large estate is that Mr. Hudgins has formed a company, composed of himself and his four children, the five partners operating the business and centering their business activities in the one common center.

J. D. Hudgins was born in Wharton County the twelfth of September, 1852, the son of Joel Hudgins and Rachael A. Northington Hudgins. Joel Hudgins, the founder of the Hudgins family in Wharton County, came here from his native state of North Carolina, in 1836, settling at Boone's Bend. He built the first saw mill in this section of the country and was very active in the development of this section until his death, which occurred in 1873. Mrs. Hudgins, whose maiden name was Rachael A. Northington, was married the first time to Mr. McKenzie, and after his death to Joel Hudgins. She was a native of Kentucky, coming to Texas as a girl of thirteen years of age with her father, in 1833, Andrew Northington, who had charge of the women and children who left the country ahead of Santa Anna's army at the time of the Battle of San Jacinto. Andrew Northington, a ranking major, was active in the events of those perilous times. During the boyhood of J. D. Hudgins, the subject of this sketch, the family moved to Chapell Hill, to give the children educational advantages, and he attended Soule University at that place. This university was later moved to Georgetown, becoming Southwestern University. Mr. Hudgins, however, was the out-of-doors type, and found his school days tedious. At the age of eight years he was driving cattle, continuing his out-of-door life through his school days, and as a young man entering the cattle business. He came to Hungerford in 1873, and has since been active in the development of this section.

Mr. Hudgins was married in Wharton County, the seventh of November, 1877, to Miss Mollie J. McKinney, a native of Springfield, Texas, and a member of a pioneer Texas family. Mr. and Mrs. Hudgins make their home on the ranch, near Hungerford, and have four children, Eola, who is now Mrs. S. C. Border; Ethel, now Mrs. J. B. Forgason, and who has two children; Lanier Hudgins and Martha Forgason, Miss Lilian Hudgins, and Walter J. Hudgins, who married Miss Ella Henkel of Brazoria County, and who has three children, Edgar Henkle, Janie and Eleanor Hudgins. Mr. Hudgins is a member of the Cattle Raisers Association and is a Mason, belonging to the Wharton Lodge. Mr. Hudgins is an outstanding example of the pioneer cattlemen who has paved the way for the present development of this industry, and few men are held in higher esteem among their associates than he.



**T. STRICKLAND, JR.**, who has recently come to Wharton to look after his agricultural interests here, is one of the substantial farmers of this section, and few men are better informed as to progressive agricultural methods. Mr. Strickland owns a plantation, near



*J. P. Kelly Jr.*





*Geo. Herder Sr.*

Wharton, comprising around two thousand acres of land, thirteen hundred of which is in cultivation, being worked by tenant families, some twenty negro families living on the plantation. Mr. Strickland although planting a large cotton acreage, is working toward diversified farming. Mr. Strickland is also interested in fig cultivation, and has been active in developing sentiment favorable to this crop, and also in converting farmers of this section to diversified farming.

R. T. Strickland, Jr., was born in Georgia, the twenty-second of June, 1886, the son of R. T. Strickland, now living in Illinois. After graduating from Lewis Institute at Chicago, in 1908. Mr. Strickland gained his first business experience in Illinois, after several years going with the Woolworth Company in an executive capacity, and remaining with that organization four and one-half years. He first came to Texas in 1915, at which time he resided at Houston. In 1917 he enlisted as a private with the Illinois National Guards, serving through the World War, with the thirty-fifth Division, being commissioned first lieutenant. At the close of the war he was on duty at headquarters in Paris, returning to the United States and receiving his discharge in October, 1919. While overseas Mr. Strickland saw active service, having many assignments which took him on varied duties to many places in France. Returning to the states he came to Texas, for a time looking after his interests at Wharton from Houston, and later moving here.

Mr. Strickland was married at Houston, Texas, the tenth of January, 1920, to Emma Lee Carpenter, daughter of Evan Shelby Carpenter and Mathilda Ireland Carpenter. Mr. Carpenter, a pioneer of Seguin, Texas, was a native of Crewsville, Kentucky. Mrs. Carpenter was a granddaughter of Governor John Ireland, pioneer Texan and the first judge of the supreme court of Texas to be made a governor of the state. Mr. Carpenter is a descendant of Isaac Shelby, the first governor of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Strickland have three children, Emma Lee, Maude Ireland and Jane Shelby Strickland, and reside at Wharton, and is a leader in all progressive agricultural advancement at Wharton.



**GEORGE HERDER, SR.**, one of those forceful and progressive business men who play so important a part in the development of any community, since coming to Eagle Lake around a decade ago has been known as a business man whose constructive policies are resulting in an era of development and growth, and is identified with enterprises of wide scope and important bearing on the prosperity of Eagle Lake and the surrounding territory. Mr. Herder is the directing head of a number of rice mills in this section, operating these mills under the name of the Herder Rice Milling Company, with modern and well equipped mills at Bay City and Eagle Lake, and also operates under lease from the Seaboard Rice Milling Company, a mill at Galveston. In 1915 Mr. Herder acquired the Eagle Lake Water, Ice and Light Company, and has completely reorganized that company, placing it on a paying basis, and is now supplying Eagle Lake with an adequate and satisfactory water, light and ice service. The ice plant, with a capacity of ten tons of ice daily, not only supplies ice for local consumption but handles

some icing for shipment of vegetables and like produce. The plant employs a force of eight operatives, and is modernly equipped throughout. In speaking of the rice milling and utility interests Mr. Herder called attention to the fact that while primarily he took over these interests to protect an investment, he has continued their operation, expanding the plant in every instance, and has converted them into paying businesses. Mr. Herder also has mercantile interests at Eagle Lake, and owns the Pecan Valley Gin Company, one of the leading cotton gins of this section. He is also well known in the banking world, and is associated with several banks in this locality, being president of the Garwood State Bank at Garwood, Texas, vice president of the First National Bank of Bay City, at Bay City, Texas. As is indicated by his achievements, Mr. Herder is a man of wide experience in the business and financial world, and is a close student of business operation and business conditions in this country. He is also a man of a high type of executive ability, and has a talent for organization, two factors which have entered into his business success, and which have enabled him to re-organize and place on a paying basis businesses which under less competent management came close to failure.

George Herder, Sr., a native Texan, was born in Fayette County, the sixteenth of February, 1863, the son of George Herder, a native of Germany, who came to the United States at sixteen, in 1834, and was a veteran of the Battle of San Jacinto, and Minna Wolters Herder, also of Germany, who came with her parents to the United States as a child, in 1835, landing in New York and then coming to Texas, where, as a child of twelve years, she was with the women ahead of the Mexican Army, at the time of the Battle of San Jacinto. Mr. Herder spent his boyhood on a Texas farm, attending schools when the unsettled conditions of the pioneer days permitted. When he was nineteen years old, he came to Weimar, where he clerked for a year and a half, and then went in the mercantile business for himself, operating a general mercantile store there for thirty years, the Herder Mercantile Company, now managed by his son, George Herder, Jr. Mr. Herder came to Eagle Lake in 1914, and has since been one of the leading men here, both in business and civic activities.

Mr. Herder was married at Weimar, Texas, in 1885, to Miss Mary Heffner. They have three children, two daughters, Mrs. R. L. Williams of Bay City and Mrs. L. D. Allen of Eagle Lake, and a son, George Herder, Jr., of Weimar. Mr. and Mrs. Herder reside at Eagle Lake. Although Mr. Herder has never had political aspirations, he has served as a member of the Thirty-second and Thirty-third Legislature, impressing his influence on much of the legislation enacted by these legislatures. He is a member of the Rice Millers Association, and is a Mason, belonging to the Masonic lodge at Weimar.

Mr. Herder is also active in the cattle business, ranging around two thousand head of cattle in Harris and Live Oak counties. Since coming to Eagle Lake he has entered heartily into all organized work for the advancement of the community, and few men have done more to encourage growth and development.





**G. MILLER**, of Columbus, Texas, has had an experience in the banking business which has extended over a period of more than fifteen years, and his positions have increased from the minor ones to those of organizer and executive. Mr. Miller has been active vice president of the First State Bank of Columbus since 1915, and has had much to do with the success of this institution, which has deposits amounting to \$500,000.00. The First State Bank of Columbus was organized in 1913, as the outgrowth of the private banking firm of R. E. Stafford and Company. Mr. Miller, in addition to his banking interests, is one of the leading cotton buyers of this part of Texas, buying two-thirds of the crop here. He does this largely to protect the market for the farmers who bring their cotton here. He also has cattle and ranch interests. After leaving school, Mr. Miller began his career in the business world in the banking business, and in 1915, bought into the First State Bank of Columbus and became vice president actively in charge. During 1923, this bank constructed their own building, which is of hollow tile, concrete and brick, two stories in height, with concrete reinforced floors and roof. This modern building is thirty-two feet by eighty-six feet in size, steam-heated and burglar-proof vault. The second floor of this building is used for office purposes. The equipment of this bank is modern and ornate to a degree. Mr. Miller's first banking experience was obtained at Weimar, Texas, after which he went to Humble and became associated with the Humble State Bank. Later he organized the Brookshire State Bank at Brookshire, Waller County, Texas, which was one of the strongest banks of that county.

A native Texan, Mr. Miller was born on a ranch in Colorado County on January 18th, 1891. His father, Fred G. Miller (deceased since 1913), was born in Colorado County also, where he lived all his life and was a prominent ranch and cattle man. His grandfather, Fritz Miller, came here from Germany about 1844, and during the Civil War hauled cotton to Brownsville for export to Germany. His mother is still living on the old Miller homestead in this county. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Colorado County, after which he attended Tyler Commercial College, at Tyler, Texas.

Mr. Miller was married at Columbus on December 8th, 1919, to Miss Lavinie Hester, a member of an old Virginia family. Her father, John E. Hester, after coming to Texas, was engaged in cattle raising and farming. He was constable at Columbus for twenty-three years. Mr. Miller is a member of the Texas Bankers' Association and the American Bankers' Association. He is a director in the Columbus Light Company and is treasurer of the City Ice and Cold Storage Company, and secretary of the Columbus Gravel Company, also director of Garwood State Bank, and is active in all matters pertaining to the betterment of his town and community. He says that Colorado County is in need of diversified farming, and that more people should be producing all they need to eat in this county, where everything can be grown. The farming here is largely confined to cotton and corn. He is optimistic as to the future of Columbus, and as an example of the progress and advancement of this county and city, the bank deposits of the two local banks were \$250,000.00 in

1915 and in 1923 the deposits were \$800,000.00, which is considered a remarkable increase. Mr. Miller is one of the progressive citizens who have shown their faith in their town by their investments here, which have proved perhaps more successful than money invested elsewhere, and, besides, it is Mr. Miller's idea to keep Columbus money in Columbus.



**E. VALENTA**, merchant, banker, ginner, farmer and cattle man of Sweet Home, Texas, has been identified with every movement for the upbuilding of this little Lavaca County city. He has been connected with every worth-while enterprise and is regarded as one of Sweet Home's and Lavaca County's most progressive citizens. Mr. Valenta is the owner of Valenta Bros. mercantile establishment, which was started here in 1901 by Mr. Valenta and his brother, with less than \$100.00 capital. His brother, L. W. Valenta, died in 1904, and he purchased his brother's interest, being the sole owner since that time. The Valenta Bros. is a general store, carrying a full and complete line of dry goods, groceries, hardware, drugs, farm implements, auto casings, oil (wholesale) and many other commodities. Mr. Valenta also has a private bank, which he established in 1913, this institution having more than \$100,000.00 in deposits. He is the president of the Farmer's Gin and Mill Company, buys cotton and all cotton products. The greater portion of the cotton purchased by Mr. Valenta is shipped to Houston. Mr. Valenta owns the new building which houses all of these departments, this building occupying almost an entire block of ground. Mr. Valenta buys cattle throughout the year. He owns one of the finest herds of registered shorthorn cattle in this portion of the state, which numbers thirty-five head. He usually keeps on hand about one hundred and fifty head of ordinary trading cattle. Mr. Valenta is also engaged in farming, having a splendid farm in this county of thirteen hundred acres, which is cultivated by Bohemian tenant farmers. These farmers are self-supporting and have good credit in the county for anything they need.

A native Texan, Mr. Valenta was born in Fayette County, on July 24th, 1879, but was brought to Lavaca County by his parents when eighteen months old. His father, Leopold Valenta, came from Europe in 1865, is a prominent farmer of Colorado County and is active, although past eighty years of age. His mother, Mrs. Mary Valenta, came to America from Europe when quite young. She died at Sweet Home, Lavaca County, in 1918. Mr. Valenta's education was obtained in the public schools of Lavaca County.

Mr. Valenta was married, at Koerth, Lavaca County, Texas, in 1900, to Miss Verona Hermes, a native Texan and a member of a well known family. They have seven children—E. L. Valenta, who is employed in the operation and management of his father's bank; he is a Knight of Columbus of the fourth degree; A. A. Valenta, who works in all departments of the store and bank; he is a third degree Knight of Columbus, Estella, Dorothy, Elizabeth, Leopold and Eugene. Mr. Valenta is a member of the Knights of Columbus and has attained to the fourth degree in this organization. He is also a member of the Bankers' Association, Ginners' Association, the Bohemian Order of Spjst, the Retail Merchants' Association of Hallettsville, of which he is a director, and many other of the fraternal and business organizations of Sweet Home and Lavaca County. Mr.



*Ed Miller*





*C. W. Jait*

Valenta has done much in the way of development work in Lavaca County, and in so doing has aided many farmers in growing their crops and in providing a market for their cotton and other farm products. He is a worthy and honored citizen, a man of vision, far-seeing yet conservative, ever ready to help his community by the contribution of his material aid and time.



**W. TAIT**, although one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Columbus, Texas, he has through close application to the details of his business met with success in his chosen fields of activity. Mr. Tait is engaged in ranching, farming and is the manager of the business affairs of the Tait estate, which responsible position he assumed on the death of his father in 1921. He has about one thousand head of cattle, the greater part of which are cows which he keeps for breeding purposes, and consist of grade Herefords which have been bred up from common cows. Mr. Tait makes a practice of selling his stock when young, keeping the females, and selling the male calves to butchers and others. The Tait estate owns 6800 acres of land in fee, which is devoted to timber and grass for grazing the cattle, with about three hundred acres in black land which is suitable for farming. He has twelve hundred acres which is planted to cotton and corn, and cultivated by tenants, which number sixteen and are divided between white families and negroes. Mr. Tait is regarded as one of the leading young business men of Colorado County, and deserves much credit for the manner in which he has handled the Tait estate. He left school in order to take charge of this business, which was entangled, and in the course of two years he had it all straightened out and the ranch, farm and other interests all on a paying basis.

A native Texan, Mr. Tait was born at Columbus, on October 9th, 1899. His father, William Tait, was born on the ranch, which has always been the home-stead of the family. He was well known as a cattleman and farmer. William Tait died in Houston, on October 25th, 1921. Mr. Tait's grandfather, Charles W. Tait, came to Texas from Alabama in 1836, and was among the very early pioneer settlers of the Lone Star State. The land which is now the property of the Tait family was an original grant from Mexico to Charles W. Tait, who served with distinction in the Civil War as a surgeon in the Confederate navy, having the degrees of M. D. and C. E., which in those days were very rare. He was a large slave owner and cattle man prior to the Civil War, and the subject of this sketch is the third generation of Tait's to engage in the cattle business. Mr. Tait's mother was Miss Mathilda Auerbach, whose forbears came from Germany. She is now residing in Columbus. His education was obtained in the public schools of Colorado County, after which he became a student of the A. and M. College, leaving this institution before graduation in order to take charge of his father's business. Mr. Tait has two brothers and one sister—Albert, at school in San Antonio; Sam, attending school in Columbus, and Mrs. Hattie Duncan, who resides at Columbus.

Mr. Tait is a member of the Knights of Columbus and has attained to the third degree in this organization, in which he takes an active interest. Mr. Tait is a believer in improving the cattle herds of Texas and also in improving the methods of farm-

ing. He thinks that the state needs more good farmers to develop the vast lands which are lying idle, and with little labor could be made to be very productive. Mr. Tait is progressive in his ideas along all lines, and assists in every way possible toward the advancement of the South Texas country.



**B. GARY**, for many years a resident of Wharton County, where he is one of the most substantial farmers, is well informed as to modern and progressive farming methods and is operating his large plantation in a business-like way. Mr. Gary is manager of the S. T. Taylor Estate, one of the largest plantations in Wharton County, and is the heir to this estate. The estate was founded by S. T. Taylor, who came to Texas before the Civil War, from Columbia County, Georgia, and settled in Colorado County. After the war, around 1866, Mr. Taylor came to Wharton County, and with his brother began farming in this section, gradually acquiring land until he owned some twelve thousand acres, and three thousand head of cattle. In 1902 the estate was divided by the brothers, S. T. Taylor taking charge of his interest at that time until his death, in 1924. The estate at present consists of thirty-two hundred acres in cultivation devoted to the growing of cotton, potatoes, corn and truck products, this tract being fertile, highly developed farming land. In addition there are several thousand acres of pasture land and woodland, where a small herd of around three hundred head is now kept, although formerly a much larger herd was pastured on this land. An additional nine hundred acres is rented for money rent, and is handled by the lessee. Located on the plantation is the large, southern style house, the home of Mr. Gary and his family, and tenant houses, corrals, repair shops, power plant to supply light and like buildings, the placing having all necessary and modern improvements. Twenty white tenant families and twenty-five negro tenant families are on the place, and in addition around eighteen day-hands are employed. Mr. Gary has the active management of the estate in his hands and is keeping the plantation up to an unusually high standard.

J. B. Gary was born at Don Tol, Texas, the twenty-third of November, 1887, the son of Dr. J. M. Gary and Ada Taylor Gary. His father, who practiced medicine at Galveston, was killed at Groveton, Texas. Mr. Gary's grandfather was S. T. Taylor, the founder of the estate of which he is now manager, and his grandmother was Annie Eliza (Dickson) Taylor, a native of Georgia. Mr. Gary was a student at Bingham Military Academy at Ashville, North Carolina, from 1911 until 1913, later taking a commercial course. After leaving school he came to Wharton going to work with his grandfather and learning through practical experience the management of the plantation.

Mr. Gary was married at Shiner, Lavaca County, Texas, in October, 1922, to Miss Mildred Fry, a member of a Texas family. Mr. and Mrs. Gary make their home on the plantation and have one child, Ada Hughes Gary. Mr. Gary is an excellent example of the modern and progressive farmer who is willing to give to this industry the study and time required to make farming a real success, and is giving special attention to diversified farming.





**WILLIAM MANER STAFFORD**, a native Texan, and a farmer of long and varied experience, has for many years been a resident of Wharton, and is one of the most substantial planters of this section. Mr. Stafford owns a large plantation, comprising some four thousand acres, situated in Wharton County, near Wharton. Of this, thirty-five hundred acres is in cultivation, the principal crops raised being Irish potatoes, corn, cotton and figs, Mr. Stafford being one of the first in this section to take an interest in fig growing, having at present thirty acres of producing figs, and a larger acreage planted to this fruit and now developing. In addition to the plantation in Wharton County, Mr. Stafford also has sixteen hundred acres of land in Matagorda County. He has upward of seventy-five tenant families, including white, Mexican and negro tenants, on his place. Mr. Stafford has around fifteen hundred acres of land in timber in Wharton County.

William Maner Stafford was born in Brazoria County, the twenty-fourth of August, 1878, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stafford, and a grandson of Judge Stafford, circuit judge of Harris County. His father, J. S. Stafford, was born in Houston, and was later a resident of Galveston, where he was public weigher for some years, his death occurring in 1886. His mother, whose people were among the real pioneers of Texas, coming to the state in 1836, is still living. Mr. Stafford came to Wharton County as a boy of ten years of age, his uncle, Tom Brooks, rearing him. He has spent his life largely in the out-of-doors, and after finishing his education at Southwestern University, which he entered after graduating from high school, has been actively engaged in farming and in the cattle business.

Mr. Stafford was married at Wharton, Texas, the eighteenth of June, 1903, to Miss Julia Harrison, a member of an old Texas family. They reside at Wharton, and have four children, Girard H., William Maner, Jr., Albert H. and Nannie Brooks Stafford. Mr. Stafford is a Mason, belonging to the lodge at Wharton, and belongs to the Cattle Raiser's Association. A man of executive ability, he has developed one of the finest and largest plantations in Wharton County, and is known in this section as one of the best versed men here on agricultural questions.



**GEORGE HEARD NORTHINGTON**, whose name figures prominently among the pioneers of Wharton County, has for almost half a century been active in the cultivation of the lands of this section, and its development industrially, and is one of the leading merchants, ginners, lumbermen, cattlemen and farmers here. Mr. Northington permanently settled at Egypt, some ten miles from Wharton and in Wharton County, 1878, making his first crop here at that time. His home is on the quarter league of land that his grandfather bought in 1830 from John C. Clark, who received the grant from the Mexican government. Since that time Mr. Northington has bought and sold much land in this section, developing most of his land from raw timberlands, and has been active in developing Wharton County. This county, while settled early, was held largely by large plantation owners, and consequently sparsely settled, on this account getting the Santa Fe railroad in 1900, and some ten or fifteen years prior to 1900 a branch of the G. H. and S. A. came to Wharton. Mr.

Northington is one of the largest land owners in Wharton County, around forty families being on his interests. The balance of the land is in woodland and pasturage. Mr. Northington has had cattle interests for some forty-five years, now having a herd of around six hundred head of high grade cattle, including thirty registered Hereford bulls, and several hundred head of other cattle. In 1881 Mr. Northington entered the mercantile business establishing a general store at Egypt, the firm at that time being Duncan and Northington. In 1910 G. C. Duncan, Mr. Northington's partner since the establishment of the store, died, a year later the business changing and becoming known as the G. H. Northington General Merchandise store. Mr. Northington also owns a cold storage and ice plant at Egypt, packing his own beef, and has a large cotton gin on his place. Mr. Northington also has a store at Glen Flora, the Northington Merchandise Company, of which he is sole owner, an establishment carrying a stock of around ninety thousand dollars. Mr. Northington also operates a lumber yard there, owning several buildings, and owns business property and residence property at Wharton. He also owns the opera house property and store building in connection at Wharton, and has business and residence property at Eagle Lake. Mr. Northington was connected with several banks in this county for a number of years.

George Heard Northington was born at Egypt, in Wharton County in 1854, the son of Mentor Northington and Elizabeth Heard Northington. Mentor Northington, a native of Kentucky, came to Texas as a child, hauling provisions for General Green's army at San Jacinto, as a boy of thirteen years of age. He got his headright in Jones County, later coming to Egypt, and still later moving to Chapel Hill where he lived many years. Mrs. Northington was the daughter of Captain William J. E. Heard, who came to Texas from Alabama with a colony in 1830, first settling in Jackson County, and later coming to Wharton County. He commanded Company F, Burleson's regiment, at San Jacinto, and in 1840 served in the campaign against the Indians on the upper Colorado River with Colonel John H. Moore. Captain Heard was later appointed chief justice of Wharton County, after the Civil War removing to Chapel Hill where his death occurred in August, 1874.

George Heard Northington spent his boyhood at Chapel Hill attending the old Soule University, operated by the Methodist Conference, and now located at Georgetown. In 1873 he entered Randolph-Macon College at Ashland, Virginia, spending one year there. He then returned to Chapel Hill, making his home there until after his marriage, when he came to Egypt, beginning the development of his interests in this section.

Mr. Northington was married at Chapel Hill in 1875, to Miss J. V. Simmons, whose family came here shortly after the Civil War from Alabama. Mr. and Mrs. Northington reside at Egypt, and have four children, Mentor Northington, George Heard Northington, Jr., W. A. Northington and Sarah Frances Northington. Mr. Northington has been one of the leaders in the development of this section, and continues to take the lead in every activity started for the further advancement of Wharton County.



*H. M. Stafford*





*J. O. Tanner*



**O. TANNER**, of Columbus, Texas, began his business career at the age of nineteen years, and since that time has been a potent factor in the business life of South Texas. Mr. Tanner is a partner in the firm of Gemmer and Tanner, sand and gravel dealers, and is manager of the Columbus office and gravel pit of this firm. Associated with Mr. Tanner as a partner is Mr. W. H. Gemmer, who is in charge of sales and office manager of the firm, with offices located in the First National Bank Building in Houston. This firm was established in 1920, at Alleyton, Colorado County, where they had a lease which they worked until removing to Columbus in May, 1923, and have two hundred acres of gravel, thirty feet deep, which runs into water, with little stripping work to do. The material obtained here runs 75 per cent rock. During March, 1924, 1193 carloads were taken out of the Gemmer and Tanner gravel pit, to be used for concrete road work and ballast, however, a very small per cent of this is ballast material. Houston is the principal market for this firm's products, but much of the sand output goes to the Southwest, and during 1924 most of the sand was shipped to Harlingen. More than one hundred people are employed in the operation of the Gemmer and Tanner business. This firm owns two pits, with complete equipment, which consists of one steam shovel, two drag lines, one hydraulic dredge with 85 by 70 feet boom for wash gravel, machine shops, their own locomotives, six cars, and a foundry where all machinery is made, only purchasing the iron. They also own eight miles of railroad, which was constructed to connect at Glidden. Mr. Tanner has had much experience in the gravel business, and built the first wash plant ever built in Texas, in 1910, for the Colorado Gravel Company, at Fayetteville. In 1912, he became associated with the W. C. McClelland Gravel Company at Columbus and installed their hydraulic dredge. In 1913, this company sold their plant and equipment to Horton and Horton, and Mr. Tanner became associated with this firm, where he remained until he engaged in business for himself. Mr. Gemmer had also been associated with the firm of Horton and Horton, before the partnership of Gemmer and Tanner was formed. Mr. Tanner started his business career in the oil fields, and later went with the Donovan estate, at Eagle Lake, where he was in charge of pumping, mechanical work, etc., and this business is now known as the Lakeside Irrigation Company, which is one of the largest and best irrigation plants in Texas.

A native Texan, Mr. Tanner was born at Columbus on July 26th, 1879, and a strange coincidence is that he was born on the exact place where he is now obtaining his gravel supply. His father came to Texas from Virginia in 1852, and purchased much land in Colorado County, and this gravel pit is located on a portion of that land. Mr. Tanner's early education was obtained in the public schools of Colorado County, after which he became a student of the A. and M. College, and remained at this institution for three years, but was forced, on account of bad health, to leave before graduation.

Mr. Tanner was married at Austin, Texas, in 1904, to Miss Phyrne Claiborne, a member of a prominent Indiana family. They have two children—Cynthia and Phyrne. Mr. Tanner is considered one of the

leading gravel men of Texas, and is an authority on the various branches of this business. He says that it costs a great deal to establish and equip a gravel plant, and the reason of so many failures in this business is because of the expense of heavy overhead stripping in shallow gravel and lack of water. In their pits in Colorado County, they have deep gravel and plenty of water, and he says there is enough of this product here to last for a period of at least one-half century. They expect soon to begin producing one hundred cars per day, for which they have a ready market, and this industry is growing rapidly on account of good gravel being used for building purposes and in the vast amount of road work being done in Texas.



**JAMES H. HERRING**, mayor of Wharton, brings to bear in the directing of municipal affairs the same sound and constructive policies which have made him one of the most successful farmers of this section, and under his administration many public improvements have been made. Wharton has a council form of government, the mayor and a council composed of five members directing municipal affairs. The city owns the waterworks system, the sewer plant and has an excellent public school system providing facilities for teaching one thousand pupils. More than twenty-five miles of concrete sidewalks have been laid and streets are in excellent condition. The city is on a cash basis and has a sinking fund to care for the bonded indebtedness. All departments of the city government are systematized. The city has recently voted a bond issue of \$65,000.00 for paving in the city; the bonds were sold on March 25, 1925, and Wharton is enjoying one of the most prosperous periods in its history.

James H. Herring was born in Leon County, Texas, the twelfth of June, 1867, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Herring. He is a grandson of the late J. O. Anders, who came to Leon County before the Civil War, from Carolina, and was one of the large planters and slave owners of this section. Thomas Herring died when his son, James H. Herring, the subject of this sketch, was a young boy, and he was reared in Georgia, attending the schools of that state and securing an excellent technical education. He worked for some years as a surveyor, coming to Texas during this period and helping lay out Houston Heights. He also helped build the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad into Houston, working under A. V. Kellogg. Mr. Herring came to Wharton in 1892, and worked for a time in his uncle's store, spending twenty-five years in the wholesale ice and beer business. He has also acquired farming interests in this section, keeping a small herd of cattle to graze on his pasture and woodland, of which he owns upward of two hundred acres. A farm of one hundred acres is under cultivation, tenant families being on the place, engaged in cotton raising.

Mr. Herring was married at Wharton, in 1897, to Miss Mary E. Clapp, a native of Texas, her family coming here from Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Herring reside at Wharton, and have one son, James H. Herring, Jr., who is traveling salesman for Leggett and Myers. Mr. Herring has been active in civic work for many years, and has served on the school board for ten years, and one term as alderman and one term as county commissioner, prior to his election to the office of mayor in 1924, not standing for re-election.





**JOHN N. LEE**, pioneer of Wharton County, and for more than a quarter of a century active in developing this section, has given his attention chiefly to cattle raising and rice growing, and is one of the best informed men in this locality as to progressive methods in either of these industries. Mr. Lee has one of the largest rice plantations in Wharton County, comprising around twenty-four hundred acres which he has under irrigation, and he also has large cattle interests, his herd of Hereford grade cattle numbering upwards of a thousand head. He also owns large tracts of land in Wharton and Colorado Counties, most of which is irrigated from the canal of the Lakeside Irrigation Company of Eagle Lake. Mr. Lee came to Lissie from Austin, and Travis County, in 1897, and since that time has gradually built up and added to his interests in this section until he is one of the large land owners here, and a man who has attained an enviable reputation in the community as a rice farmer and cattleman who has made a success through the application of modern and businesslike methods to these industries.

John N. Lee was born in Tennessee, the twenty-second of March, 1862, the son of Sam Lee, of that state. He attended the schools there, his education however being largely in the school of experience and along practical lines. Mr. Lee first came to Texas in 1883, after a short time returning to Tennessee, and again coming to this state in 1893. After several years spent in Travis County, he came to Wharton County, in 1897, buying his first land, a state section, at that time.

Mr. Lee was married at Wharton, Texas, the twenty-seventh of August, 1898, to Miss Rachel L. Garrett, a native of Tennessee, and whom Mr. Lee met in that state. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have one child, Charles Otis Lee, who is associated with his father in the rice and cattle business. Mr. and Mrs. Lee reside on the ranch, just out of Lissie, and six miles from Eagle Lake, on the Old Spanish Trail. Mr. Lee, although primarily a rice grower and cattle man, is also a man of discrimination in the business world, and is a director of the State Bank at Eagle Lake, a director of the Wharton Motor Company at Dallas, and local director of the Federal Land Bank for this section. He has also at various times operated general mercantile stores. Mr. Lee, Walt Poole, Sinclair, Hays and Cook put down an oil well on the Pool section No. 16 in 1919. Mr. Lee, Herder, Winterman, McClanahan and others are now putting down an oil well ten miles north of Eagle Lake, and have a showing of oil. Mr. Lee is a Woodman of the World, and a member of the Texas Rice Growers Association. He is the typical out-of-doors man, his chief interest lying in the management of his extensive properties, and a man qualified by nature and experience for the handling of large undertakings.



**ALEXANDER G. HUDGINS**, a representative of one of the real pioneer families of Wharton County, is one of the leading planters, cattlemen and merchants of this county, and has taken an active part in its development. Mr. Hudgins has extensive land interests in this section, including five hundred acres in cultivation, and devoted to the raising of cotton and corn, with a small amount of sorghum for feed, and one thousand acres of pasture and woodland. Mr. Hudgins has

around three hundred head of cattle, of which two hundred are bred up to three quarters Brahma from Texas range cattle. Mr. Hudgins operates a large general mercantile store at Hungerford, where he makes his home, all work on the farm and ranch being carried on under his direction by tenant farmers, of whom he employs ten families, negroes and Mexicans.

The Hudgins family dates back to the coming of Joel Hudgins' grandfather of Alexander Hudgins, the subject of this sketch, to Wharton County, where he established the first saw mill and became interested in the cattle industry. He acquired land interests here, cultivating around sixty acres, and using the rest for pasturage for his herds. Later Joel Hudgins moved to Chapel Hill in order that his children would have better educational advantages. After his death, which occurred in 1873, the family returned to Wharton County, to the ranch here, the eldest son having been in charge of this interest during their absence. Later, after the death of Mrs. Rachael Ann Northington Hudgins, grandmother of the subject of this sketch, which occurred in 1903, the estate was divided, Alexander Richey Hudgins, father of the present owner of the estate, carrying on his share, and adding to it and extending agricultural development. He also established the store now operated by Alexander G. Hudgins, his son and the subject of this sketch, who after his father's death in 1918 has been in charge of the estate.

Alexander G. Hudgins was born in Wharton County, Texas, the twenty-sixth of December, 1884, the son of Alexander Richey Hudgins and Julia Compton Hudgins. His grandfather, Joel Hudgins, was a native of North Carolina, where he was born the seventh of November, 1800, later coming to Texas, as mentioned in the preceding paragraph. His grandmother, Rachel Ann Northington Hudgins, was born in Kentucky in 1821, the daughter of Major Andrew Northington, who had charge of the women and children who were leaving the country ahead of Santa Anna, at the time the battle of San Jacinto was fought. Mrs. Hudgins was first married to a Mr. McKenzie, by whom she had three children. After his death she married Joel Hudgins, the founder of the Hudgins family in Wharton County, Alexander Richey Hudgins, father of the subject of this sketch being one of the children of this union. He was married to Miss Julia Compton, three children being born of this union, Alexander G. Hudgins, Joel Hudgins and Jennie Hudgins Border. The Hudgins family had its origin in the United States in the early part of the nineteenth century when five brothers came here from Holland, one of these, Humphrey Hudgins, the great-great-grandfather of Alexander G. Hudgins, having eleven sons, of whom Joel Hudgins was one.

Alexander G. Hudgins received his early education in the country school near Hungerford which had been established by the Hudgins family. After finishing there he went to Houston where he took a commercial course at the Massey Business College. Finishing there he returned to his home and began working for his father, after his death, in 1918, taking over the management of the estate, and in 1920, when the estate was divided, taking the mercantile store and land interests, which he has since managed, as his share.



John N. Lee





Wald Pool

Mr. Hudgins was married at Nacogdoches, Texas, the tenth of August, 1910, to Miss Lora Hardeman, daughter of Peter Hardeman, a native of Georgia. Mr. and Mrs. Hudgins have two children, Leonora and Donald Green Hudgins. They reside at Hungerford. Mr. Hudgins is a Mason, Wharton No. 621, eighteenth degree Scottish Rite at Houston. He is active in all that concerns the development of Wharton County and held in high esteem by all who know him.



**WALT POOLE**, for around two decades has been a factor in the agricultural development of Wharton County, taking a deep interest in furthering the growing of rice in this section, and has been active in encouraging progressive rice growing methods. Mr. Poole has a large rice plantation near Lissie, and around six miles from Eagle Lake, growing annually around six hundred acres of rice, and averaging better than twenty barrels to the acre. He makes a specialty of growing rice seed, and supplies a large part of the seed rice used for planting in this section. Mr. Poole also has a herd of around three hundred head of cattle, including a number of registered bulls, and is breeding up his herd toward Hereford strain. He has seven hundred acres in pasture where he grazes his herd, and as a cattle man is no less progressive than he is as a rice grower, giving attention to modern and scientific stock raising methods. All buildings on the Poole plantation are modern and all equipment used is of the most approved type and well cared for.

Walt Poole was born in Iowa, in November, 1856, spending his boyhood at St. Joseph, during the Civil War period. On account of the unsettled conditions prevalent at this time his educational opportunities were few, and his education was largely obtained in the school of experience. Later Mr. Poole's father went to Kansas, and he was at Abilene when the first trail herd came up to that point. Later Mr. Poole homesteaded in Kansas, and still later went to Colorado, Wyoming and Montana, where he was a cattleman and horse raiser. He had a large horse ranch in Montana, around fourteen miles from the Custer Battle Ground, and at one time had more than fifteen thousand head of cattle on the Tongue River. Mr. Poole was at the first round-up ever held on the Cheyenne and Upper Missouri Rivers, and was also at the biggest round-up ever held, that held by Bill Cody and Major North at Forks Platte, where there were one thousand riders and three hundred grub wagons. Mr. Poole came to Texas in 1890, going first to San Antonio, before the Southern Pacific Line was built to that point, and for the following three years he bought horses which he shipped north. He then returned to Kansas where he spent several years raising alfalfa-fed cattle which he shipped to market, doing a fine business. Later his health failed and he sold his Kansas land, returning to Texas, where he bought land, coming to Lissie in 1907. Mr. Poole has since made this his home, and has become well known for his progressive rice growing and stock raising methods.

Mr. Poole was married at White Rock, Kansas, in 1889, to Miss Josephine L. Lovewell, the daughter of Thomas Lovewell, a prominent cattleman and farmer on an extensive scale. Mr. Lovewell, who was a scout in the Union Army during the Civil

War, is the typical western frontiersman, and at one time owned the entire frontier town of White Rock, Kansas. Later he moved away, at the time the railroad came in, and built the town of Lovewell on his farm. Mr. and Mrs. Poole have three children, Mrs. Lunita Evans, of Boulder, Colorado; Winnie Poole, a rice farmer and cattleman residing near Lissie, and Earl V. Poole, who is associated with his father, and who served during the World War in the marine corps. Mr. Poole is a director and vice president of the Texas Rice Growers Association, and was one of the organizers of this association at Eagle Lake.



**F. SCHNEIDER, JR.**, one of the younger element of progressive business men at Victoria, is manager of the firm of C. F. Schneider & Sons, and has been active in building up this large furniture business. The firm of C. F. Schneider was established at Victoria in 1887, and was made C. F. Schneider and Son in 1915 by C. F. Schneider, Sr., and has been in continuous operation since that time, growing and expanding as Victoria has grown and developed, and is now the largest furniture house in this section. A complete line of house furnishings is carried, including rugs, floor coverings, ranges and allied goods. The house draws trade from a territory including Port Lavaca, Goliad, Calhoun County, Jackson County and Victoria County, and does a retail business exclusively. Four people are employed in the house in addition to Mr. Schneider, who is manager.

C. F. Schneider, Jr., was born at Victoria, Texas, the twenty-seventh of August, 1891, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Schneider, Sr. C. F. Schneider, Sr., like his son, a native of Victoria, spent his entire life here, his death occurring in a house just across the street from his birthplace. As a young man he worked for Jatho, who was at that time also in the furniture business at Victoria, and several years later started in business for himself, building up a large and profitable business. He had three children, C. F. Schneider, Jr., E. H. Schneider, with Victoria National Bank, and Georgia, now Mrs. E. W. Jones. He was a son of Henry Schneider, a native of Switzerland, who came to Victoria many years before the railroad came here and was a hauling contractor, hauling from Old Indianola, and also engaged in the cattle business. In later years he spent his time at Victoria and was very active in city affairs, serving several terms as Alderman. Another son, Henry, Jr., now deceased, was Mayor of Victoria, and also Albert Schneider who lives at Port O'Connor. C. F. Schneider, Jr., the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Victoria, and later entered the furniture business with his father which is now the firm of C. F. Schneider & Sons, of which he is now manager.

Mr. Schneider was married at Victoria, the twenty-fourth of March, 1920, to Miss Aline Holzheuser, a member of a well known family of Victoria. They have two children, Fredaline and Maxine, and reside in Victoria. Mr. Schneider is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Retail Credit Association, and the Presbyterian Church, in which all the Schneider family are communicants. He is very active among the younger business men, working for the commercial development of Victoria.





**M. FLY**, of Gonzales, Texas, has during the greater part of his business career been identified with the banking interests of this city. As president of the Gonzales State Bank and Trust Company, he has had an important part in shaping the destinies of that institution. The Gonzales State Bank and Trust Company was established here in 1907, succeeding the old private banking firm of Miller and Sayers which was organized in 1866, making it one of the oldest financial institutions in this portion of Texas. The deposits of the Gonzales State Bank and Trust Company are \$450,000.00, with a capital and surplus of \$100,000.00. The building in which this bank is located is owned personally by the subject of this sketch and Mr. J. C. Bright. Other officers of this bank are J. C. Bright, son of W. J. Bright, ex-president, cashier, and E. V. Kopecky and H. W. Robertson, assistant cashiers. Besides his banking interests, Mr. Fly is interested in practically every worth-while industry of Gonzales, being president of the Gonzales Ice and Refrigerating Company, director in the Gonzales Cotton Warehouse Company, director in the Gonzales Water Power Company and a stockholder in many other of this city's enterprises.

Mr. Fly was engaged in various lines of business before entering the banking business. He was for some time sheriff of Gonzales County, succeeding the famous Sheriff Glover, whose reputation for bravery was known throughout the country, and who was killed by a notorious gang. Mr. Fly was associated for a number of years with the Gonzales Cotton Oil and Manufacturing Company, and was interested in other enterprises.

A native Texan, Mr. Fly was born in Gonzales County on June 12th, 1866, and was brought to the town of Gonzales by his parents when six years of age. His father, G. W. L. Fly, came to Texas from Mississippi in the early 50's, and settled about fourteen miles from Gonzales, where he engaged in farming. At the beginning of the Civil War, he enlisted and served throughout this conflict. After the close of the war, he returned to Gonzales and, like the remainder of the Southern soldiers, he was without money, and property either rundown or destroyed entirely. He came to Gonzales and practiced law, being for some years associated with W. L. Davidson, who was judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals at his death. G. W. L. Fly later was associated in the practice of law with A. B. Davidson, at one time lieutenant governor of Texas. He continued to practice his profession up to the time of his death, in Victoria, on January 27th, 1907, and was one of the leaders of the legal fraternity in the Southwest in his day. Mr. Fly's education was obtained in the public and high schools of Gonzales.

Mr. Fly was married, at Waelder, Texas, in 1908, to Miss Stella Miller, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of R. L. Miller, a pioneer merchant of Waelder, Texas. They have five children—Callie, Frank, Lamar, Francis and Madden. Mr. Fly is a member of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, the State Bankers' Association and many other business and social organizations. He is interested in every project for the betterment of Gonzales and Gonzales County, to which he gives liberally of his time and means. He is interested in farming here, owning and operating a farm of two hundred and twenty-seven acres, on which he has white ten-

ants. He is an advocate of better farming methods and has done much to awaken interest along this line of activity in his community. Mr. Fly's name has been linked with every laudable enterprise here for many years, where he is known as one of Gonzales County's most progressive citizens.



**JOHN C. HUBBARD** has for more than thirty years been engaged in the lumber industry at Weimar, Texas, where he owns and operates a large lumber business. The lumber business which is now conducted under the name of Mr. Hubbard, was established about 1876, by W. B. McCormick, one of the pioneer lumber men of Colorado County. Mr. Hubbard began work for this lumber yard here in 1893 and continued with it in various capacities until 1905 when he bought all interests in same and since that time has been the sole owner. Mr. Hubbard carries a large and complete stock of all kinds of builders supplies, furniture, undertaker's supplies and water supply goods of all kinds. Four experienced people are employed in the operation of the business, which is one of the largest of its kind in Colorado County. In addition to his lumber interests, Mr. Hubbard is identified with the business life of Weimar, and has an interest in practically all the enterprises of this city, and is a director of the Hill State Bank of Weimar, being chairman of the board.

A native Texan, Mr. Hubbard was born at La Grange on November 21st, 1871, and belongs to one of the oldest families of the United States, dating back to early colonial times. His father, Thomas P. Hubbard, came to Texas from Mississippi in 1851, and located in Colorado County near where the town of Weimar was later built. He was engaged in farming and cattle raising here throughout his life. One of Mr. Hubbard's forefathers was a general at Valley Forge with George Washington, and was identified with the early government of the United States. Mr. Hubbard has a collection of interesting relics and documents from early United States and early Texas days, which he naturally prizes very highly. His mother, Mrs. Palmire (Hunt) Hubbard, was also a member of a pioneer family of Texas. His education was obtained in the country schools of South Texas and the University of Texas. He was reared on the farm and later worked at various occupations, until he entered the lumber business, where he has met with success.

Mr. Hubbard was married at Weimar, Texas, on December 12th, 1894, to Miss Willie McCormick, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of Stephen McCormick, one of the best known men of his day in Colorado County. They have two children, Mrs. Virginia Hudson of Dallas, Texas, and E. M. Hubbard, associated with his father as an employee in the lumber business at Weimar. Mr. Hubbard is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Weimar Blue Lodge, where he also belongs to the chapter of this order, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias, in which organization he is active. He is a member of the Texas Lumberman's Association and is a director in this body, and holds membership in the local Retail Merchant's Association. Mr. Hubbard has always taken a keen interest in the civic matters of his town, and is a leader in every project launched for the progress and advancement of Weimar.





**JUDGE W. S. STRICKLAND**, for two score years and more one of the residents of Eagle Lake and Colorado County, has been actively identified with banking affairs for the last twenty years, and while perhaps best known as a banker he is also a practical farmer, owning extensive farming interests in this section, and is well known as a lawyer, although it has been some years since he was active in this profession. Judge Strickland is president of the First National Bank at Eagle Lake, an institution established in 1906, at which time he became attorney for the bank, a year later, in 1907, becoming a stockholder and director, and in January, 1921, was made president of the institution. Judge Strickland is a banker of sound and constructive policies, and since he has become president of the bank has directed its destinies along conservative lines and has materially strengthened and built up the institution.

The First National Bank, capitalized at seventy-five thousand dollars, and with a surplus of twenty-five thousand dollars, is regarded as one of the soundest banking houses here, and has among its depositors an unusually high class of substantial customers.

Judge W. S. Strickland was born near Shreveport, but in the State of Texas, the sixth day of July, 1864. His father, M. K. Strickland, a native of Mississippi, served during the Civil War as a colonel in the Confederate Army, later coming to Texas, where he engaged in the practice of law at Huntsville, and in Navasota, Bryan and Galveston. Later he came to Eagle Lake, where he had farming interests, intending to locate at Columbus, but his death occurred in 1880, before his arrangements were completed. Judge Strickland's mother, before her marriage Miss Orlena Paul, was a native Texan and the daughter of Dr. Andrew Paul, prominent physician at Huntsville. Judge Strickland attended primary school at Galveston for a period of six years, later spending six months at Soules University, at Chapel Hill, Texas, but with these exceptions was self-educated, studying law at night, and with the help of the fine law and literary library which his father had left him at his death, he became one of the leading lawyers of his community. Judge Strickland, at his father's death, became the head of the family. Judge Strickland was then ten years of age, and the support of his mother and his two sisters devolved upon him. To this end he worked on a farm, punched cattle, and not only paid off an indebtedness of around five thousand dollars, but educated the two sisters and bought a home while studying law at night and equipping himself for a professional career. He obtained some legal experience in the law office of Kennon & Adkins, at Columbus, and later served as assistant deputy district clerk for three years, from 1895 until 1898, an office he took to learn actual court procedure. Later he began his active practice, opening an office in Eagle Lake, which had been his home since 1879. An attorney of brilliant attainments, with a natural aptitude for his profession, Judge Strickland early attracted attention to himself, and his ability as a lawyer won his appointment as city attorney, an office he held for eight years. Later he became mayor of Eagle Lake, and also served for many years as president of the School Board. In 1906 he became attorney for the newly organized First National Bank of Eagle Lake, a

year later becoming a director, and, in 1921, president of that institution. Judge Strickland has also been active in developing and cultivating the lands of this section, owning several tracts of farming land near Eagle Lake, and employing negro tenant farmers to cultivate this land, employing several negroes who have been with his family for around forty years. Among the land at present cultivated by Judge Strickland is one tract of three hundred acres which has been in constant cultivation for over sixty years and is still highly productive.

Judge Strickland was married at Eagle Lake, the eleventh of November, 1902, to Miss Nellie Little, the daughter of W. W. Little, an early settler at Richmond, Texas, and the friend and associate of Stephen F. Austin. Mr. Little's death occurred at the age of eighty-seven years. Judge and Mrs. Strickland reside at Eagle Lake, where, with the exception of several years spent in Houston on account of the educational advantages that city offered, they have made their home since their marriage. They have two children, Lena and Annie Strickland. Judge Strickland is a member of the Bankers' Association, is president of the Chamber of Commerce, a thirty-second degree Mason and Shriner, and a member of the Baptist church. He is regarded as one of the most progressive citizens of Eagle Lake and Colorado County, and few men have done more for the development and advancement of this section than has he.



**JUDGE W. E. McNABB.** Perhaps no man in Matagorda County has been the recipient of more positions of honor and trust at the hands of his fellow men than has Judge W. E. McNabb of Bay City, Texas. In 1923, he was elected county judge of Matagorda County, which position, at this time, is of more than usual prominence and more responsibilities on account of the large projects of improvements on hand at this time by this county. The work of drainage of the Colorado River is under the direction of a board appointed by the County Court, and \$685,000.00 is being spent in this county in cleaning the river of rafts and snags. The board of Matagorda County is working with the board from Wharton County, where \$600,000.00 is being spent. This work will redeem much land which is now subject to overflow, and safeguard the towns and rural communities which many times in the past have experienced high water, making this county safe and healthy. Matagorda County has five hundred miles of graded road and much of this work has been done during the regime of Judge McNabb, while serving as county commissioner and as county judge. He held the office of justice of the peace at Matagorda for twenty years, and was county commissioner for a period of fourteen years. Judge McNabb has for a number of years been interested in the rearing and breeding of Brahma cattle, which he has been able to bring up from range cattle to about 50 per cent by breeding with high class Brahma bulls. The animals in this portion of the country have no trouble in living through the winter, as they are hardy and the winters here are very mild. Judge McNabb owns in fee about two thousand acres of land in this county, the greater portion of which is given over to grazing purposes.

A native of the Lone Star State, Judge McNabb was born in Matagorda County in 1875. His father,



John F. McNabb, was a veteran of the Civil War, and after the close of that conflict returned to South Texas and engaged in the cattle business. His grandfather came to Texas from Scotland in 1837, and was among the very early settlers of this great state. Judge McNabb's education was obtained in the schools of his native county.

Judge McNabb was married at Matagorda, Texas, on June 21st, 1899, to Miss Jenny Baxter, a member of one of Texas' pioneer families. Both the families of Judge and Mrs. McNabb date back to the beginning of Matagorda. They have two children—Mrs. Claude Lawhon and Evelyn McNabb. Judge McNabb is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Matagorda Lodge No. 7, and has attained to the 14th degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order. He has been master of his lodge three times, and is also a member of the Chapter and Consistory and is prominent and active in the Masonic circles of Texas. Judge McNabb is regarded as one of the builders of Bay City, where he is known as one of the most progressive citizens, ever ready to assist in any project having for its object the advancement of his town, community or state.



**F** A. MALLICK, of Bay City, Texas, has since 1921 been active in the business circles of this city, where he is well known, having been a resident of Matagorda County for almost a quarter of a century. Mr. Mallick is the owner of the Lone Star Bottling Works of Bay City, which is the only plant of its kind in Matagorda County, and his trade comes from all the other towns and rural communities in this county, which makes it extensive. He deals in bottled goods only, and has his own delivery system of trucks. The best season, naturally, for this product, is during the warmest months—June, July, August and September. Four men are employed at the plant and in the delivery of the bottled soda, but this number is increased as the trade demands. Prior to engaging in his present business, Mr. Mallick was for a period of thirty-one years associated with the Southern Pacific Railroad. He began work on the Victoria division in 1888, as a day laborer, and worked himself up until he had complete charge of this district. He came to Matagorda County in 1900, being at that time with the Southern Pacific Railroad bridge and building department. The district which he had in charge, before leaving the employ of the Southern Pacific, included Fort Bend, Wharton, Jackson and Matagorda Counties. He had saved during the period he spent with the railroad, and decided to settle at Bay City and enter a business which would bring an income without a great deal of worry and work. As an example of the changes which have taken place in the cost of living and the wage scale, when Mr. Mallick entered the employ of the railroad, his pay was \$1.10 per day, which was regarded as very good at that time, on account of the average pay being about 50 cents per day.

A native Texan, Mr. Mallick was born in Lavaca County, on April 1st, 1872. His father, A. Mallick, also a native of the Lone Star State, having been born at Columbus, is still living and active at the advanced age of eighty years. Mr. Mallick's grandfather, A. Mallick, was a native of Germany, and settled in Columbus, Colorado County, in the early

days of Texas. He also was engaged in the cattle business, making the subject of this sketch the third generation to engage in business here. Mr. Mallick's education was obtained in the public schools of Jackson County.

He was married, at Wharton, Texas, on April 22nd, 1902, to Miss Helen Slaughter, a member of a pioneer South Texas family. Mr. and Mrs. Mallick have resided in Bay City since 1921. Mr. Mallick is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in the Blue Lodge of this Order at Edna, Texas, and is a member of the Chapter at Bay City. Mr. and Mrs. Mallick hold membership in the Eastern Star at Bay City. He also holds membership in the I. O. O. F. of Bay City and takes an active interest in this organization. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Bottlers' Association. Mr. Mallick is optimistic as to the future of South Texas, and believes that this portion of the state is entering into an era of great prosperity in all lines.



**A** C. McCLANAHAN for around a quarter of a century has been active in the lumber business at Eagle Lake and in South Texas, and for some years past has been closely associated with the development of petroleum interests in this section. Mr. McClanahan is president of the Columbus Bernado Oil Company, a company organized in 1922, and which has since been active in the development of the oil fields between Eagle Lake and Columbus, where they control a large territory. The Columbus Bernado Oil Company has its own rigs and equipment for drilling, and actual work is going forward in this field, with several wells down.

He has also drilled at Lissie, where he was active in 1920 and 1921, and where he organized the Lissie Petroleum Company. He keeps in close touch with development work and oil prospects in the coastal district.

A. C. McClanahan was born at Orange, Texas, in 1873, the son of Captain Tom McClanahan. Captain McClanahan, a native Texan, was born in 1848, and was a typical sea captain of the early days, handling a coastwise trade, and also trading with Mexico, and gradually added to his fleet of boats until he was a factor to be reckoned with in the shipping of those days. Mr. McClanahan's father and "Big Foot" Wallace, pioneer Texans, came here together in the early days from Tennessee, later going to California in '49, and afterward returning to this state. After finishing his education, obtained in the public schools near his home, Mr. McClanahan began in the lumber business, spending two years at Yorktown. He then went with the Morgan Company, exporters, at Orange, where he remained one year, after which he came to Eagle Lake, in 1897, and entered the lumber business here. Still later he was engaged in the lumber business at Garwood, where he was president of the McClanahan & Frnka Lumber Company. For around a decade he has also been active in the oil business and is well known among oil operators in the coastal fields.

Mr. McClanahan was married at Eagle Lake, in 1898, to Miss Josephine Sutton, and they have since made their home here, having one of the finest residences in this section. They have four children, Curtis, in the Lumberman's Bank at Houston, Claire, Mary and Francis.





**RUNGE & COMPANY**—The firm of H. Runge & Company, established in 1845, in the last days of the Texas Republic, by Henry Runge, a member of a party of German colonists who came to Texas about that time, has taken an increasingly important part in the commercial history of the state, and is today one of the leading business establishments of Texas. A tent housed the first business, then operated under the name of Runge & Fromme & Company, at Indianola, a port of first importance in the early days. A year later the business was moved into a small frame house of two and one-half stories, and in that year Mr. Fromme retired from the business, and Herman Runge became a member of the firm. In 1855 the town of Indianola was moved from its first site, where Magnolia Beach now stands, to Powder Horn Bayou, where the wharf was located. The new town grew rapidly and with it the business established by Mr. Runge, operated at that time as Runge and Dove, with Andrew Dove as a partner. At that time the business was largely forwarding, goods consigned to Runge and Dove being forwarded in ox carts and mule drawn wagons to such far off points as El Paso, Fort Clark, Eagle Pass and Old Mexico. Fort Sam Houston and San Antonio also received most of the supplies from Indianola.

Following the Civil War Mr. Runge took Emil Reiffert and Walter Frobose in the firm in 1866, and in 1867 disposed of his interests to these two men and went to Galveston where he went in business. In 1886 the port of Indianola was destroyed by storm, and the fire which accompanied the storm, the building occupied by H. Runge being one of the few buildings left standing. At that time headquarters of the business were moved to Cuero where the firm of H. Runge & Company has continued to the present time. During the same year a branch opened at Runge, under the name of Runge & Tips, subsequently becoming Reiffert & Frobose, which is still in existence. After moving to Cuero the business of H. Runge & Company began a definite period of expansion. A small building served for the grocery and banking business of the firm, and a branch store was also opened. A furniture store was also established and a gin and mill was purchased. In 1886 a machinery department was also added, now one of the important branches of the business. A store and gin were also opened at Whitsett and extensive land holdings acquired by the firm, as well as an interest in many of Cuero's leading industrial enterprises. Of the three partners Edward Mugge, Emil Reiffert and William Frobose, who guided the destinies of the firm during these formative years, Mr. Mugge was the first to cross the "Great Divide" his death occurring in 1897. His son represented him for a time, until the liquidation of the Mugge interests. Mr. Reiffert's death occurred in 1910 and Mr. Frobose's a year later, in 1911.

Emil Reiffert was succeeded by his son, Walter Reiffert, the present senior partner, and at Mr. Frobose's death William Frobose, Jr., became junior partner, and is at the present time associated with Mr. Walter Reiffert in the active management of H. Runge & Company. Today the firm, bearing the name of its founder, stands as one of the most successful business enterprises in South

Texas. During the three quarters of a century of continuous operation the firm has rendered continuous service to its patrons throughout South Texas, building and holding the esteem and good will of this entire section. For a half century the firm has been the leading business enterprise at Cuero, and its history has been closely interwoven with the history of the development of this section. H. Runge & Company has been associated with every movement for the advancement of Cuero and has contributed liberally to all worthy causes, not only at Cuero, but throughout the territory it serves, and has been a factor in the development of this territory.



**SOUTHERN MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY; SOUTHERN LLOYDS AT YOAKUM, FIRE UNDERWRITERS; SECURITY FINANCE CORPORATION.** The home office of the foregoing institutions is in the City of Yoakum, Texas. Under the active and energetic management of Green & Shall they have been most successful.

William E. Green, senior partner, organized the Southern Mutual Fire Insurance Company in August, 1916, under the name of the South Texas Ginner's Mutual Fire Insurance Company, originally to insure cotton gins against loss by fire and windstorm and to give this class of risk frequent expert and careful inspection. In 1921 the name was changed to the Southern Mutual. The annual report to the Commissioner of Insurance showed practically \$7,000,000.00 insurance in force and that a total of \$63,000.00 had been returned to policy holders of the premiums paid, as of December 31st, 1924.

David J. Shall joined Mr. Green in June, 1918, and together they organized and launched the Southern Lloyds Fire Underwriters the following month. The Southern Lloyds' annual report to the commissioner of insurance discloses over \$8,000,000 insurance in force December 31st, 1924. All risks written in the Southern Lloyds are subjected to the same careful inspection that is given to the business of the Southern Mutual.

The two organizations are operating principally in South-Central and South Texas, and constantly extending and widening the limits of activity.

In January, 1923, the Security Finance Corporation was organized, also by Green & Shall, Mr. Green being first vice president and Mr. Shall, secretary, and their business associates for the purpose of assisting dealers to finance sales of automobiles with Green & Shall managers.

Mr. Green was born near Yoakum, and has resided in and near Yoakum all his life. He was manager of the Yoakum Gin and Mill Company for seven years, and is a thoroughly practical cotton ginner. He, as Mr. Shall also, have been very active in the insurance business for the past seventeen years.

Mr. Shall came to Yoakum in the summer of 1892 from St. Edwards College near Austin, Texas, worked for the S. A. & A. P. Railway Company until 1906, resigning as assistant superintendent of maintenance of way, and has been in the fire insurance business since then, except for the five years preceding his partnership with Mr. Green, during which he was an attorney at law. Mr. Shall is also secretary of the Yoakum Building & Loan Association.





**S. DOUGLASS**, of Gonzales, Texas, is well known in the banking circles of Gonzales and contiguous counties, having been associated with the Farmer's National Bank of Gonzales since its organization in 1906. In 1920, Mr. Douglass became president of this institution, which is regarded as one of the strongest of its kind in this portion of Texas. With a capital of \$100,000.00, surplus of \$100,000.00 and undivided profits of \$25,000.00, this bank has deposits of \$1,000,000.00. The Farmer's National Bank of Gonzales has a wonderful following among its farmer customers and depositors and has proved to be a real friend to the farmers of this portion of the state. It also has a large number of customers among the live business element of Gonzales and Gonzales County. Other officers of this bank are C. T. Rather and R. C. Botts, vice presidents, and J. H. Daniels, cashier. Mr. Douglass is the third president of this bank. He is well known in the railroad circles of Texas, having prior to engaging in the banking business been for fifteen years in the service of the railroads, in which field of activity he began his business career. He entered the railroad service as a boy at Lexington, Texas, and was agent at Gonzales when he resigned in order to become associated with this bank when it was organized in 1906. This is his first banking experience, and he has proved to be one of the best executives ever associated with this institution. In addition to his banking interests, Mr. Douglass is associated with many other of Gonzales' institutions. He is a director of the Gonzales Cotton Oil and Manufacturing Company, and owns interest in other industries in Gonzales. He is also interested in farming here and in Live Oak County, where he owns in fee some splendid farming land, which he rents to tenants and raises cotton and corn. On his Live Oak County farm, a bale of cotton to the acre was produced by the tenants in 1924.

A native Texan, Mr. Douglass was born at Lexington, Lee County, on March 10th, 1874. His father, I. C. Douglass (deceased since February, 1924), came to Texas from Tennessee and settled in Orange County in 1852. In 1856 he removed to Lee County, where he lived for the remainder of his life, being engaged in farming. He was a Confederate Veteran and highly esteemed by all who knew him. Mr. Douglass' mother, Mrs. Sophia (Shaw) Douglass (deceased since 1905), was a native of the Lone Star State. Her father, Captain James Shaw, was a pioneer Texan and an officer at the capture of General Santa Anna at the Battle of San Jacinto. His education was obtained in the public schools of Texas.

Mr. Douglass was married, at Giddings, Texas, in 1896, to Miss Frances Perkins, a member of a well known Texas family. They have one son—Arthur James Douglass, a student at the University of Texas, working in the bank at Gonzales during his vacation periods, in this manner becoming familiar with the banking business. Mr. Douglass is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in the lodge at Gonzales, and a member of the Scottish Rite body of this order of San Antonio, Texas. He is also a member of the Texas and American Bankers' Associations and the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, in all of which he takes an active interest. Mr. Douglass is a leader in all matters having to do with the civic improvement and advancement of Gonzales, where he is known as one of this city's most enterprising and public-spirited citizens.



**O. BARNETT** of Yoakum, Texas, has been active in the insurance circles of this portion of the state since April, 1920, when he became general agent of the Amicable Life Insurance Company, with offices in this city. On December 15th, 1921, he associated himself with Mr. Aubrey H. Frazer of San Antonio, Texas, under the firm name of Barnett and Frazer, as general agents of the Amicable Life Insurance Company here. This agency, with headquarters at San Antonio where Mr. Frazer resides, with offices located at 717-19 Russell Building, covers forty-two counties, with offices located at Yoakum, Corpus Christi and Laredo, Texas. As general agents, this firm has built up one of the largest businesses in the insurance circles of this portion of Texas. Sixteen full time men are employed by this firm and forty people are working part time for them. This company has business in force in their territory amounting to more than \$35,000,000.00, this agency in 1923 produced \$2,000,000.00 and in 1924 showed \$3,000,000.00.

Mr. Barnett started his career in the business world as a school teacher, following the profession of pedagogy for a period of three years, after which he engaged in the railway mail service and remained in this field of activity for twelve years. During the time he was serving in this line of work, he began writing life insurance as a side line and gradually worked himself into this business. He became general agent of the Amicable Life Insurance Company in April, 1920, and joined with Mr. Frazer in December, 1921. Since locating in Yoakum, Mr. Barnett has identified himself with the business and financial life of this city, where he is a director of Southern Memorial Monument Company and the Farmers and Merchants State Bank.

A native Texan, Mr. Barnett was born at Llano, Llano County, on February 16th, 1884. His father, J. F. Barnett, also a native of the Lone Star State, is well known and highly esteemed by the citizenship of Southwest Texas where he has resided all his life. His mother, Mrs. Sarah E. Barnett (deceased), was a member of a pioneer Texas family. His paternal grandfather, James Barnett, came from Alabama to Texas in 1830, his maternal grandfather, Poe, removed to Texas from Mississippi in 1845, making his forbears among the very early settlers of the Lone Star State. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Texas.

Mr. Barnett was married at Lexington, Texas, in January, 1906, to Miss Janet Copeland, a member of a well known family of Lee County. They have five children—Lucille, Gladys, Irene, Maurine and Corine—the last two being twins, which so closely resemble that they can not easily be distinguished one from the other. Mr. Barnett is a member of the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, the Southwestern Underwriter's Association, the Amicable \$1,000,000.00 Club and many of this city's business, social and civic organizations, in which he takes an active interest. Mr. Barnett is regarded as one of the leading insurance men of Texas, and it is a fact that with his partner, Mr. Frazer, they were largely instrumental in putting the Amicable Life Insurance Company on the Texas map. He is also a leader in the business circles of Yoakum, where he is known as one of Southwest Texas' most enterprising citizens.



**G**EORGE B. CULVER, of Matagorda, Texas, has always been active in the business life of his city and a leader in every worthwhile project or improvement which has become a reality here. Mr. Culver is a ranch owner, cattleman, and president and owner of the Culver Shell Dredging Company of Matagorda, which was organized in February, 1922, as a corporation, by Mr. Culver. The shell which this company handles, obtained from Dog Island and Tiger Island Reef, is of very fine quality and an almost inexhaustible supply. This shell is gotten out with dredges, tow boats and barges. A great amount of it is being used in the construction of the state highways, the company delivering it on cars at their hopper in Matagorda. The Culver Shell Dredging Company produces about five hundred cubic yards per day, with a capacity of seven hundred cubic yards daily. This is regarded by people who are experienced in such matters as being the best shell on the Gulf Coast for cement and binding purposes. Seventeen men are employed at the plant of this company; all of whom are local men. Mr. Culver owns two thousand acres of land in Matagorda County in fee, which he leases to rice growers, and he has about one hundred and fifty acres planted to cotton and corn. He has two ranches—one known as the Faris, Simpson and Culver ranch and the other one is his alone, and is known as the George B. Culver ranch. He has high grade Brahma cattle, which he has successfully crossed with the Herefords, and raising each year between fifteen hundred and two thousand head. The dipping of the cattle in this county has been a success, rendering more than 90 per cent clear of ticks and infection. The Faris, Simpson and Culver ranch consists of 4,500 acres and the George B. Culver ranch contains an acreage of 6,000. Mr. Culver moves his cattle on the Matagorda Peninsula for the winter months, where they range and breed and in the spring following he sells the calves. He has about one hundred head of horses on his ranch, besides many mules. Mr. Culver grew up in the cattle business and was on the trail drive to Dodge City, Kansas, during 1884-85. Mr. Culver was for many years a holder of public office in Matagorda County, in which he established an enviable reputation. He served with distinction as deputy sheriff for six years and that was during the time that the real "Texas bad men" existed and it required a nerve of steel, besides being "quick on the trigger" to hold the office of sheriff or deputy. He also served for a period of six years as county assessor. He is also one of the two original members of the Intercoastal Canal, and is a director in same and has always been a worker and booster for this project. He says that he expects to again see boats at Matagorda and when the canal is built, expects to start work to deepen the channel, with the aid of the United States government in this work.

A native Texan, Mr. Culver was born at Matagorda on January 15th, 1863. His father, J. A. Culver, was a well known contractor and gunsmith, and came to Matagorda in the early days by boat. His mother was prior to her marriage Miss Elese Arance, who came to Galveston, Texas, from Berlin at the age of sixteen years. His education was obtained in the schools of Matagorda County.

Mr. Culver was married at Matagorda on Decem-

ber 24th, 1893, to Miss Lillian Bruce, also a native of Matagorda County and a member of a pioneer family here. Her father was a veteran of the Civil War and was later engaged in cattle raising and ranching in this county. They have four children—Arthur S. Culver, on ranch; Eric G. Culver, employed with the Gulf Sulphur Company; Ned W. Culver, also with this company, and Mrs. Mary Mecklenburg, whose husband is associated with the Gulf Sulphur Company. Mr. Culver is a member of the I. O. O. F. and has held membership in this organization for more than a quarter of a century. He is also a member of the Woodmen of the World, and of the Bay City Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Culver is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church at Matagorda and for six years has been the senior warden of this church, which has the unique distinction of being the first Protestant Church ever established in Texas. Mr. Culver is one of the builders of Matagorda and is largely instrumental in the strides which Matagorda County has made. He is a constant worker for the development of his county, with his heart and soul in the work. It was through the influence of Mr. Culver that Mr. Eldridge and Mr. Lane were induced to build the Cane Belt Railroad into Matagorda, which reached this city on December 24th, 1892. Prior to the building of this railroad, all outside travel was by sail boats via Galveston. Mr. Culver is truly "a gentleman of the old school" and in his personality are mixed the gallantry and chivalry of the South together with the aggressive, purposeful, and constructive business instincts of the modern Southwest. His mature experience, wise counsel and high ideals have ever been an inspiration to his children and his friends, and in chronicling the records of men who were potent factors in the development of their county and state, there is no name more worthy of note than that of George B. Culver, who for almost half a century has been active in the progress and advancement of his community, county and state.



**H. PLOEGER** has for more than two decades been a potent factor in the business circles of Yoakum, Texas, where he owns and operates the Yoakum Creamery and Bottling Works. He came to this city in 1904, and prior to engaging in his present business he was engaged in the wholesale beer business here. In 1918, Mr. Ploeger started his business here as a bottling plant on a small scale, adding ice cream manufacturing to this established business in 1921. All the butter produced by the Yoakum Creamery is used in the manufacture of ice cream at the plant, and the supply of butter from the creamery is not sufficient, making it necessary to ship in some, but this is now nearly all supplied from local sources. The Yoakum Creamery and Bottling Works bottle soft drinks of practically all kinds and flavors. The territory for the distribution of ice cream particularly, and of the bottling plant, extends throughout Lavaca and adjoining counties. Mr. Ploeger owns his own truck delivery system, consisting of three one-ton trucks and several small delivery trucks. Ten people are employed in the operation of this plant. Mr. Ploeger owns the building in which the plant is housed, being a splendid, two-story reinforced concrete building which was constructed in



1919 for the plant and is modern in every particular. Mr. Ploeger's original business here was started in a very small space with an investment of about \$300.00, and has during six years grown to the magnificent establishment which he now owns and operates.

A native of Germany, Mr. Ploeger was born on November 22nd, 1879. His parents were both born in the Fatherland, where they were members of well known families. His education was obtained in the schools of Germany, which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world, in which he has met with unusual success.

Mr. Ploeger was married at Yoakum, Texas, in 1909, to Miss Clara Witte, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of H. J. Witte, for many years a well known peace officer of Lavaca County. They have one son—Marcus Ploeger, who is learning his father's business, as he is growing into manhood, expecting to follow the business established by Mr. Ploeger. Mr. Ploeger is a member of the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Bottlers' Association, the Texas Ice Cream Manufacturers' Association, the Retail Merchants' Association, and many other organizations, both business and social. Mr. Ploeger is an example of what can be accomplished by strict attention to business and fair treatment of the public, as he has built up one of the largest establishments of its kind in this portion of the state, and may yet add other units to his plant. He is optimistic as to the future of Yoakum and Lavaca County and believes that this portion of the state is entering on an era of great business prosperity in all lines.



**M. WILSON**, one of the recent recruits to the business world at Elmina, has been a factor in the lumber business since coming here, and is regarded as a man whose years of experience in lumber mill operation have made him an authority in this field. Mr. Wilson is general superintendent of the mill of the Walker County Lumber Company, one of the largest industrial enterprises at Elmina. The mill is located on the International and Great Northern Railroad at Elmina and is one of the largest and most modern in the state, forming an industrial unit that is a city in itself. A force of two hundred or more operatives is employed at the mill, and more than a hundred thousand feet of lumber is sawed daily. The mill site covers three hundred acres, whereon are located all buildings comprising the industry. Mr. Wilson has been in charge of the mill since the first of April, 1924.

J. M. Wilson was born in Lafayette County, Arkansas, the fifth of February, 1873, the son of W. H. Wilson, a native of Tennessee, who came to Arkansas as a boy and was a planter and county official there until his death. J. M. Wilson was educated in the the schools of Lafayette County, Arkansas, and at the age of sixteen years began in the saw mills operated in that county. Later he spent three years in the railroad business, after which he returned to the lumber mills, and has worked his way from the bottom of that industry to a place of high responsibility. He was manager of a lumber mill at Cotton Valley, Louisiana, for eleven years, leaving there to go with the Cotton Valley Lumber Company at Ouachita, Arkansas,

where he remained for six years. He then spent a year at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the lumber business, after which he came to Elmina, as superintendent of the Walker County Lumber Company's mill. Mr. Wilson is also vice president of a lumber company in Louisiana, which was organized in August, 1922.

Mr. Wilson was married in Arkansas, to Miss Laura Meek, a native of that state. They have three children—Odessa, now Mrs. Henry Wheeler, of Shreveport, Louisiana, and John Buford Wilson and Edith Lyle Wilson, students in the Shreveport schools, Mrs. Wilson spending her winters there so that the children may have the educational advantages Shreveport offers. Mr. Wilson is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Cotton Valley Lodge No. 335; a Knight of Pythias, a Macabee and a Woodman of the World.



**L. G. RUST**, for some years past have been a factor in agricultural activities in Wharton County, where he has charge of the operation of his father's estate, comprising one of the large plantations in this section. The Rust plantation, of which Mr. Rust has been manager for around ten years, consists of around fifteen hundred acres of land, located near Wharton, and all in a high state of cultivation, devoted largely to the growing of cotton and corn. Mr. Rust employs tenant families to work the plantation, around thirty negro families living on the place. In addition to the plantation an additional fifteen hundred acres of pasture and woodland is included in the Rust estate, and a herd of cattle numbering three hundred head, which has been bred up from native stock until it is three-quarters Brahma.

L. G. Rust was born at Wharton, Texas, the fourth of January, 1891, the son of George Q. Rust and Maggie (Gates) Rust. George Q. Rust, for some years engaged in the mercantile business at Wharton, gradually extending his land interests and establishing the estate, eventually quitting the mercantile business to spend his entire time managing the plantation. Mr. Rust was born in Wharton, in December, 1856, the son of Jack Rust, a native of Virginia, who came to Wharton around 1850 and was one of the earliest merchants in this section, establishing the mercantile firm of Rust and Betts. Mrs. Rust, a native of Kentucky, was married to George J. Rust in that state, Mr. Rust having met her while she was on a visit in Wharton. In 1913 Mr. Rust suffered a nervous breakdown, his son, L. G. Rust, the subject of this sketch, taking over the management of the estate at that time. L. G. Rust attended the public schools of Wharton County, later entering Texas A. and M. College, where he was a student when called home to take charge of the estate.

L. G. Rust was married at Palestine, Texas, in July, 1917, to Miss Myrtle Breedlove, who taught school at Wharton for several years. Mr. and Mrs. Rust reside in Wharton, where they have a delightful home of the fine Southern type, and have one child, L. G. Rust, Jr. Mr. Rust is a stockholder of the Security Bank and Trust Company of Wharton, and while a practical farmer, is a man thoroughly trained in the business field, and applies business principles to plantation operation. He says that the labor problem is one of the most serious facing the farmer, on an extensive scale, and has given much study to this problem.



**B**RADEN, of Columbus, Texas, became associated with the Columbus State Bank in 1921, as active vice president, and in this official capacity has had an important part in shaping the destinies of that institution. The Columbus State Bank, which was organized in 1919, has a capital stock of \$50,000.00, with deposits of \$300,000.00 and surplus and undivided profits of almost \$3,000.00. The building of which the bank occupies the lower floor is owned by the Columbus State Bank and is a modern structure of brick and concrete, and the second floor is rented for office purposes. The bank has splendid, modern fixtures, which are ornate and substantial. Prior to engaging in the banking business, Mr. Braden was for a period of ten years tax collector of Colorado County, and was elected to his present position with this financial institution on account of his large acquaintance and complete knowledge of conditions, which particularly qualified him for this responsible place. Mr. Braden has for many years been identified with the business life of Columbus, and in addition to being vice president of the Columbus State Bank, he is secretary of the Columbus Ice and Cold Storage Company, secretary and treasurer of the Columbus Advertising Club, secretary and treasurer of the White Loyalty Party, and is a member of M. W. A. and of the Praetorians and Sons of Hermann and many other of the city's business and industrial projects. Mr. Braden began his business career when sixteen years of age, as a clerk at Vox Populi, Texas, after which he came to Columbus and for some time was employed in a dry goods store here. He later went to Sealy, where he was employed for some time, and returned here, and in 1912 was elected to the office of county tax collector, which position he held until he became associated with the Columbus State Bank as active vice president.

A native Texan, Mr. Braden was born in Colorado County, on July 13th, 1877. His father, Joseph Braden (deceased since January 7th, 1924), was also born in Colorado County, where he was active in the business and farming circles and was one of this county's most highly esteemed citizens. His mother is still living in this county. His paternal grandfather, Anton Braden, came from Germany and settled in South Texas in 1848. His maternal grandfather, Earl Belzung, came from Alsace-Lorraine and settled here about 1841, and was a veteran of the Civil War on the Confederate side of this conflict. Mr. Braden's education was obtained in the public schools of his native county, and other portions of South Texas.

Mr. Braden was married at Columbus on November 27th, 1900, to Miss Elizabeth Jacobs, who was reared and educated in Colorado County, Texas. They have six children—Hazel, Emily, Marceline, Hermasella, Eveline and Elizabeth. Mr. Braden is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and has attained to the fourth degree in this order. He is a member also of the Loyal Order of Moose, the State Bankers' Association and the American Bankers' Association. He is a consistent member of the Catholic Church and is active in the workings of this denomination. Mr. Braden is ambitious for his city and his institution and is an ardent worker for both and is regarded as one of the most progressive and public-spirited citizens of Columbus, Texas.



**C. WAGNER** of Yoakum, Texas, is well known in the railroad circles of the Lone Star State, having been actively engaged in the various branches of the railroad service since 1901. Mr. Wagner came to Yoakum on June 15th, 1915, as local agent of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad and the showings of the business handled and the cost of operation of this station since that time has been largely due to the efforts of Mr. Wagner.

Mr. Wagner began his career in the railroad service as a filing clerk in the San Antonio and Aransas Pass offices at San Antonio, Texas, when nineteen years of age, his salary at that time being \$15.00 per month. He soon received a merited promotion in both position and salary, working in the various departments until he came here from the position of chief clerk of the local freight office at San Antonio. Mr. Wagner has thirty-two experienced employees under his supervision as local agent of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad at Yoakum.

A native Texan, Mr. Wagner was born at San Antonio on January 25th, 1887. His father, C. H. Wagner, has also been engaged in railroad work throughout his business life. C. H. Wagner was the first paymaster of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad, and in this capacity brought the first pay car into Yoakum, Texas. He is general agent of the Santa Fe Railroad at San Antonio, having been in this responsible position for several years. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, but came to Texas as a boy, was raised in the Lone Star State and has remained here throughout his life. Mr. O. C. Wagner's mother, Mrs. Bertha Wagner, was a member of a pioneer Texas family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of San Antonio after which he became a student of St. Louis College of that city, and graduated from this institution. He immediately entered railroad service under Mr. J. W. Terry, auditor of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad at San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Wagner was married at Houston, Texas, on May 2nd, 1920, to Miss Kittie Neeld, a native of Hallettsville, Texas, and a daughter of H. W. Neeld, for many years a prominent ranch owner of this portion of the state. They have two children, Doris Gray and Katherine Mal. Mr. Wagner is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Anchor Lodge No. 424 of San Antonio, where he is also a member of the Scottish Rite body of this order and a Shriner of the San Antonio Temple. He is a member of the Shrine Club of Yoakum, the Agents and Operators Association, is a director of the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, president of the Yoakum Gun Club and many other business and social organizations here and elsewhere. Mr. Wagner is one of the organizers of the Yoakum Gun Club, which was organized in 1924, for the purpose of enabling the man in moderate circumstances to enjoy this outdoor sport, and this is accomplished by limiting each shooter to twenty-five clay pigeons at each meet, costing each shooter, with shells about \$1.25. In this manner the ordinary salaried man can easily be a member and enjoy this healthful sport. Mr. Wagner is optimistic as to the future of business in this section of the state, largely on account of the farmers using fertilizers on their lands. In 1923, eighteen cars of fertilizers were used in the vicinity of Yoakum, and land made good cotton



through the use of these fertilizers that had never before produced anything. Mr. Wagner is one of the leaders in all civic matters for the good of Yoakum, where he is known as one of the most progressive citizens of DeWitt County.



**JOHN W. NEILL** of Yoakum, Texas, started his business career in the lumber industry in which he has been continuously engaged for more than seventeen years, the past ten years of this period being in this city. Mr. Neill came to Yoakum in 1914 as agent of the South Texas Lumber Company, and he has had much to do with the growth and success of this company in this territory since that time. The yard of the South Texas Lumber Company was established here about twenty years ago, and handle everything which enters into the construction of a house. This company sells at retail only, being engaged extensively in contract building, the greater part of which is turnkey job work. Much of the work on such buildings is sublet contracts. Mr. J. M. West of Houston, Texas, a pioneer in the lumber industry of Texas, is the president of the South Texas Lumber Company. Two white men and several negro laborers are employed at the lumber yard at Yoakum. Prior to locating at Yoakum, Mr. Neill was for one year with the Portland, Oregon, Lumber Mills, later for a period of eight months he was associated with the Thompson Starrett Construction Company, after which he was connected with H. D. Taylor Lumber Company in Rio Grande Valley. He then went to Kaufman, Texas, where for one year he was engaged in the lumber business, after which he came to Yoakum, where he has identified himself with the business and social life, and is also active in the civic affairs of this city, where he is popular with the entire citizenship.

A native Texan, Mr. Neill was born at Pearsall, on March 20th, 1887. His father, J. C. Neill (deceased since 1920), was a United States marshal along the Texas-Mexican border before there was a railroad as far as San Antonio, Texas. He was engaged in several fights with the Indians in that part of the country, and was on the trail drives during 1870-71. He was born in 1850. Mr. Neill's great-grandfather was Colonel Neill, a hero of the historic and bloody battle of the Alamo, where so many of Texas' brave men perished. His mother, Mrs. Itasca (Perkins) Neill, was a member of a pioneer Texas family. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools, after which he entered Hill's Business College at Waco, Texas, and enjoys the distinction of having finished at this institution a prescribed six months course in the time of three months and eighteen days, making almost perfect records each day he was in attendance at this college.

Mr. Neill was married at Kaufman, Texas, on July 26th, 1913, to Miss Rosa V. Hooks, a native Texan and a daughter of T. J. Hooks, a pioneer land owner and business man of Texas, who was prominently identified with the early history and development of Hidalgo County. The town of Donna, Hidalgo County, was named for her sister. They have three children—Vertie, Winford and Elmer Thomas. Mr. Neill is the vice president of the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, is vice president of the Park Commission at Yoakum, chairman of

the Good Roads Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of the Texas Lumbermen's Association, the Hoo Hoos, and many other of the social, fraternal and business organizations of Yoakum, Lavaca County and Texas. Mr. Neill has aided greatly in development work in Lavaca County, and is regarded as one of the most progressive citizens of this portion of the state.



**W. McNABB** is a native of Matagorda, the Volunteer State Life Insurance Company of Texas, and is active in the business life of this Gulf Coast City. He is agent for pany, and has been associated with this company for more than twenty years. Mr. McNabb has the unique distinction of being the biggest producer in the State, and is allowed the privilege of going to any portion of the State that he may desire, but from choice confines his work largely to his old home territory. He has always lived at Matagorda and says that he never intends to live elsewhere, as his friends and several generations of his family's friends reside here. As proof of his loyalty and love for Matagorda, the Volunteer State Life Insurance Company has offered him any general agency with the company which he might desire, but he has steadfastly refused to leave Matagorda. He is also a ranch owner and cattle man, and has succeeded in breeding grade cattle from the common range cow and Brahma bulls up to 50 per cent. Mr. McNabb has always been a worker for the advancement and progress of his community, and he built the first telephone line in Matagorda County at his own expense and maintained and operated this line in this manner for many years. He has for a period of more than twenty years been associated with the banks of Matagorda, and is active in many other of this city's business institutions.

Mr. McNabb was born on October 27th, 1879, at Matagorda. His father, John F. McNabb, was also a native of Matagorda County. His grandfather came to this county in 1839, and was one of the early settlers of this portion of the State, where he was subjected to all the dangers and hardships of pioneer life in Texas. Mr. McNabb's education was obtained in the public schools of Matagorda. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and is one of the most active members of this order in the Lone Star State. His membership is with Matagorda Blue Lodge No. 7, and is a member of the Chapter and Consistory at Bay City, the Scottish Rite body of this order at Galveston and is also a member of the Shrine at the latter place. He also is a member of the K. C. C. H. The first Texas Chapter of the A. F. and A. M. was established at Matagorda, and Matagorda Blue Lodge No. 7 of this order was the first lodge in Texas to make application for a charter. Mr. McNabb is a member of the Episcopal Church at Matagorda and is a warden of this church and is active in all church work. It is an important item in church history that the Episcopal Church at Matagorda was the first Protestant Church of the Lone Star State. This church was established in December, 1838, by Rev. Caleb S. Ives, and it has been maintained through many vicissitudes since that time. Mr. McNabb is optimistic as to the future of Matagorda and Matagorda County and believes that this city and county are entering on an era of great business prosperity along all lines.



**EMIL REIFFERT**—Among those pioneers to whom Cuero owes in large measure the prosperity of today, Emil Reiffert stands out as a man representative of the highest business ideals and citizenship, and as a leader with the vision to lay the foundation of a business which has stood the test of time and is today one of the oldest and strongest business establishments of Cuero and South Texas. H. Runge & Company, founded in the year 1845, and at that time located at Indianola, was re-established at Cuero following the storm of 1886, and since that time has formed an integral part of the life of this section. And of no less importance than the firm, from the standpoint of development and prosperity, has been the influence of the two men, Emil Reiffert and his associate for years, William Forbese, Sr., who guided the destinies of the firm through those formative years when it was taking root in the business world of the South. Mr. Reiffert was a business man of vision, capable of directing large endeavors, and of foreseeing the future and building for this future. He was a man of sound and constructive policies, establishing fundamental business principles which today are traceable in the policy of this firm, and have been through the years governing factors in its success.

Emil Reiffert was a native of Germany, where he spent his early years, and from which country he set sail, a boy of fourteen years from the port of Bremen. After weeks at sea he landed at Galveston, and in that city was stopped by Henry Runge who questioned him and became interested in him. As the result of this chance encounter, Mr. Runge, who had come from Indianola on a business trip, took the boy home with him, treating him as a son, and later taking him into the business. Mr. Reiffert spent his first years in America on Mr. Runge's farm on Carancahua Bay, across from Indianola. In 1855 Mr. Runge took him into the store, then located at Indianola, where he remained until the Civil War. At that time he, with William Forbese and others of the employees of the firm, enlisted on the side of the Confederacy, serving under Capt. J. M. Reuss until the close of the war. Re-entering the service of Mr. Runge at the close of the war Mr. Reiffert became one of his confidential men, making trips inland to buy cotton, hides and wool. In 1866, on the twenty-sixth of September, Mr. Reiffert, together with Mr. Forbese, was taken into the firm, and a year later, in 1867, Mr. Runge sold his interest to them and moved to Galveston, where he spent his declining years. The firm remained at Indianola until the storm of '86, which destroyed that port, and at that time the business was removed to Cuero, where Mr. Reiffert and his associates guided its destinies until his death.

In 1869 Mr. Reiffert was married to Miss Helen Tipps, whom he had met at New Braunfels, while on a business trip for his firm. She was his life companion, inspiring him in his business career, and also was an ideal wife and home maker, and the mother of the son, Walter Reiffert, born the seventeenth of January, 1874, who is now one of the heads of the firm of H. Runge & Company. Mr. Reiffert's death occurred in 1910, Mrs. Reiffert surviving him.

Although many pages could be written of the

things Emil Reiffert accomplished, perhaps the best testimonial of his worth as a man and financier, are the monuments he left behind, which due to the splendid foundations laid by him and his associates, have prospered and grown. Mr. Reiffert was a self-made man, from the standpoint of education, as well as from that of financial success, and the record of his life, richly lived, and with a clearly defined objective, is an inspiration to the young manhood of his community to emulate his example.



**WILLIAM FROBESE**—For nearly a half century William Forbese, pioneer of Texas, was one of the outstanding business men of South Texas, a leader in civic and commercial development, and today his name is honored as one of the real builders of the Cuero of the present. A partner in the management of the pioneer business house of H. Runge & Company, one of the oldest business firms in Texas, Mr. Forbese was in a position to influence in large measure the prosperity of his time, taking a leading part in the development of Cuero and the surrounding territory. He was a director in many of the earlier commercial and business enterprises of this section, and his name on the list of directors was regarded by those who knew him as assurance of the integrity of the business. As a business man his outstanding traits were a reputation for fairness and square dealing that marked his every move, and a conservative policy of development that was a factor in laying the sound foundation on which rests the present prosperity of the firm of H. Runge & Company, and which resulted in the building up of this business establishment, of which not only Cuero but South Texas, is proud.

William Forbese was born in Alfelt, Hanover, Germany, in 1838, and attended a German grade school and university of that country. As a youth of twenty-one he left Germany to seek his fortune in America, the land of freedom which offered so many advantages to the ambitious youth. Landing at the port of Galveston in the early part of the year 1859, Mr. Forbese took the first boat for Indianola, then an important and fast growing port. His first job here was with H. Iken, a commission merchant, at a salary of fifteen dollars a month. In 1861 he accepted a similar position with H. Runge & Company, then conducted under the name of Runge & Dove. A few months later, he, with Emil Reiffert and others of the firm's employees, answered the call of the confederacy in the war between the states, and was a member of Capt. J. M. Reuss' company, serving through the conflict under him. At the close of the war Mr. Forbese returned to the employ of H. Runge and Company, and on the twenty-sixth of September, with Emil Reiffert, was made a member of the firm, with Mr. Runge. A year later Mr. Runge disposed of his interests to these young men, and retired to Galveston to enter business and make his home. The business continued at Indianola until that port was destroyed in '86, when it was transferred to Cuero, where it has continued to the present time. During those years a conservative, yet consistent, growth marked each year, and the business grew steadily and surely as the surrounding country was developed. Mr. Forbese also became interested in other business concerns, and while he is best known



for his connection with the old established firm of H. Runge and Company, many other business enterprises owe their success to his early influence.

William Frobese was married at Indianola to Miss Charlotte Rolle, and after her death to Miss Alfreda Reuss, daughter of the late Dr. J. M. Reuss, also a well known figure in Cuero history. Mrs. Frobese survives her husband, whose death occurred in 1911. A son, William Frobese, Jr., born at Indianola in 1874, is now a member of the firm of H. Runge & Company, and is carrying out the fundamental business principles established by his father and his associate, Emil Reiffert.

William Frobese was a conservative and far-sighted business man, finding joy and companionship in his work, and conducting his business on a basis principle of fairness and impartiality. He held up before his employees high ideals and a lofty conception of business policies, and in the many years of his connection with the firm of H. Runge & Company he adhered to these principles. Mr. Frobese was active in civic work, and took a deep interest in the education of the youth of that day, serving as a member of the school board from 1897 until his death. Mr. Frobese will live in the memory of Cuero as one of the finest men this city has ever claimed as a resident, and the record of his useful and well spent life will serve as an inspiration to the youth of today to follow in his example.



**SAVAGE** has for more than twelve years been a potent factor in the business life of Yoakum, Texas, where he is the owner of the Home Steam Laundry. He came to Yoakum as foreman of this laundry and for a period of six years remained in this position, buying the plant in 1918. Since that time he has increased the equipment from a valuation of \$7,000.00 to \$15,000.00 and in a few years' time had the plant entirely clear of debt and on a money-making basis. He has installed all modern machinery, making the Home Steam Laundry one of the most sanitary and modern plants of its kind in the state. A feature of this laundry is the sending of trucks out of the city for the business from Eagle Lake, Hallettsville and intermediate points. Mr. Savage makes good work and quick service the watch-word of the Home Steam Laundry and attributes the growth of his business to these two features. Fourteen experienced people are employed in the Home Steam Laundry, which is regarded as an innovation in work of its kind by the people of Yoakum and vicinity.

Prior to locating at Yoakum, Mr. Savage had had ten years' experience in the various branches of the laundry business, which began in 1901 at San Angelo, Texas, where he remained for seven years, later was associated for three years with a large laundry plant at Big Springs, Texas, and during this period he learned every branch of the laundry business through practical application.

A native Texan, Mr. Savage was born at Kyle, Hays County, on November 15th, 1884. His father, W. R. Savage, was a well known farmer of Hays County. His mother, Mrs. Emma (Brown) Savage, was a member of a prominent family of Missouri. Both his parents came to Texas from Missouri as children. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Bertram, Texas.

Mr. Savage was married at Big Springs, Texas, in April, 1910, to Miss Lola Scarborough, a native Texan and a member of a pioneer family of the Lone Star State. They have one child, Irma Myrl. Mr. Savage is a member of the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, the State and National Laundry Owners' Association, and many of Yoakum's businesses and social organizations, in which he takes an active interest. Since locating here, he has taken a keen interest in the civic matters of Yoakum and gives liberally of his time and means to further any project for the betterment and advancement of this city. Mr. Savage is regarded as one of the most progressive laundry men of Southwest Texas, ever ready to assist in building this industry up to the highest standard of efficiency. He is a consistent booster for Yoakum, where he is regarded as one of its leading business men. Mr. Savage is ambitious for his business and his city and lends his every effort to the upbuilding and betterment of both.



**RED T. MUGGE** is the owner of the Cuero Wood and Coal Yard, a firm selling wholesale wood, coal, cement, lime and brick, in the Cuero territory. This firm, established in 1888, is one of the oldest firms, handling this line, at Cuero, and was bought by Mr. Mugge in January, 1919, at which time the business was greatly expanded. Since Mr. Mugge has been owner of the business the trade territory has been extended, and the business has been operated on a very profitable basis, with a constantly increasing demand for the products handled. A large stock of wood, coal, cement, lime, brick and plaster is carried, and the company operates its own delivery system, serving the Cuero territory from the Cuero plant. A force of four people is employed, and a large and well equipped plant is occupied. Mr. Mugge gives his personal attention to its management, and his ability as an executive has been a factor in the success and prosperity of the business under his management.

Fred T. Mugge was born at Cuero the first of August, 1880, son of Edward Mugge and Pauline Mugge. Edward Mugge was born in Germany the seventh of March, 1839, and came to the United States at an early age, settling at Indianola. He was one of the founders of the pioneer Texas firm of H. Runge and Company, and one of the best known merchants of his time. He came to Cuero the eighteenth of March, 1873, and was thereafter a leader in the mercantile business here until his death, which occurred the sixteenth of May, 1897. His son, Fred T. Mugge, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the Cuero schools, graduating from the high school here, after which he entered the brokerage business, engaging in that line until 1919, when he bought his present business.

Mr. Mugge was married at Cuero, in 1912, to Miss Hilda Reiffert, daughter of Mr. Emil Reiffert, pioneer of this section, and one of the original members of the firm of H. Runge & Company. His son, Walter Reiffert, is the present head of that company. Mr. and Mrs. Mugge reside at Cuero. Mr. Mugge is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Cuero Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club, and is one of the most public spirited men of Cuero, contributing generously to all civic work.





**WILLIAM FROESE**, head of the grocery, machinery and credit departments of H. Runge & Company, and junior member of that firm, has for upward of twenty years been a factor in the commercial life of Cuero, and is one of the leading business men of this section. Mr. Froese became connected with the old established firm of H. Runge & Company in 1901, entering the grocery department at that time, and in 1911, on the death of his father, William Froese, Sr., for more than fifty years connected with this substantial South Texas business house, he became junior partner in the organization, with Walter Reiffert as senior partner. Mr. Froese heads the grocery department, handling a retail grocery business and employing around eleven men; the machinery department, selling wholesale and retail machinery and hardware in a territory including some eighteen counties in Southeast Texas, and employing eight men, and also has charge of the credit department, and in addition to these departments coming under his special supervision, jointly with Mr. Reiffert has charge of the extensive interests of H. Runge and Company. These interests include gins, mills, ranch and farm lands, cattle, and other holdings, making the firm of H. Runge and Company a prime factor in the commercial world at Cuero, and one of the contributing factors in the growth of the entire section.

William Froese was born at Indianola, Texas, in 1874, the son of William Froese, a member of the original firm of H. Runge and Company, and one of the business and civic leaders of his day. William Froese, Jr., came to Cuero as an infant, and spent his early years here, attending the public schools of the town. When he reached the age of twelve years of age his father, William Froese, Sr., sent him to Germany, his native country, to continue his education there. He attended school at Bremervoerde, Germany, until he was eighteen years of age, when he returned to America, concluding his academic education at St. Edwards College, at Austin. He further equipped himself for his practical business career by a six months course at Hill's Business College, at Waco, which at that time was one of the leading commercial colleges of Texas. After leaving school Mr. Froese went to Galveston, where he became connected with the firm of George B. Dobson & Company, cotton factors of Galveston, learning the cotton business while with that firm. He remained with George B. Dobson & Company for a period of two years, and until the storm of 1900, when he went to Austin, taking a position as bookkeeper with W. B. Walker & Son, wholesale grocers, where he remained until 1901, when he came to Cuero to take a similar position with H. Runge & Company. He remained in the constant employ of this firm until 1911, when on the death of his father he succeeded him as head of the business, with Walter Reiffert, son of Emil Reiffert, one of the original members of the firm.

William Froese was married in October, 1907, to Miss Sophia Gramann, a native of Victoria, at which place the marriage took place. Mrs. Froese is the daughter of H. C. Gramann, a member of a prominent family of Victoria, and for many years engaged in the grocery business here. Mr. and Mrs. Froese reside at Cuero and have one child, William Henry Froese. Mr. Froese is a Knight of Pythias,

Cuero Lodge, a member of the Cuero Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Cuero Retail Merchants Association and the Texas Retail Merchants Association. He is held in high esteem by his many friends and business associates at Cuero and throughout South Texas, and supports every civic and business enterprise which has for its purpose the advancement and development of Cuero. Mr. Froese is a man of conservative policies, building his business on sound and fair principles, and the resulting organization, with its founders and its present management, is one of which Cuero is justly proud.



**M. S. SPOONER** has been associated with the management of public utilities since his entrance into the business world at Gonzales, and under his management the light, water and power facilities at Gonzales have kept pace with civic development. Mr. Spooner is secretary and manager of the Citizens Electric Light and Power Company, which was established and incorporated in 1898. This plant furnishes light and electric power in Gonzales and the surrounding country, and under Mr. Spooner's management the lines have been extended to meet the growing demands for this utility. Gonzales has the advantage of water power, the dam on the Guadalupe River furnishing power to plants and industrial enterprises here. Mr. Spooner is manager of the Gonzales Water Power Company, directing the power plant, and organized in 1894. He is also secretary and treasurer, as well as manager of the Gonzales waterworks, which was organized and incorporated in 1891.

M. S. Spooner was born at Gonzales the twenty-first of March, 1891, son of T. H. Spooner and Mollie Elizabeth (Allen) Spooner. T. H. Spooner was born in Mississippi, in 1849, coming to Gonzales as a boy of fifteen. He was later admitted to the bar and served as district attorney and district judge, during his legal career. He cleaned up Gonzales during the old days, when this town was headquarters for some of the criminals of that time, and was one of the few who ever attempted such a thing to live to tell about it. Later, he gave up his political career and his law practice and became interested in public utility work, placing the utilities of Gonzales on a paying basis. His son, M. S. Spooner, the subject of this sketch, attended the Gonzales public schools and later Texas A. & M. College. In 1910, he entered the utility business with his father, and was with the ice plant until 1912, the elder Mr. Spooner having organized and put in operation an ice plant, of which he was manager for many years. M. S. Spooner's hobby, however, was water power, and it has been largely due to his influence that the dam, giving water power to Gonzales, has been built. Since the death of his father, M. S. Spooner has been in active charge of the various utilities and has proven himself an unusually capable executive.

M. S. Spooner was married at San Antonio, the fourteenth of March, 1917, to Miss H. Marion Rice. They reside at Gonzales. Mr. Spooner is a director of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, and is a Mason, past master of the Gonzales Lodge, fourteenth degree Scottish Rite, San Antonio, and is taking a leading part in securing and advancing the industrial development of Gonzales.





**WALTER REIFFERT**, head of the banking institution, gins and farm interests of H. Runge & Company, and senior partner of this firm, is one of the outstanding business men of Cuero, and has been for many years a factor in the civic and commercial life of this section. Mr. Reiffert became senior partner of H. Runge & Company, on the death of his father, Emil Reiffert, for half a century a member of this pioneer firm and a factor in its development. The Runge interests under Mr. Reiffert's direction include the banking institution at Cuero, and extensive ranching interests in this section, including five thousand acres in Live Oak County, and a tract of eight thousand acres known as Chicollette Ranch, and some twelve hundred head of cattle, mostly Herefords, on the various farm and ranch lands. The Runge Company at one time owned thirty thousand acres of land, at the time the Aransas Pass Railroad was built, establishing the towns of Woodheim and Runge, where this land was located, and which has now been nearly all sold off as city lots, small farms, etc., only about forty-five hundred acres remaining of the original tract. At Whitsett, to which point Mr. Reiffert helped built the "Sausage" Railroad, land interests held by the company are being likewise developed, and a small acreage is now ready to be placed on the market. The cattle interests are largely concentrated at Runge, Mr. Reiffert engaging in the cattle business from the standpoint of the shipper and feeder, selling his fattened stock at advantageous prices. In addition to his position of senior partner of the firm of H. Runge & Company, Mr. Runge is connected with many enterprises at Cuero, and in this section. He is vice president of the Guadalupe Valley Cotton Mill, vice president of the Gonzales Cotton Mill, vice president of the Cuero Cotton Oil Manufacturing Company, vice president of the Cuero Compress and Warehouse Company, a director of the Breeden and Runge Company, a director of the First National Bank at Runge, Texas; president of the Runge Townsite Company, president of the Whitsett Townsite Company, and president of the Fairview Par Land Company at Cuero.

Walter Reiffert was born at Indianola, Texas, the seventeenth of January, 1874, son of Emil Reiffert, and Helen Tips Reiffert. Emil Reiffert, pioneer business man of South Texas, and for fifty years connected with Runge & Company, was a native of Germany. Mrs. Reiffert was a native of New Braunfels. Walter Reiffert attended the public schools of Indianola until 1885 when he was sent to Germany by his father to continue his studies there. He remained in Germany until 1890, attending the schools of that country, in 1890 returning to Texas, and entering the University of Texas, where he spent one year, then going to St. Edwards College for two years. Walter Reiffert went to Galveston after completing his college work, obtaining his first position with the firm of J. Moeller & Company, a large shipping agency at Galveston. He remained with that firm from 1895 until 1900, when he returned to Cuero and became identified with the cotton department of H. Runge & Company. After the death of Mr. Henry Reiffert in 1900, Mr. Reiffert also became manager of the grocery department, a position he held until 1907, when he became connected with the bank and cot-

ton departments. On the death of his father, Emil Reiffert, he became a member of the firm and has been active in its management to the present time.

Walter Reiffert was married at Cuero, Texas, in 1901, to Miss Anna Mugge, daughter of the late Edward Mugge, prominent banker of Cuero and a member of the firm of H. Runge & Company for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Reiffert have four children: Walter Reiffert, Jr., Ralph, James and Mildred Reiffert. Mr. Reiffert is a member of the Texas Bankers Association, a director of the Texas Industrial Congress, an ex-president of the Rotary Club, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, mayor pro-tem of Cuero, and is active in all lines of civic endeavor. Mr. Reiffert is one of the most valued of Cuero's citizens, and has hundreds of friends throughout this section who hold him in high esteem, not alone for his connection with the business world and the position he occupies therein, but as a man whose high ideals and sound integrity are building character and happiness in his community.



**H. GRANT**, one of the younger and progressive business men of Gonzales, has been engaged in the lumber business here for a number of years, and has built up a large and prosperous business. Mr. Grant owns the J. H. Grant Lumber Company, which was established by his father, J. H. Grant, prominent Texas lumberman, in 1913. The firm does a retail business, selling in the Gonzales territory, and has a large patronage in this section. A complete line of lumber and building material is carried, and adequate facilities are provided to give prompt and satisfactory service. Since taking over the management of this firm, Mr. Grant has given special attention to developing and expanding the business, with the result that it has built up rapidly, and he is regarded as one of the leaders among the younger business men of Gonzales.

J. H. Grant, Sr., founder of the business, was one of the pioneer lumbermen of Texas, coming here in the eighties, from Kansas, where he had been in the lumber business for many years. After coming to Texas, he established a string of lumber yards for W. P. Carey and was associated with him for many years. In 1909, Mr. Grant, with his brother, John F. Grant, of Houston, established a string of retail lumber yards in Texas, and in 1913 established the Gonzales yard.

J. H. Grant, Jr., was born at Brownwood, Texas, the eleventh of July, 1895, son of J. H. Grant, Sr., and Myrtle Selzer, a native of Illinois. J. H. Grant, Jr., the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Texas, attending the Ball High School, at Galveston. He practically grew up in the lumber business, and after leaving school went in this business with his father. In May, 1917, he enlisted in the navy and was assigned to torpedo boat duty, as chief pharmacist mate, and was in active service until his discharge in December, 1919. He is now staff sergeant, Medical Corps, Texas National Guard. Mr. Grant resides at Gonzales, and belongs to the American Legion, the Forty and Eight, the Elks Club, the Odd Fellows, the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and the Gonzales Fair Association, and takes an active part in all civic work pertaining to the development and growth of Gonzales.





**W. McCORMICK, SR.**, pioneer of DeWitt County, where he has extensive farming interests, for the past several years has been engaged in the mercantile business at Concrete. Mr. McCormick is a member of the firm of W. W. McCormick and Sons, in which he is associated with his sons, W. W. McCormick, Jr., and P. I. McCormick. W. W. McCormick and Sons engage in a general merchandise business, selling dry goods, hardware, proprietary medicines, sundries, automobile accessories, groceries and meats. Country produce is bought and sold, and the firm also does a big business in Guadalupe River pecans and cotton. The firm has been in operation since the sixth of October, 1919, when the mercantile business of Stubbs Bros. was bought out and reorganized. A modern building is occupied, and the stock carried is unusually large and complete. W. W. McCormick, Sr., also has farming interests, including an undivided interest in a farm of around three hundred acres, on which he lives, but which is run by tenant farmers, and his sons likewise have farming interests in DeWitt County.

W. W. McCormick, Sr., was born in Murray County, Tennessee, in November, 1869, coming to Texas in 1886, at the age of seventeen years. His first year in Texas he worked for ten dollars a month, and the next year engaged in farming on the halves. The following year he had acquired sufficient capital to buy a yoke of oxen and a mare, and with this equipment went to farming for himself, and has since been engaged in farming. After the close of the World War, in which his sons served, Mr. McCormick, in partnership with them, bought the mercantile business in which he has since engaged, and has built up a large and prosperous business, handling annually, in addition to the regular mercantile lines, many thousands of dollars worth of produce and turkeys, and several thousand dollars worth of pecans.

Mr. McCormick was married in DeWitt County the twenty-fourth of December, 1896, to Miss Nora Emma Hutton, daughter of Alexander Hutton, a pioneer stockman and farmer of DeWitt County. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick make their home at Concrete, and are the parents of six children, P. I. McCormick, W. W. McCormick, Jr., Alex McCormick, Mrs. Myrtle Fleming, Robert Lee McCormick and Miss Emma McCormick. They also have five grandchildren, Murray Eloise Fleming, daughter of Mrs. Fleming, Emma and Theodore Fleming, twin son and daughter of Mrs. Fleming, and William Wallace and Willard Finley, twin sons of Mrs. Fleming, of whom they are very proud. Mr. McCormick is a member of the Retail Merchants Association.

P. I. McCormick, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McCormick, Sr., was born at Concrete the fifth of December, 1891, and educated in the public schools of Yoakum, later attending Baldwin Brothers Business College, after which he engaged in railroad work, and was with the San Antonio and Aransas Pass road for four years. In November, 1918, he enlisted in the United States Navy, and was in active service on a battleship until his discharge in June, 1919. He was married the twenty-sixth of December, 1919, at Cuero, to Miss Mattie Ruth Guthrie of Lavaca County. Mrs. McCormick is a granddaughter of the late Marion Guthrie, Civil War Veteran and pioneer settler of this section,

whose death occurred at Cuero at the age of ninety years.

W. W. McCormick, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McCormick, Sr., was born the tenth of February, 1895, and was educated in the schools of San Marcos and San Antonio and also attended Texas A. and M. College, taking the cotton course. He enlisted in military service in 1918, serving overseas with the Fifty-fifth Infantry, Seventh Division, and was discharged in June, 1919, returning to Concrete, since when he has been engaged in business with his father. Both he, and his brother, P. I. McCormick, are members of the local American Legion Post.



**MICHELSON BROS.**, for about fifteen years have been a leading factor in the business life of Gonzales, Texas, where the firm is well known as manufacturers and retail dealers in candy, soda, ice cream and restaurant operators. The large business of Michelson Bros. was started in 1911, on a small scale, as a candy kitchen, making their own candy and selling same at retail, to which they soon added ice cream manufacturing, selling their products at the store. In 1913, Michelson Bros. established their manufacturing plant and are engaged in the manufacture of ice cream, soda water, coca-cola, etc., on a large scale, all of which is under their own name—Michelson Bros. This firm manufactures and sells more than forty thousand gallons of ice cream annually. Their trade territory extends throughout Gonzales and contiguous counties. Fifteen experienced people are employed at their manufacturing plant, besides they own and operate three distinct business establishments: No. 1, a candy kitchen and restaurant, which is managed by Lawrence Michelson, who employs twelve people in the store and cafe. No. 2 is the factory, which is managed by Jacob Michelson. No. 3 is a candy kitchen, which is managed by Harold Michelson, nine people being employed here. Mr. Harold Michelson was the founder of all the Michelson Bros. interests, in 1911, at Gonzales.

Mr. Jacob Michelson started his career in the business world at Marshall, Texas, where for a period of six years he worked for his uncle, after which he came to Gonzales and engaged in business with Harold Michelson. They were later joined here by Lawrence. Since coming to Gonzales, the Michelson Brothers have identified themselves with the social and civic life of the city. Jacob is a director of the Gonzales Building and Loan Association, and the brothers have interests in other local enterprises.

A native Texan, Jacob Michelson was born at Marshall, on October 30th, 1891. His father, Lehman Michelson, came to Texas at the age of fourteen years, where he was continually engaged in business until his death, in 1923, at the age of sixty-three years. His education was obtained in the public schools of Texas.

Jacob Michelson was married, at San Antonio, Texas, in March, 1924, to Miss Yetta Tatar, a member of a well known San Antonio family. Jacob, Harold and Lawrence are all members of the Scottish Rite bodies of this order, and of the Shrine at San Antonio. All three are also members of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, the Texas Bottlers' Association, the National Bottlers' Association, and many of Gonzales' business and civic organizations, where they are numbered among the city's most enterprising and honored citizens.



**R**F. FLICK, member of one of the pioneer Cuero families, has extensive interests in Cuero and nearby towns, and is one of the leading merchants and business men of this section. Mr. Flick is part owner of the mercantile firm of R. C. Flick, established by his father, the late R. C. Flick, in 1887, and in continuous operation since that time. In the early days the store was a leather goods and saddlery establishment, but in 1909 an automobile department was added, this being the first automobile sales agency to be established in Texas. For the past seven years the firm has sold Chevrolet cars, and has done much to popularize this car in this territory. Mr. Flick has the largest parts department between San Antonio and Houston and is able to supply Chevrolet owners with any needed part at a moment's notice. He also has a fully equipped service department, in charge of expert mechanics, and has many special tools seldom found in garages outside the larger cities. Mr. Flick still continues in the leather goods business and has a complete line of harness, saddlery, trunks, and like commodities in this line. While the larger part of the trade is retail, some wholesale trade is handled, and the Flick saddles are shipped out of Cuero to various states where the Flick value is known and appreciated. Mr. Flick occupies a large and modern building, comprising nearly twenty-five thousand square feet of floor space, and which he owns. The Cuero store furnishes employment to around eight people. In addition to the Cuero store Mr. Flick is president of the R. C. Flick Mercantile Company at Yoakum, a forty thousand dollar corporation dealing in hardware and saddlery, he and his mother owning controlling stock in this enterprise. This business occupies a large, modern brick building, and is one of the leading business houses of Yoakum.

R. F. Flick was born at Cuero, Texas, in 1888, son of R. C. Flick and Annie Laurie Flick. R. C. Flick, one of the real pioneers of Cuero, came here in 1873, when the town of Cuero was first started, coming from Indianola with his parents. He became an apprentice in the saddlery shop of F. A. Hake in 1879, and eight years later bought out the shop and went in business for himself. This business, begun in a small way, prospered, and, as Cuero grew, expanded to meet increased trade demands. In 1909 Mr. Flick added an automobile department, selling Studebaker and Buick cars at that time. In 1912, due to his greatly enlarged business, Mr. Flick built the modern building now occupied by the firm, and one of the finest business buildings in the city. This building, as is the business, is a monument to the business success and vision of its founder, and the name of R. C. Flick, whose death occurred the tenth of March, 1924, will be honored as that of one of the pioneer citizens and business men of Cuero, and one of the real builders of the city. R. F. Flick, his son, and the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools of Cuero, later entering West Texas Military Academy at San Antonio, where he graduated in 1907. He spent the following year at the University of Texas, after which he returned to Cuero, and in 1909 entered his father's firm, with which he has since been continuously connected.

Mr. Flick was married at Cuero the twenty-second of December, 1912, to Miss Annie Laurie Graves,

daughter of T. A. Graves, pioneer business man of Cuero. Mr. and Mrs. Flick reside in Cuero. Mr. Flick is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Cuero Chamber of Commerce and the Cuero Retail Merchants Association, and is president of the last named organization. Throughout his connection with the business world of Cuero Mr. Flick has taken a deep interest in the development of Cuero, and has always been ready to do his part and more to make any civic movement a success. Through the development of the large business which he now heads he has contributed to the prosperity of this section, and Cuero is justly proud of this business house which is known throughout this section as one where reliability and square dealing are the governing principles.

**E**DWARD M. SWEENEY came to Gonzales several years ago and has since been engaged in the wholesale grocery business here. He is active manager of the firm of Sweeney & Company, a firm established in Gonzales in 1920, as a corporation. In 1924, the firm was changed to proprietary, and a complete reorganization effected. Sweeney & Company, although a new firm in Gonzales, is founded on one of the old established firms here, and which they bought out in 1920. Prior to that date, the firm had not been developed, but under the present management has expanded rapidly, extending the trade territory and building up one of the large wholesale grocery businesses in this section. In addition to a complete line of wholesale groceries, the firm also roasts and packs coffee for the trade, putting this product on the market under two brands, Sweeco and Paloma. They import raw coffee from South America, through New Orleans, roasting the coffee in their modern plant, and have a very large trade in this commodity. In addition to the groceries and coffee, a line of drugs and staple hardware is handled. In connection with the house at Gonzales, branches are also maintained at Luling and at Seguin, each house covering a trade territory of a forty mile radius, and two salesmen are on the road from each house, all executive work being done in the Gonzales house. The business furnishes employment to around eighteen people, and a fleet of delivery trucks is maintained to meet the delivery demands.

Edward M. Sweeney was born at Bonham, Texas, the eighth of August, 1897, son of D. W. Sweeney, a banker of that place. He was educated in the public schools, later attending Rice Institute at Houston, and had his first business experience in the cotton mill at Bonham. Later he came to Gonzales to take charge of a local cotton mill, and was engaged in that work a short time, after which he established his present business.

Mr. Sweeney was married, at Gonzales, in 1920, to Miss Annabelle Dilworth, daughter of R. S. Dilworth, Gonzales banker, and one of the prominent men of this section. Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney reside at Gonzales. Mr. Sweeney is a member of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, the Gonzales Fair Association, and is a Mason, Scottish Rite, at San Antonio. He belongs to the American Legion, and during the World War served as second lieutenant, aviation, flying overseas at Issoudon, France. Since coming to Gonzales he has taken an active part in all civic work, and is a leader among the younger business men.





**ALTER K. BREEDEN**, for nearly two score years has been active in the development of Cuero and the Cuero section, and has many and varied interests here the growth of which have been closely allied with the growth of Cuero. Mr. Breeden is a member of the firm of Breeden Brothers, one of the largest mercantile houses at Cuero, which was established in 1889 by Mr. Breeden and his brother, Charles C. Breeden. Since that time the firm has maintained a prominent place in the Cuero business world, and as Cuero has grown and expanded the firm has also expanded to keep pace with the development of the city. The Breeden Brothers' store is well located in the heart of the business district, in a building owned by the firm, and in addition three fireproof warehouses are also maintained. A complete line of groceries and implements is carried, and the firm also deals extensively in cotton, buying and selling a large volume of this commodity annually. A force of fourteen people are employed in the store in addition to Mr. Breeden, and his son, Paul H. Breeden, who in recent years has been assuming much of the active management of the business. Mr. Breeden is also vice president and one of the directors of the First State Bank of Cuero and is secretary and treasurer of the Cuero Packing Company.

Walter K. Breeden was born at Victoria, Texas, in 1858. His father, one of the pioneers of that section, died shortly after the close of the Civil War, and his mother is also deceased. At the age of fourteen years Mr. Breeden came to Cuero, going to work with H. Seeligson and Company as a clerk. He remained with that firm until they went to Galveston, subsequently working for others, leaving H. Runge and Company to go in business for himself as a member of the firm of Breeden Brothers.

Mr. Breeden was married at Cuero, in 1882, to Miss Margaret Pleasants, daughter of Judge Pleasants, eminent Texas jurist and former judge of the Court of Civil Appeals at Galveston, and now succeeded by his son, Judge R. A. Pleasants. Mr. and Mrs. Breeden reside at Cuero and have four children, Paul H. Breeden, associated with his father in business, and who married Miss Bessie Philpot, and has four children—Bessie, Dorothy, Margaret Jane and P. H. Breeden, Jr.; W. K. Breeden; Mrs. H. P. Mabe, who has two children—Hugh Prescott and Walter Breeden Mabe; Mrs. S. E. Kesler of San Antonio, who has one child, Walter Ewing Kesler, and Mrs. Arthur Jones of Kansas City, who has one child, Jane Breeden Jones. Mr. Breeden is a member of the Cuero Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club and throughout the period of his association with the business world of Cuero has been active in everything that has made for the advancement and prosperity of this section.



**ALTER D. KLEINE**, identified with the furniture business at Gonzales throughout his business career, is the owner of the firm of Kleine Brothers, a retail furniture establishment dating back to the early fifties. Kleine Brothers carry a full line of house furnishings, offering a wide range of price and selection for every room in the house. They have an exceptional line of kitchen furniture, including ranges and cabinets, and also feature attractive furniture for every room. The

stock has been carefully chosen, due attention being given both to quality and style, and purchasers make their selections at Kleine Brothers with the assurance that there will be no disappointment when the transaction is completed. Kleine Brothers sell retail only, and in addition to their large trade in Gonzales have an extensive rural trade. An undertaking establishment is operated in connection with the furniture store, with a licensed embalmer in charge, and facilities for conducting funerals. Kleine Brothers was established in 1853, by A. Kleine, Sr., father of the present owner. Later, the three sons, Walter D., the subject of this sketch, and two others, now deceased, came into the firm, but with the death of A. Kleine, Sr., in 1900, and his two sons, in 1913 and 1920, Walter D. Kleine is now the only member of the firm.

Walter D. Kleine was born at Gonzales in 1878, son of A. Kleine and Babette Pfeuffer Kleine. A. Kleine, a native of Germany, came to the United States as a young man, going direct to San Antonio, where he engaged as a cabinetmaker for some time. In 1852 he came to Gonzales, making furniture from wood grown here, and was persuaded to make this city, then a tiny village, his home. A year later he established the furniture store that his son now runs, and continued to live in Gonzales until his death, in 1900. He was married to Miss Babette Pfeuffer, at New Braunfels, in 1867. Walter D. Kleine attended the public schools of Gonzales, and after school assisted his father in the store, later going in the firm, and has so continued to the present.

Mr. Walter Kleine has been and is very active in all oil activities of Gonzales and was one of the first to start oil interest in this section.

Mr. Kleine was married, at Gonzales, to Miss Theresa Johnson, in 1909. They have one child, Walter D. Kleine, Jr. Mr. Kleine is a member and director of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Home Mutual Life Insurance Company, and belongs to the Gonzales Fair Association, helped organize and was president of Federal Farm Loan Association, and a member of the Episcopal Church of Gonzales. He has contributed in many ways to the development of Gonzales, and as one of the leading merchants here has an influential position in the business world.



**O. NEWMAN** has been a resident of Gonzales far around a quarter of a century, and has built up one of the large industrial plants here, the Gonzales Cement Works, of which he is president and general manager. This plant was established in 1907, on a small scale, with a capital of some six hundred dollars. As the cement industry grew, this plant has grown to keep pace with the industry, and in September, 1923, was capitalized and greatly enlarged, and is now one of the leading industrial enterprises of Gonzales, doing a large and rapidly increasing business. The Gonzales Cement Works manufactures a general line of cement products, selling to a territory extending south to the coast, north to Cameron and east to Columbus. Mr. Newman also handles a contracting business, contracting for general building, concrete work and bridges and similar construction work. A force of ten operatives are employed in the cement works, and an additional twenty men are employed in the contracting business. The Gonzales Cement



Works occupies a modern building, completed in 1922, and has modern machinery to manufacture anything that can be made from cement. R. A. Remschel is vice president of the Gonzales Cement Works, and W. P. Newman, son of A. O. Newman, is manager.

A. O. Newman was born at Shelby, in Austin County, Texas, the twenty-second of October, 1880, son of Oscar Newman and Ida (Holzmann) Newman; the former, a native of Saxony, came to Texas at the age of sixteen, just at the close of the Civil War, the latter a native Texan. A. O. Newman received his education in the public schools, and in 1901 came to Gonzales, where he worked as a carpenter's helper and learned the construction business, also studying cement work, and later began contracting for sidewalk work. Out of this latter grew his present business.

Mr. Newman was married, at Gonzales, in 1902, to Miss Martha Ehrig, a native of Germany. They have three children, W. P. Newman, a graduate of Bhim Memorial Academy; E. A. Newman and Miss Elvira Newman. Mr. Newman is a member of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, the Gonzales Fair Association and the Texas Contractors' Association, and has taken an active part in the development of Gonzales as an industrial city.



**E. STEPHAN** of Yoakum, Texas, has spent his entire life in the various branches of the electrical business, beginning this work when eighteen years of age. He inherited a liking for this work from his father, who was a pioneer in Texas in this field of activity, and Mr. Stephan served his apprenticeship under the able guidance of his father. He came to Yoakum in 1920 as resident manager of the Public Utilities here which is operated under the name of the Yoakum Light and Water Company. The power is generated from oil engines for the manufacture of light, the plant of which is located at Yoakum. This city has an abundant water supply which is obtained from deep wells, being pumped from these wells by air pressure, and is carried to the mains by electric power. There is also an auxiliary steam plant in connection with this, making it one of the most complete industries of its kind in this part of Texas. Fifteen experienced men are employed in the operation of the Public Utilities here. Associated with Mr. Stephan is Mr. L. L. Stephenson of San Antonio, Texas, who is the owner of the company, which operates the utilities here. Mr. Stephan has been with this company since it was purchased by Mr. Stephenson and he is regarded as one of the most efficient men in his chosen profession to be found in this part of the state.

A native Texan, Mr. Stephan was born at Gonzales on March 23rd, 1882. His father, August Stephan, was for many years engaged in the cotton ginning business, but later entered the electric industry, and was one of the pioneers of this field of activity in the Western part of the state. He retired from active business pursuits at the age of seventy-two years. Mr. Stephan's education was obtained in the public schools of Shiner, Texas.

Mr. Stephan was married at Yoakum, Texas, in 1919, to Miss Nena Beatrice Perry, a native Texan and a daughter of J. P. Perry, well known in the business circles of Southwest Texas. They have three children, Marguerette, Edwin and Leonard

Perry Stephan. Mr. Stephan is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in the lodge and chapter at Yoakum. He is also a member of the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the South Texas Public Service Association, and many other fraternal, business, social and civic organizations of Yoakum and Southwest Texas. Since locating in Yoakum, Mr. Stephan has made many friends, both in the business and social circles and has also succeeded in building up the public utilities of this city to a point where it is second to none in the state. Mr. Stephan's watchword is service, and as he believes all citizens are entitled to this, he puts forth every effort to furnish same to the residents of Yoakum. He has an efficient staff of assistants, who work for the good of the utilities company and the public at large, giving their best thoughts and efforts to their work along this line.



**F. McELROY**, resident of Gonzales for many years, and a member of the firm of the Gonzales Horse and Mule Company, also has extensive farming interests in the Gonzales locality, and is regarded as one of the most progressive agriculturists of this section. The Gonzales Horse and Mule Company was organized at Gonzales a number of years ago, and was discontinued and reorganized on January 1st, 1925, as Stahl and McElroy. The company sells horses and mules in the Gonzales district and also ships carload lots to any point in the United States. The policy is to buy stock when market conditions are favorable and later sell to advantage. Local sales are made on the basis of one-third cash, with varying arrangements on the balance, and a big business is handled in the Gonzales district, in addition to the large sales in carload lots. The firm is now known as Stahl and McElroy.

Although Mr. McElroy has made a distinct success of this business venture, it is as a progressive farm operator that he is best known. Mr. McElroy began as a boy and grew up to agricultural pursuits, and gradually took a place among the more successful farmers of his neighborhood. He now has around twelve hundred acres of land under cultivation, making cotton and corn his principal crops. He employs Mexican labor to cultivate the farm, around twenty-five families being located on his place. Mr. McElroy knows how to direct men to secure results, and his management of Mexican labor has been a factor in his success in the field of agriculture.

J. F. McElroy was born in Georgia, the thirty-first of May, 1880, and was brought to Gonzales as a child of three years of age, growing up here. He attended the Gonzales schools, and at an early age began farming for himself, and has so continued to the present, his interests gradually increasing until he is one of the most substantial farmers in this section.

Mr. McElroy was married, the fifteenth of February, 1903, at Gonzales, to Miss Minnie Lee Plouck, whose father, now deceased, was during his lifetime a prominent attorney of Gonzales. Mr. and Mrs. McElroy reside at Gonzales. Mr. McElroy belongs to the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, the Gonzales Fair Association, in which he is a stockholder, and is in every way an influential and public-spirited citizen.





**O. BOETTCHER** of Weimar, Texas, has always been a leader in the business circles of this city and has also taken an active part in the development of Colorado County. Mr. Boettcher is the owner of "The Boettcher Industries" and is interested in practically every business enterprise of Weimar. He is the owner of the Boettcher Company, dealers in wholesale country produce and jobbers in car lots and less than carloads, and is one of the largest concerns of its kind in South Texas. He is the manager of and is a large stockholder in the Weimar Ice and Cold Storage Company. This ice plant has a capacity of six tons per day and in connection with the ice plant, has a cold storage plant of eighty thousand cubic feet capacity. Mr. Boettcher is the owner and manager of the J. O. Boettcher Insurance Company, and has been engaged in the insurance business here for more than forty-seven years, which makes him one of the pioneers in his business of South Texas. He is also the manager of the Weimar Bottling Company and the Weimar Creamery Company, both of which are successful enterprises. He is engaged in the cotton business here on a large scale, and buys the greater portion of the cotton on this market. He has done much toward keeping a market here for cotton with the best prices to farmers and in keeping this a market for farmer's produce of all kinds. Mr. Boettcher, in his efforts to encourage every worth-while industry in this portion of Texas, furnished the capital to one of his employees for a chicken ranch here, which has an incubator capacity of thirty thousand eggs per setting, and this has proved a successful venture. He ships his output in all lines to open markets, and deals almost entirely in carload lots. Mr. Boettcher is one of the most progressive citizens of South Texas, and is deeply interested in the development of this portion of the state, and is a constant worker for the betterment of his community.

A native of Colorado County, Texas, Mr. Boettcher was born on June 3rd, 1871. His father, F. Boettcher, was brought to Texas by his parents when one year old, and grew to manhood, in South Texas, engaged in business here as a young man and had practically the first store in this portion of the state. It was located three miles south of Weimar. He established this store in 1858, and continued in business at this point until 1872 when he removed to Weimar and engaged in the general merchandising business here, which he continued until his death in 1894. The subject of this sketch continued to operate this business, until he decided to close out the retail part of it, and entered his present lines of activity. The experiences of Mr. F. Boettcher in the pioneer days of Texas were very interesting and exciting. After the Civil War, he hauled cotton to Mexico, usually with ox teams. Having the only store in the county, he was also the postmaster, and people came for many miles to receive their mail at this country postoffice. The mail, which arrived at irregular intervals, many times twenty sacks at a time, was dumped on the floor of the store and postoffice, that portion which was intended for the local postoffice was taken out, the remainder, put back in sack and started to the next postoffice. Mr. Boettcher's early education was obtained in the public schools of Weimar after which

he attended business college at Poughkeepsie, New York, and while a student in this institution, he would visit New York City and select goods for his father's store here, and this experience was very valuable to him. He worked in his father's store as a boy and was reared in an atmosphere of the merchandising business.

Mr. Boettcher was married at Weimar, Texas, on April 25th, 1906, to Miss Agnes Doggett, a native Texan and a daughter of T. S. Doggett, a member of one of Texas' pioneer families, who came to this state from Virginia, where they date back to colonial times. They have two children, Francis and Agnes. Mr. Boettcher is a member of the Texas Butter, Egg and Produce Dealers Association and also the national organization of this association in which he is a director. He is also a member of the Texas Creamery Men's Association, State and National Ice Manufacturers Association, State Insurance Men's Association, the local Retail Merchants Association. Mr. Boettcher is one of the organizers of the Fair Association here and is vice president of same and one of the directors. He is a member of all organizations of a business, civic or social order of this city, and is a leader in all movements having as their object the betterment and advancement of his community, where he is known as one of Colorado County's most progressive citizens.



**ROSS BOOTHE**, member of the firm of Boothe & Lewis, one of the leading mercantile establishments of Gonzales, has been active in the business world here for many years, and has contributed greatly to the commercial advancement of the city. The firm of Boothe & Lewis was established in 1896, by J. H. Boothe, father of Ross Boothe, and Edward Lewis, one of the present members of the firm. At the death of the elder Mr. Boothe, in 1911, his son, the subject of this sketch, succeeded him. Boothe & Lewis operate a large wholesale and retail hardware business, with a complete line of hardware and implements, farm supplies, sporting goods, machinery and saddlery. Their wholesale territory includes Gonzales and adjacent counties, and salesmen from the house cover this territory regularly. In connection with the hardware business a manufacturing department is also operated, manufacturing cisterns, tanks and tin products. A large retail store is maintained in Gonzales, with a concrete warehouse with railway frontage, in addition, and a force of ten people is employed.

Ross Boothe was born at Gonzales, the fourteenth of July, 1887, son of J. H. Boothe and Mrs. Jimmie Lea Boothe. J. H. Boothe, his father, a native of North Carolina, came to Texas as a young man of twenty-one years, and practiced law for a time, later teaching school. Still later he bought up land in this section and raised cattle extensively, and after a number of years came to Gonzales and established the firm of Boothe & Lewis. J. H. Boothe held various public offices during the course of his career, serving as county clerk of Gonzales County and later as state legislator, under Governor Ross, and also served several terms as mayor of Gonzales. His death occurred in 1911. Ross Boothe, the subject of this sketch, attended the public schools of Gonzales, later entering Bingham School for Boys, and then the University of Texas, where he took the B. A. degree in 1909, returning to Gonzales and entering



the hardware business with his father, and at the latter's death taking his place as a member of the firm. Mr. Boothe is also a director of the Gonzales Cotton Mill Company and has extensive land and cattle interests, including a ranch in Nolan County, stocked with full blood Herefords, and one in Live Oak County, also stocked with Herefords, and a five hundred acre farm, where he raises cotton and corn. In November, 1917, Mr. Boothe entered the air service, and was on duty at Kelly Field, and later at Minneapolis and Mineola. He completed his flying training at Kelly Field, and was commissioned second lieutenant, air service, and later adjutant of the training camp, and was discharged in April, 1919.

Mr. Boothe is a Mason, York Rite, at Gonzales, Scottish Rite, at San Antonio, Shrine at San Antonio. He belongs to the Hardware Dealers' Association, the Retail Merchants' Association, the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Gonzales County Fair Association, and is a leader among the younger business men.



**EDWARD A. PALMER** is well known in the banking circles of Yoakum and Lavaca County, where prior to 1924, he has been associated with the leading financial institutions of this city during his entire business career. During 1924, Mr. Palmer organized the Fidelity Investment Company, with a capital stock of \$100,000.00, and occupies the lower floor of the Gray Building, one of the splendid, new buildings of Yoakum. The business of this organization consists largely of loans and investment, making loans on real estate, with some loans on automobiles and on other securities. The territory embraced by the company extends throughout Lavaca and DeWitt Counties. Mr. Palmer started his career in the banking business as a young man, with the First National Bank of Yoakum and remained with this institution for a period of five years. He then became associated with the Yoakum National Bank where he remained for a period of seventeen years, the first four of which he was assistant cashier and during the last thirteen years he was cashier. On January 1st, 1924, he resigned from his position as cashier, in order to engage in his present business. During this entire period, he has been identified with the business, social and financial life of Yoakum and is a director of the Yoakum National Bank and is interested in many other of the city's enterprises and industrial projects. He takes an active interest in the civic life of the city, and is one of the managers of the Yoakum fire department, of which he has been a member for more than two decades.

A native Texan, Mr. Palmer was born at Midland, on March 12th, 1885, but was brought to Yoakum by his parents when six years of age, and has made this city his home since that time. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Yoakum.

Mr. Palmer was married in Yoakum in December, 1918, to Miss Carmen Schwab, a native Texan and a member of a well known family of Southwest Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer have one child, Lyons Carruth. He is a member of the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce, in which he is active, and which he has served as treasurer. For several years he was also treasurer of the South Texas Fair Association.

He is a member of the State and National Bankers Association, and served as the first president of the DeWitt and Lavaca County Bankers Association. He is president of the Yoakum Rotary Club, of which he is one of the organizers. This club has had a beneficial influence in the community, creating harmony and interesting itself in everything that is good for the city. During 1924 Mr. Palmer attended the Rotary Convention in Canada and the Bankers National Association Convention, in both of which he is an active and prominent figure. Mr. Palmer is behind the movement of the organization of the Yoakum Country Club, and is one of the staunch supporters of the movement to establish the Student Loan Fund. He is regarded as one of the most progressive and public spirited citizens and as one of the leaders in the business and social life of Yoakum and Lavaca County, earnestly working for the good of both.



**A. FEIND**, vice president and manager of the Victoria plant of the South Texas Cotton Oil Company, for the past several years has maintained his headquarters at Victoria, where his many years of experience in this industry have been a determining factor in the success of the local plant. In 1918 the South Texas Cotton Oil Company bought the plant here formerly operated as the Victoria Manufacturing Company, Mr. Feind coming here a little later to take charge of the plant. The buildings comprising the plant are located at the foot of Main Street, and are all of brick construction with the exception of the warehouse. The South Texas Cotton Oil Company manufactures crude cotton seed oil, cake, meal, hulls and linters in the plant here, shipping the crude oil to Houston in tank cars. A large part of the product goes for export, but a small amount is sold to brokers for export trade. The capacity of the Victoria plant is sixty tons of cotton seed per day, and a force of twenty men is employed permanently, which is increased to eighty or more during the busy season. All laboratory work for the local plant is done in the Houston plant, but with that exception the plant is operated as a separate unit.

V. A. Feind was born in New Jersey, of which state the family have been residents for many years. He attended the public schools there, and later entered Rutgers, where he took the B. S. C. degree in 1901. The following several years he spent in various Northern plants as a chemist, and in 1908 came to Houston, as chemist for the South Texas Cotton Oil Company. He has been with that corporation since that time, advancing to the office of vice president, and in 1919 came to Victoria as manager of the plant here. Mr. Feind has city property in Houston, in the Fifth Ward, and also has several pieces of property in different locations and holds acreage near the new Logan Park.

Mr. Feind makes his home at the Denver Hotel, at Victoria, and is a member of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club and the Texas and Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers Association. He is regarded as one of the most progressive business men at Victoria and as an authority on the cotton seed oil and cotton seed products industry, and has exerted a favorable influence over the trend of this industry here.





**S. FRITZ**, a native of Victoria, Texas, has throughout his life been an active figure in the business and financial circles of this city. For more than twelve years Mr. Fritz has been associated with the Magnolia Petroleum Company here as district agent. Victoria, with El Campo and other cities in contiguous counties, belong to the Southern division of the Magnolia Petroleum Company and are under the management of the Houston, Texas, office. The Victoria agency employs five men who have been trained in the business and three trucks in the delivery of the products here. Prior to his association with the Magnolia Petroleum Company, Mr. Fritz was for a period of two years connected with the Waters Pierce Oil Company here. He has for many years been interested in many business and financial institutions here, owning stock in banks, wholesale houses and other enterprises. Mr. Fritz has been chief of the Victoria Fire Department for more than thirteen years, and it has been largely through his efforts that this department has reached its present stage of efficiency. The Victoria Fire Department has nine paid members, with one hundred and seventy-five volunteer members. All its equipment is modern in every detail, all motorized and up to date. Fine buildings have been erected during the regime of Mr. Fritz, and the key rate here is the lowest of this class of cities in the Lone Star State. Mr. Fritz's father organized the Victoria Fire Department and for a period of fifteen years was chief of this organization. Victoria has a Woman's Auxiliary in connection with its fire department, which has proved to be a great aid in every way. This organization assists in the financing of everything relating to the fire department, visits the sick, and is ever ready and able to assist the fire department when in need of anything. Mr. Fritz's mother was instrumental in organizing this branch, and was its president until her death in 1923. She was one of Victoria's most beloved women, known everywhere for her acts of charity. She was in every way a remarkable woman and worker for the good of Victoria and its people, and was a constant worker for charity until her death. It is obvious that Mr. Fritz inherited his liking for the Victoria Fire Department, as the Fritz family has done so much to put this organization, with its auxiliary, on the map, and their interest in same has never dimmed.

Mr. Fritz was born on December 31st, 1889. His father, L. A. Fritz, was for many years one of Victoria's leading merchants, and confectionery dealers. He also was born in Victoria, the date of his birth being August 24th, 1854. For several years he was mayor of Victoria, serving also as alderman for several terms. For more than one-half a century he was engaged in the wholesale and retail confectionery business here and has always been active in city affairs. He is now retired from active business pursuits. Mr. Fritz's paternal grandfather was born in France, coming to Texas about 1839. Mr. Fritz's mother, Mrs. Rosa (Sitterle) Fritz, died in this city on December 25th, 1923. His education was obtained in the schools of Victoria. After leaving school, he engaged in business with his father and continued with him until he engaged in the oil business. Mr. Fritz was active in war work during the World War and was appointed chairman of the draft board of Victoria, but resigned

on account of himself being of the draft age. He served for several years as chairman of the board of directors of Victoria Chamber of Commerce and is active in this organization. Mr. Fritz is a member of the Catholic Church. He is popular in all circles here and is regarded as one of Victoria's most enterprising citizens. No citizen of this city has done more toward the upbuilding of Victoria's Fire Department than has Mr. Fritz, and he is chairman of the standardization committee of the State Fireman's Association of Texas, being chief of this organization in this district. He has for many years occupied a place of leadership in the business and civic life of Victoria on which he has impressed the seal of his usefulness. Mr. Fritz has two hobbies, one is fishing and hunting, the other is volunteer fire service.



**OSCAR McVEAN LANDER** is a comparatively recent addition to the oil circles of Victoria, Texas, where for many years he has been actively engaged in farming, cattle raising and county agency work, and is well known in Victoria County. Mr. Lander became manager of the Gulf Refining Company here on December 10th, 1923, and has continued in this capacity since that time. The plant of the Gulf Refining Company is located on the Galveston, Houston and San Antonio Railroad, with a service station operated in this city. Three trucks are used in the delivery service and eight people are employed by this oil company here, under the management of Mr. Lander. His first oil experience was obtained here, where prior to becoming associated with the Gulf Refining Company he was for two years county agent of DeWitt County, and has been active in cattle raising and farming in Victoria County for many years. He owns a farm near Victoria, consisting of six hundred acres, which is planted to cotton and feed stuffs of various kinds. He employs tenant farmers, and has six Mexican families on his farm. His cattle are Brahmas crossed with stock cattle, and he is constantly breeding his herd into better blood. He is greatly interested in organization work and development of this portion of Texas, and accepted his present position with the Gulf Refining Company largely on account of it bringing him near to his farm and cattle interests. After leaving school, Mr. Lander began his farming operations, and farmed for a period of ten years before going into county agency work. He served as county agent of DeWitt County from December, 1921, to December, 1923, and in this capacity accomplished a great deal of good for the farming interests of that county, where much development was done and much began, which has since been continued.

Mr. Lander was born at California, Missouri, on June 27th, 1890, but was brought to Victoria, Texas, by his parents when four years of age. His father, F. B. Lander, was for many years associated with the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Victoria, and is now in the real estate business at Houston, with his son, Jack Lander, with the Guardian Trust Company of that city. His mother, Mrs. Leila (McVean) Lander (deceased since 1903), was a member of a prominent family of Missouri. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Victoria, after which he became a student of the A. and M. College of Texas, attending this institution during 1909



and 1910, and during 1911 he was a student of Cornell University.

Mr. Lander was married at Victoria, Texas, on August 13th, 1912, to Miss Vivian Holland, a native Texan and a daughter of C. S. E. Holland, for many years a prominent banker of Victoria, and later a leading business man of Houston, Texas. They have three children—Frank, Clarence and Traylor. Mr. Lander is a member of the Rotary Club and many of Victoria's social and business organizations, in which he takes an active part. Mr. Lander has always been active in the civic development of Victoria, and has accomplished much in the development of Victoria County, in which he is a constant worker and one of this county's most interested citizens.

**G**EORGE HERDER, JR., has since 1908, been a leading factor in the financial, business, agricultural and political life, not only of Weimar, his home, and Colorado County, but of Southwest Texas. Mr. Herder has always been active in all matters pertaining to the progress and advancement of his city and state and has an interest in practically every institution of importance here, which he has assisted in building up or organizing. He is well known as a merchant, banker, cotton grower, rice grower and cattle man. The Herder Mercantile Company was established in 1882 by Mr. Herder's father, George Herder, Sr., which he continued until 1911 when George Herder, Jr., purchased the business which he has successfully conducted since that time. The Herder Mercantile Company carries a large and complete stock of merchandise, consisting of all kinds of hardware, implements, dry goods, clothing, saddlery, feed stuffs, etc., in fact, everything to be found in a latter day general merchandise store. He employs nine people in the store, with whom he is directly and continuously associated in conducting this large business. Mr. Herder also owns one-third interest in the El Campo Mercantile Company, and directs the business of this establishment from his headquarters here. He is engaged extensively in the cattle business and owns in fee two ranches, which consist of an acreage of 23,000 acres of land, on which is grazed about 2,000 head of cattle. Mr. Herder buys young animals and raises them until they are market size, when he sells them. One of his ranches is located in Duval County and consists of 26,000 acres which he leases and the other one at Hines Switch. Four men are always employed to take care of his ranch interests and look after the cattle thereon. He is also engaged in rice farming—his rice farm, containing five hundred acres is located near Bay City. He has three hundred acres planted to cotton, which is cultivated by tenant farmers, which number six families—five of which are negroes and one white. He has done much in developing the farming interests here, being an advocate of better farming methods, both in cultivation and fertilizing the land. Mr. Herder is also a cotton buyer, the firm name being George Herder, Jr., with offices located at Houston. This cotton firm is well known and does a large business. He is also a director of the T. A. Hill State Bank of Weimar, and is president of the Ammannsville State Bank of Ammannsville, Fayette County, in all of these financial institutions he is active. Mr. Herder has always taken an active interest in the educational affairs of his city and county and has aided greatly

along many lines of this work. He served as mayor of Weimar from 1920 to 1924, and his administration was one of great accomplishment. A few of his noteworthy achievements were: the building of the new City Hall, containing an auditorium, which had for many years been so badly needed by the city and community. This City Hall would be a credit to cities of much larger size than Weimar and contains also the American Legion Club Rooms, municipal offices and the city fire department. The many ways in which he aided the city will remain for many years to come, and will ever be a monument to his great work in the interest of the city which he loves. After leaving school in 1908. Mr. Herder returned to Weimar and entered the business establishment of his father, where he remained for one year. He then engaged in the banking business at Eagle Lake, Texas, where he was cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank. In 1911, he returned here and purchased his father's business interests in the Herder Mercantile Company.

A native Texan, Mr. Herder was born at Schulenburg on June 24th, 1889, but was brought to Weimar by his parents when six months old, and he really considers this city as his home and birthplace. His father, George Herder, Sr., also a native of the Lone Star State, is widely known in the business circles of Texas as a rice miller and capitalist. Mr. Herder's grandfather, George Herder, came to Texas from Germany in 1834 and was a veteran of the historic Battle of San Jacinto. His grandmother was Miss Minnie Wolters, and came from Germany in 1835, and when twelve years of age, was with the families who marched ahead of the Mexican army, and saw the actual fighting in the bloody Battle of San Jacinto, where so many brave Texans laid down their lives in the interest of freedom for themselves and future generations. Mr. Herder's father, George Herder, Sr., was a member of the State Legislature during the 32nd and 33rd terms of these bodies, and assisted in many of the measures which have become laws and are all in the interest of the citizenship of this great state. His mother was Miss Mary Hefner, a member of a well known South Texas family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Colorado County, after which he attended Texas Christian University at Waco, Texas.

Mr. Herder was married at Weimar, Texas, on May 12th, 1915, to Miss Florence Goethe, a member of a pioneer Texas family, and a daughter of Ernst Gothe, a well known newspaper man of South Texas. They have four children, George Herder, 3rd, Mary Elizabeth, Daniel and Kenneth. Mr. Herder is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Lodge No. 423 at Weimar, and is a member of the chapter of this order at Columbus, Texas. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., the Texas Banker's Association, Texas Cattle Raisers Association and the Local Retail Merchants Association. Mr. Herder is popular in the business and social circles of South Texas, where he is known as a leader of his generation, and it is safe to say that no citizen of Colorado County has done more in the development along its many lines than has the Herder family, and this great work in latter years has been given over to the untiring loyalty and devotion of George Herder, Jr., who takes pride in his city, community and state.



**F**CK MAY, a native of Yoakum, Texas, has spent his entire life in the mercantile business, occupying positions from clerk to manager and owner. Mr. May has for many years been an active figure in the business circles of Yoakum, where he is a well known and highly esteemed merchant. In 1912, Mr. May started his present business, which consists of gent's furnishings, shoes, clothing, etc., and from a comparatively small beginning, his business has grown to be one of the largest of its kind in Lavaca County. Prior to engaging in his present business of which he is the sole owner, Mr. May was a member of the firm of H. C. Koch and Company of this city for many years. He sells to the retail trade only and employs three experienced people in his store, which is a modern and up-to-date establishment, carrying a full and complete line of men's wearables. Mr. May started his business career while in school by clerking in a store after school hours, and later became a full time clerk in the store where he remained for nine years before engaging in business for himself. During his days as a clerk, he learned every branch of the business and this experience has been his most valuable asset after starting in business for himself.

Mr. May was born in Lavaca County on June 12th, 1875, before the town of Yoakum was built, but on the site where it was located and named after the late B. F. Yoakum, one of the best known railroad men of his time in Texas, and the executive head of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railway. Mr. May's grandfather, John J. May, was one of the early pioneers of Texas, obtained a grant of land from the Spanish government and the town of Yoakum is built on this original grant from the Spanish government. His father, A. May, a native Texan, was born here in 1849, where throughout his life he was engaged in the cattle business. Mr. May's education was obtained in the public and high schools of Yoakum.

Mr. May was married at Manor, Texas, on August 6th, 1907, to Miss Edna Crouch, a native Texan and a daughter of Judge O. L. Crouch of Cuero, DeWitt County, well known in the legal and business circles of Southwest Texas. They have two children, M. A. May, who at the age of fifteen years, measured six feet and two inches in height and was admitted at that age to the citizen's training camp, and Dorothy, at home with parents. Mr. May is a member of the B. P. O. E., the Retail Merchant's Association, Rotary Club and many other of the city's business organizations. He takes a keen interest in the civic affairs of Yoakum and is a leader in any project for the betterment and advancement of this city. He is optimistic as to the future of Yoakum and Lavaca County, believing that this portion of the state is entering on an era of great prosperity in all lines, to which he gives his time and means in a liberal manner toward its upbuilding and growth.

**J**M. BASS, pioneer in the mercantile business in Texas, came to Cuero several years ago, and has since been engaged in merchandising here. Mr. Bass is a member of the firm of Bass Brothers Company, a firm dating back to the earliest days of Cuero's history, when the business was established in 1873, by John

Graves. The building now occupied by the firm, carrying the date of 1873, has been continuously occupied since that time, although the business has grown and prospered, and various changes have been made in the original building. In the years during which he operated the business Mr. Graves established traditions of achievement, and a tradition of giving one hundred cents worth of merchandise for every dollar spent. When Mr. Bass bought the store, in partnership with his brother, R. L. Bass, this tradition, as well as the store, was transferred to the new owners, and how successfully they have lived up to this tradition is best judged by the continued growth and prosperity of the business. Bass Brothers Company established a dry goods store at Yoakum in 1913, which they have continued to operate, R. L. Bass being in active charge of the store there. In 1919 they bought the business of J. A. Graves & Sons, and J. M. Bass, the subject of this sketch, has since been manager of this Cuero store. A complete line of dry goods, clothing, shoes, hats, ladies' ready-to-wear, millinery, rugs, carpets, and like merchandise is carried, and a large retail business is done annually. A force of sixteen employees, with an additional force employed for rush seasons, are in the store, and the best merchandise, with the newest styles and lowest prices, are featured by the firm.

J. M. Bass was born in Georgia, in 1871, son of a merchant of that state. He attended the public schools and in 1887 came to Texas with his brother. He went with the Perkins Dry Goods Company, and for twenty-one years was with that company, in various Texas towns, and for twelve years of the time was in charge of a store at Athens for this firm. In 1913 Mr. Bass, with his brother, opened the Yoakum store, six years later buying out the business of J. A. Graves & Sons, and has since continued to operate these stores.

Mr. Bass was married at Dublin, Texas, in 1892, to Miss Pearl Hall, whose death occurred in 1922. Mrs. Bass was the daughter of Dr. J. W. Hall, Texas physician. One child, Miss Tennie Mae Bass, was born to the union. Mr. Bass makes Cuero his home and belongs to the Cuero Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, the Retail Merchants Association, and is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Chapter at Cuero, Commandery at Yoakum, and is a member of the Shrine at San Antonio. He is active in civic work, and takes a deep pride in the accomplishments of Cuero as one of the fastest growing cities of this section.




**D.** GLASS, JR., although numbered among the younger members of the business fraternity of Yoakum, Texas, he has had a wide business career, withal a successful one. As secretary, treasurer and manager of the Home Mutual Benefit Association, he has had an important part in shaping the destinies of this organization. The Home Mutual Benefit Association was organized in February, 1924, with headquarters in Yoakum and is strictly a mutual insurance company, organized under the revised statutes of Insurance and Banking Commission of Texas. The insurance of this company is written through agents, which are located in various portions of the state, which are located in various portions of the state. The agency force is composed of six experienced people. Mr. Glass gained his experience in the insurance



business at Marlin, Texas, where he was associated with the First Home Benefit Association of Marlin, and later with the United Fidelity Company at Dallas. Other officers of the Home Mutual Benefit Association are: Dr. Harry Brown, president, and E. J. Bucek and J. J. Jaresh, vice presidents, all of whom are well known in the business and financial circles of this portion of Texas. The board of directors is composed of the officers of the company, and D. B. Cain, also prominently identified with the business life of Yoakum and Lavaca County.

A native Texan, Mr. Glass was born at Marlin on December 4th, 1897. His father, F. D. Glass, a native of Mississippi, was a pioneer real estate dealer and farmer of Falls County. His mother, Mrs. Georgia (Phillips) Glass, also from Mississippi, came to Texas when quite young. Both of Mr. Glass' grandfathers came to Texas from Mississippi and settled near Marlin, where he, along with the other members of the younger generations were reared. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Marlin, after which he attended Rice Institute of Houston for one year, and Baylor University at Waco for one term. After leaving school, Mr. Glass became associated with a bank at Slidell, Texas, where he remained for three years. He then went to Wichita Falls during the oil boom days of that North Texas City, was also connected with the Slidell Bank there for some time. He left the employ of the bank in order to engage in the insurance business, in which industry he has earned a creditable record, and has succeeded in building up a large volume of business for the company of which he is an official.


Mr. Glass takes an active interest in the business and social organizations of Yoakum, where he is regarded as one of the leading young business men. He is affiliated with various clubs and insurance organizations, and is a member of the Methodist Church. Since engaging in the insurance business in 1920, he has been a factor in the insurance circles of Texas, where he has become well known as one of the most progressive young men in this field of activity of the Lone Star State.

 **P. SMITH**, manager of Stahl Brothers Cold Storage Company at Gonzales, has been active in the establishment of this modern cold storage plant, and is building up one of the largest cold storage and produce houses in this section. Stahl Brothers Cold Storage plant was established at Gonzales the first of November, 1923, at which time a modern two-story brick and reinforced concrete building, one hundred and ten feet by one hundred and sixty-five feet, was occupied. This building provides the company with one of the most modern cold storage plants in the Gonzales territory. The first floor is devoted to cold storage rooms and dressing rooms, the main storage vault being one hundred and four by sixty-eight feet, with a twelve foot ceiling, with a smaller vault, fifteen by thirty-four feet. The plant is one of the largest turkey dressing plants in the South, during the season dressing some ten thousand birds per day. Feeding stations for chickens are also operated, with thirty-two battery stations feeding live chickens. These chickens are shipped out in carload lots, and the company is also one of the largest shippers of eggs in this territory, shipping to eastern markets. In addition to this large poultry business, the

plant also has facilities for public storage and furnishes this service to local butchers and farmers.

J. P. Smith was born at Gonzales the sixteenth of November, 1897, son of W. A. Smith, connected with the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association at Gonzales. Mr. Smith attended the Gonzales public schools and later the San Marcos Baptist Academy for two years. His first business experience was in income tax and bookkeeping work, and he spent four years at Seguin thus engaged. In 1923, when the Stahl Brothers Cold Storage plant was opened at Gonzales, he came here to take charge of the work, and it is largely due to his efforts that the plant has enjoyed so successful a period of operation.

Mr. Smith was married, at Seguin, in 1917, to Miss Madeline Lindemann. Mr. Smith is a Knight of Pythias, and the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, and is a leader among the younger business men of the city.

 **ARROLL A. LEWIS**, one of the active real estate developers of Houston, is well known in the business circles of Houston, and since coming to this city has taken an active part in civic and commercial affairs. Mr. Lewis has also taken an active part in the development of the oil fields in the Gulf Coast territory, and is one of the best informed men in the city on matters regarding production in this section. Mr. Lewis became interested in the possibilities of the oil fields here in 1916, at which time he removed to Houston, from Dallas, and has since been associated with companies of recognized standing in the oil business. Until recently he was president of the Baker Oil Company, a position he held for two years, during which time the company dealt extensively in acreage in the Spindle Top field. Mr. Lewis has also been active in the building industry, and has built a number of houses in Houston and helped materially in making this city a city of real homes.

Carroll A. Lewis is a native of the Lone Star State, and had for his birthplace the town of Eden, in Concho County, where his parents had resided for many years. He was born the eighteenth day of April, 1888, the son of C. A. Lewis, pioneer farmer of Texas, and now a resident of San Angelo. His mother, before her marriage, Miss Jane Dodson, was also a native Texan. Mr. Lewis was educated in the schools of his native state, graduating from the high school at San Angelo in 1905. He then entered the First National Bank of that city, remaining with that institution for four years, after which he engaged in the printing business there for three years. He went to Dallas in 1913 and spent three years with the Security National Bank there at which time he removed to Houston, following for a short time his profession as an accountant. During the World War, Mr. Lewis served for one year and a half in the supply department.

Mr. Lewis was married at Houston, the twentieth of February, 1918, to Miss Gladys Brown, a native of Houston, and the daughter of S. A. Brown, a native of Boston, and for many years in the paper business at Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis make their home at 4503 Roseland Avenue, and attend the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Glenbrook Country Club, and fraternally is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine.



**JOE MONTAG** of Victoria, Texas, has for more than two decades been associated with the business interests of Victoria County, where he is widely known as a merchant, poultry and produce dealer. In 1904, Mr. Montag established a general merchandising store here, which he maintains, carrying a full and complete line of all desirable merchandise. He continued in the general merchandising business alone until 1910 when he started in to ship dressed turkeys to the Eastern markets, his first shipment consisting of one barrel. His business in this line increased each season, until in 1923 he shipped 232,000 pounds of dressed turkeys during the season, besides local shipments during the year of 22,000 head of turkeys, mostly from Goliad County which were brought in by trucks. In order to familiarize himself with the dressing and shipping of fowls to market, he brought a man from Winfield, Kansas, to teach him the business. When he started this business, he had never seen a turkey killed or picked. The prices change very much each season. When he first started in the turkey business, buying the live birds from the farmers, the price asked and paid was \$1.50 per pair. In 1922 the prices averaged 28c per pound, but in 1923 the prices ranged around 18c per pound. For many years Mr. Montag shipped to the New York and Chicago markets but now ships mostly to the Houston, Texas, market, which is better than the Eastern markets for this commodity. He also ships an average of one carload of chickens each week from Victoria, and his egg shipments go to Houston also. The infertile eggs bring 5c per dozen more than the fertile product, in fact Mr. Montag is unable to obtain enough infertile eggs to supply his demand. He ships about ten carloads of eggs each year now. The first shipment of chickens to market in 1905, sold for 5c per pound, in 1923 chickens sold for 25c per pound. Mr. Montag is also a large shipper of pecans and during 1924 he shipped twenty cars of these nuts.

Mr. Montag has become the largest poultry and produce dealer in this portion of Texas, having built up his business from nothing. He says that the merchants do not have to extend credit to the small farmers who raise poultry, but do have to carry the one-crop farmer, which fact in itself is enough to encourage diversification among the farmers. Conditions govern the poultry market largely, making it necessary to change markets for this commodity. In the first years in which Mr. Montag was engaged in business, the dressed poultry was shipped to the East, and the live to New Orleans, but the live chickens now all go to the Houston market.

A native Texan, Mr. Montag was born at Cameron on May 7th, 1877. His father died just a short time before his birth and his mother died when he was eighteen months old. He was brought to Victoria by relatives and grew to manhood here where he worked at almost everything, in order to be self-supporting. His educational advantages were meager, and the best education he obtained was in the rough but serviceable school of life by contact with men and things. His first mercantile experience was with August Muller at Victoria, with whom he was associated for a period of twelve years, and during this period he worked in every branch of the business, mastered it and then started in for himself.

Mr. Montag was married at Victoria, Texas, in November, 1901, to Miss H. L. Pippert, a native Texan and a daughter of John Pippert, who belongs to a pioneer family here. They have two children, Woodrow Wilson and Leslie Raymond. Mr. Montag is a member of the Local, State and National Retail Merchant's Associations, the State and National Poultry Associations, and many of the business organizations of Victoria. Mr. Montag, a leader in his field of activity, is doing a big work toward developing the small farm resources of Victoria County, lending his every aid toward the upbuilding of every enterprise of merit in Victoria and Victoria County, where he is regarded as one of the most progressive citizens.



**A. GRIFFING**, Houston merchant, is well known in grocery circles and is the proprietor of the Griffing Grocery at 2131 Yale. Since locating there several years ago, by fair dealing and courteous attention to his patrons he has built a good business and is ever making new friends and customers.

Mr. Griffing was born in Mississippi, near Port Gibson, the seventh of September, 1871, son of A. W. Griffing of Missouri, and a merchant and farmer all his life. Mr. Griffing was educated in the schools of Connecticut, and after finishing his literary work, took a course in bookkeeping, commercial law, and other business branches. He was in the mercantile business as clerk in various places, for a number of years, and was at Summit, Mississippi, for six years, and at Bastrop, Louisiana, for several years, coming to Texas in 1912. He went in the mercantile business at Danberry, engaging in that business for seven years, under the firm name of Griffing and McBride. He came to Houston in 1919, and was in business on Houston Avenue until 1921, when he began the development of Bay Shore Park. He contributed much to the building of this pleasure resort, which has given South Texas a new playground. He opened his present store soon after giving up the active management of Bay Shore Park.

Mr. Griffing was married at San Antonio, Texas, the twelfth of December, 1900, to Miss Clara McBride, a Mississippi girl. Mr. and Mrs. Griffing make their home at 206 West 27th, Houston. They have three children, Irleene, Clyde and Eugene. Mr. Griffing is a member of the Salesmanship Club, and takes an active interest in the progress of his city.



**A. McGEE**, geologist and mining engineer of Yoakum, Texas, is a pioneer in the oil and mining industries of the country, having at different times and in various portions of the world been engaged in every branch of these activities. Mr. McGee came to Lavaca County for the purpose of working out the geological formations in this county for the company which is drilling the test well here. He has great faith in the formation of Lavaca and adjoining counties as being producers of oil, and has backed this faith by obtaining more than six thousand acres of leases here. Mr. McGee's geological deductions have greatly encouraged all the owners in fee of land and also those interested in development work.

Mr. McGee started his work along geological lines in Nevada with Prof. R. D. Jackson of the Nevada School of Mines, during student vacations. He was



engaged in work at the Old Bull Frog Mine in Nevada for a period of eleven months, and more than a year was engaged in other portions of the state of Nevada. He then went to Tombstone, Arizona, where he did active work in the reduction plant at that point. After this mine was shut down he went to Globe, Arizona, where he did work for the Old Dominion Mine, after which he went to Black Warrior Creek, Arizona. He remained in various portions of Arizona for almost three years, after which he removed to Pennsylvania, and began to do oil work, with headquarters at Pittsburgh. His work during the first week in which he was engaged in the oil industry was confined to tool dressing, and later he went to work with the rig builders and still later did work at the refinery plant. After eighteen months in Pennsylvania he returned to Arizona to the Bisby Mine and after remaining eight months there he went to Cannanea, Mexico, and engaged in the mining business again, remaining in the republic for a period of eleven months. He then came back to the States and located at Topeka, Kansas, where he engaged in contracting of drilling oil wells, after which he went to Oklahoma and drilled three wells by contract at Marietta, and continued in that business in Oklahoma for several years, where he was successful in his contracting. Mr. McGee has made four trips to Alaska, and has been engaged in gold mining in that country; the first of these trips was made in 1897. After this trip he returned and prospected for gold in Idaho, later engaging in mining and the brokerage business at Tucson, Arizona, and it was while he was engaged in this line of activity that he handled much timber out of Mexico and began work on oil propositions in that country, but without much success as the people there were not much interested. He returned to Gallup, New Mexico, and for eight months was active in the coal mining industry there. He then went again to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he organized a drilling company, and later went to Tampico, Mexico, field, where he drilled a large gas well. He then went to Rio Janiero, South America, where he pulled 70,000 feet of casing for the Chilean Copper Company, which this company had exhausted every effort to secure. He later returned to Vera Cruz, Mexico, and engaged in mining there and near Monterey, and later traveled throughout Mexico and into Columbia. He later returned to the Tampico oil field, where he engaged in contracting, later in the operating end of the oil industry and remained in this oil field for a period of nine years. He then located at El Paso, Texas, where he traded in mining properties of all kinds, later went into Canada and came back to Texas in 1919 and removed his family to Plainview, where he remained until the Rogers well came in in Mexico, where he remained for eighteen months, during the boom days there. During this period he was engaged in the capacity of appraisal engineer. He has been in practically every Texas oil field since then, doing petroleum work, trading, etc. Mr. McGee has the distinction of having been the discoverer of oil in several fields, among which is the Wyoming field in 1916. He drilled this well, found oil and sold out there. Mr. McGee worked with the eminent English oil geologist, Sir Bolivar Redwood, in compiling the oil geology of Texas, this survey of the state being made for the British government.

A native Texan, Mr. McGee was born in Hill County on December 11th, 1868. His father, J. McGee, a native of Louisiana, was brought to Texas by his parents in 1851, when he was three years of age. J. McGee lived in the Lone Star State throughout his entire life, where he was engaged in farming and ranching up to the time of his death, in March, 1922. His mother, Mrs. Lina McGee, also a native Texan, was born in Walker County, and is now a resident of Scurry, Texas. His grandparents were members of prominent families of the South. His early education was obtained in the public schools, after which he studied mining engineering at the Nevada School of Mines, to which institution he was sent by John J. Mackay. In 1890 he took a metallurgical course at London, England, and was engaged in work of this kind at Berlin, Germany, from 1894 to 1896.

Mr. McGee was married at Colorado City, Texas, on February 17th, 1906, to Miss Lilly Charlotte Turner, a member of a pioneer Texas family. They have two children, Adeline and Josephine. Mr. McGee's home is at Plainview, Texas, but on account of the character of his work he is away from home the greater portion of the time. Mr. McGee is a member of the I. O. O. F., the Knights of Pythias, the Metallurgical Association of England, in which organization he is a life member.



**GEORGE D. COOK**, well known in the building and contracting circles of Houston, where he was engaged in the general contracting and constructing of homes, apartments, business houses, stores and warehouses, was the largest builder of grandstands and stadiums in South Texas.

A native Texan, Mr. Cook was born in Dallas on February 27th, 1884. His father, John D. Cook (deceased since 1922), was for forty years engaged in the building and contracting business in Dallas. His mother was, before her marriage, Miss Artie McGeorge, a member of a well known Missouri family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Dallas, and after leaving school, Mr. Cook entered the contracting and building business, where he remained for about twelve years. He then purchased the Southern Floor Sweep Company of Dallas, which he operated for a few years, and then went to Galveston where he remained for about three years, and during this time was engaged in supplying fresh water to ships and for drinking purposes. He then came to Houston where he engaged in building and contracting, in which he was active at the time of his death. Mr. Cook was associated with the contracting and building business all his life, even when engaged in other lines of endeavor.

Mr. Cook was married in Dallas in 1906 to Miss Susie G. Woods, a member of a prominent Texas family. They had two daughters, Evelyn Gertrude and Loma Frances. In fraternal organizations Mr. Cook was a member of the following: Modern Woodmen, I. O. O. F., Knights of Pythias and the Dokies.

With the passing of Mr. Cook on July 20th, 1924, Houston and South Texas lost a sterling citizen, a thorough, competent, sincere builder, and a man who was ever willing to assist in every way possible in the progress and advancement of the city of his adoption.





**B. ROBERTSON**, for around ten years, has been engaged in the manufacturing business at Gonzales, and has built up one of the most successful brick manufacturing plants in this section. Mr. Robertson is president of the Sunset Brick and Tile Company, a business established around 1880, and which he bought out in 1915. The Sunset Brick and Tile Company has a modern plant, located on a twenty-five acre tract of land, and is manufacturing common and face brick and buff brick. The daily output of the plant is around forty-five thousand brick, and the employees number from forty to seventy-five. The trade territory served by the Sunset Brick and Tile Company includes all of Texas with the exception of the western part of the state. Although this is Mr. Robertson's first experience in the brick manufacturing business, through the application of sound business principles to plant operation and the employment of an expert brick burner, he has built up and is operating a successful plant, and is doing a large and profitable business. Officers of the Sunset Brick and Tile Company are, Mr. Robertson, president, and his sons, J. M. Robertson and R. L. Robertson, as vice president and secretary and assistant managers.

O. B. Robertson is a native of Mississippi, and the son of L. B. T. Robertson, a native of that state and a farmer and public officer there for many years. The family came to Texas, locating at Waelder, in 1876, where the elder Mr. Robertson acquired farming interests, grazing his herds on the open range in that section. His son, O. B. Robertson, grew up there, living on his father's farm and attending the local schools. Later he engaged in mercantile business and farming and stock raising for himself, remaining at Waelder until 1914, when he came to Gonzales and bought out the Sunset Brick and Tile Company, which he has since operated. Mr. Robertson also has farming and stock interests in Austin, Fayette and Gonzales Counties, and is also interested in the cattle business. He is a director of the Gonzales State Bank and Trust Company and active in business affairs here.

Mr. Robertson was married, at Waelder, Texas, in 1887, to Miss Susan Miller. They reside at Gonzales and have eight children. Mr. Robertson served as a member of the House in 1913 and 1914, and is well known in political circles. He is vice president of the Gonzales Chamber of Commerce, a director of the Gonzales Fair Association, and a member of the Texas Brick Manufacturers' Association, an organization he has served as president of for two years. He is also a director of the National Brick Manufacturing Association. Mr. Robertson has done much to further the growth and development of Gonzales, and is a generous contributor to all civic and welfare work.

Following are given the eight children of Mr. and Mrs. Robertson, with brief biographical data concerning each. R. L. Robertson, born in 1888, and educated in the public schools and Texas A. & M. College, where he graduated with the B. S. degree in 1909. During the World War Mr. Robertson served as first lieutenant, and later captain, with the 141st Infantry, Thirty-sixth Division, seeing overseas service. He is now major, Texas National Guard. Mr. Robertson is vice president and assistant manager of the Sunset Brick and Tile Company. J. M. Robertson, the second son, was born at Waelder, and

during the World War was in naval service, completing his education after the close of the war and graduating from Southwestern University with the B. A. degree, in 1920. He married Miss Agnes Elizabeth Griffith and has one child, James Miller Robertson, Jr. Harper Robertson, the third son of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Robertson, served in the World War in the air service, in the infantry, depot brigade. He is now assistant cashier of the State Bank and Trust Company of Gonzales. O. B. Robertson, Jr., the fourth son, also saw service during the World War, serving with the Engineering Department, Fifty-fourth C. A. C., overseas. The fifth son, Burgess Robertson, is yet a student. The three daughters are, Mrs. Polly Appelt, wife of a local stockman; Mrs. Willie Dunning, wife of Dr. Dunning, well known physician, and Mrs. Mabelle Beringer, whose husband is engaged in the oil business in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, with the Sinclair Refining Company.



**A. NORMAN**, well known in Lubbock County for his financial and business activities relative to the prosperity of Lubbock, where he resides, is held in high esteem in this section. Mr. Norman is connected with the Citizens State Bank of Lubbock, coming here from Eagle Lake where he was active vice president of the Eagle Lake State Bank.

Mr. F. A. Norman was born at Harris, Missouri, the twentieth of August, 1881. His father came to Texas, where he engaged in farming a short time, later returning to Missouri. Mr. Norman obtained his education in the public schools, further equipping himself for his business career through a course at the Normal at Chillicothe, Missouri. He came to Texas, where he taught school for a short time, and later, when the bank was organized at Rock Island, entered the bank, having been elected to an executive office without his knowing it. He remained in the bank at Rock Island for around a decade and a half, during which time he not only made rapid advancement in the banking world, but taught a sister, Miss Loula Norman, now at Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and a brother, Noble N. Norman, now at Harris, Missouri, the banking business. Mr. Norman resigned his position with the Rock Island bank to go to Eagle Lake, as cashier of the Eagle Lake State Bank, later becoming vice president, going to the Citizens National Bank of Lubbock, believing that this growing city offered greater opportunities.

Mr. Norman was married at Hallettsville, Texas, the eighth of June, 1910, to Miss Lena K. Peterson, daughter of Judge Peterson, a member of an old Texas family and county auditor for many years, and whose Grandfather Tackington came to Lavaca County from North Carolina in pioneer days. Mr. and Mrs. Norman have three children—Floyd Alvin, Mary Katherine and Gordon Norman. Mr. Norman is a member of the Bankers' Association, the American Bankers' Association, and is a Mason, Odd Fellow, Modern Woodman of America, Woodman of the World, and a Praetorian. Mr. Norman was responsible for the introduction of Darso, a new feed crop, similar to maize, which will not blight and produces well, making a good feed for cattle, horses and mules. In 1924 he shipped in eight thousand bushels of seed Darso, which he sold to the farmers at cost, to assist in introducing this crop and also to encourage the farmers here to raise their own feed.



**R**ALPH WELDON DICKERMAN, portrait photographer and painter, although a young man in years, is one of the outstanding artists in his field of activity in Texas today. He is president and treasurer of the Van Dyke Studio, Inc. The Van Dyke Studio is one of the oldest establishments of its kind in Houston, and photography of the best quality only is made here. Mr. Dickerman is an able operator, and personally supervises the various departments of his organization in which thirty people are employed. For over thirteen years he has been identified with the Van Dyke Studio and in 1922 bought the business and has since been the sole owner. He was educated as a portrait painter and is naturally talented in this line. He has painted the portraits of prominent Houston citizens, and is frequently commissioned to execute portraits on canvas of outstanding citizens of this state and elsewhere.

Mr. R. W. Dickerman is a native Texan, born in Gainesville, October 15th, 1897, son of C. L. and Maud (Pelton) Dickerman. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dickerman reside in Houston and Mr. Dickerman is a native of Texas, of an old family of this State. Maud (Pelton) Dickerman is also a native of this State. Mr. R. W. Dickerman was educated in the public schools of Dallas and in the Chicago Art Institute, where he studied portrait painting and composition. He continued his studies in New Orleans.

On August 15th, 1918, Mr. Dickerman was married to Miss Geraldine Osborne, a native of Illinois. To them were born three children: Theresa Marie, R. W., Jr., and Billie Charles. He is a member of the Optimists Club and emulates the teachings of this organization. Although his personal attention is given to the Van Dyke Studio, yet Mr. Dickerman has other interests and also is the proprietor of the Hyland Studio where he has opened a new plant for photography and which is located at 810½ Main Street. Mr. Dickerman, by a careful attention to his profession and to the interests of his patrons, has built one of the best known and proficient photographic studios in Texas.

**G**EORGE J. MELLINGER, secretary and manager of the J. J. Sweeney Jewelry Company of Houston, since becoming associated with this establishment has had an important part in shaping the destinies of this company. The J. J. Sweeney Jewelry Company, located at 419 Main Street, was established in Houston in 1875, by the late J. J. Sweeney. The J. J. Sweeney Jewelry Company is one of the finest and largest jewelry establishments in the entire Southwest. The store is fifty by ninety feet, with three floors. The first floor is used by the company for display and sales; part of the second floor for stock storage and the third floor the manufacturing and repair departments. This firm employs from thirty to thirty-five men in the manufacturing plant alone, and have the most skilled workmen in the United States. They manufacture and repair anything in the jewelry line; platinum, gold, silver, watches and engraving of all kinds. Every man in this establishment is a skilled artist in his particular line of work; as good or better than any in the United States. It is now an act of the past to send jewelry to the Northern and Eastern cities for repair or special things to be made, as J. J. Sweeney Jewelry

Company has the best workmen, and their manufacturing department is equipped with all the modern devices in this line of endeavor. This firm employs fifteen experienced people on the first floor and office. Other officers of the J. J. Sweeney Jewelry Company are J. J. Sweeney, president and C. G. Pillot, vice president.

Mr. Mellinger was born in New Orleans, Louisiana, in 1867. His opportunities for securing an education were limited, and young Mellinger devoted himself diligently to home study. The liberal education which he obtained in later years was through self help.

Mr. Mellinger began his business career as an errand boy in a Houston grocery store when thirteen years of age. He continued work at the grocery business in different capacities until 1903, when he was the owner of a grocery store—The George J. Mellinger Grocery Company. In 1903 he sold the grocery store and took charge of the J. J. Sweeney Jewelry establishment as secretary and manager, and the business entered upon an era of phenomenal growth and prosperity, necessitating three different enlargements to keep pace with the growing business. Mr. Mellinger was married in Houston in 1898 to Miss Maggie M. Sweeney (now deceased) a native Houstonian and a daughter of J. J. Sweeney, capitalist, president and founder of the J. J. Sweeney Jewelry Company. He has three children—John, Mishel Jameson and Marion M. Mellinger. Mr. Mellinger works at all times for the greater development and civic improvement of Houston, having risen from the ranks, he has the deepest interest in the man who aspires to better his condition, and is at all times ready and willing to render helpful service to his fellowman.

**H. CRAWFORD**, well known Houston business man is popular in business and social circles of this city. He is engaged in the real estate business, and is also manager of the Binz Building. He has other interests in South Texas, and has contributed to the growth and development of his city.

T. H. Crawford was born at Galveston, Texas, June 29th, 1885, the son of Lytle Crawford, a native of Galveston, and the second white child born in that city, who until his death, was a traveling man, and Mrs. Luella Gould Crawford, a native of Maine, and who now makes her home at Houston. Mr. T. H. Crawford was educated in the public schools of Houston. After finishing his education he entered the cotton business, in which he was engaged about a decade. He then entered the real estate business, also becoming manager of the Binz Building, and has continued this connection to the present time. He organized the firm of Batterson and Crawford in 1919, which partnership was dissolved in January, 1924. At this time Mr. Crawford continued the business as the Crawford Rubber Company until June, 1925, when he sold out to the Pace Tire Company.

Mr. Crawford was married at Houston, the seventeenth of June, 1913, to Miss Noreen Pendley Green, a native of this city. They have two children: T. H., Jr., and Frank Gene Crawford. Mr. Crawford is a member of Temple Lodge No. 4, is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, a Knight Templar and Shriner.



*R. H. Finkerman*







**H. HOLLAND**, attorney at law, Houston, Texas, began the practice of his profession in this city on April 17th, 1905, and has been active in the legal circles here since that time. During this period, Mr. Holland has formed two or three partnerships, but has practiced alone the greater part of the time until 1920 when he became associated with the Charles and Arthur Heidingsfelders law firm. Later, when Mr. Arthur Heidingsfelder withdrew from that firm and became associated with Judge Mathis, the firm became Mathis, Heidingsfelder, Teague and Kahn. This is one of the biggest law firms of Houston, and Mr. Holland became associated with this firm in 1923. The offices of this well known firm are on the tenth floor of the Keystone Building. Mr. Holland was admitted to the bar, in 1901, in Tennessee. Two years later he came to Texas, and was admitted to the Texas bar. He established his home and office at Liberty, Texas, and began the practice there. He removed to Sour Lake during the oil boom there and continued to practice his profession at Sour Lake, where he was city attorney until the City Corporation was abolished, when he removed to Houston, in 1905. Mr. Holland was a member of the thirty-fourth and thirty-fifth Legislatures of Texas, from Harris County, and his accomplishments while a member of this body will ever remain a monument to his good judgment toward the citizenship of Texas.

Mr. Holland was born at Hartwell, Georgia, on February 29th, 1876. His father, W. A. Holland (deceased) was a pioneer merchant of Georgia, having engaged in the merchandising business there prior to the Civil War. He served throughout this conflict, and after the close of the war, was for ten years sheriff of his county. His mother, Mrs. Charity Frances (Fulton) Holland, was a member of a well known family of South Carolina and is now a resident of Atlanta, Georgia. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Hartwell, Georgia, after which he removed to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he worked during the day and attended school at night. He later removed to Redbanks, Mississippi, where he again worked during the day and attended night school. He then went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, where for six months he studied law under a law firm and here was formed the foundation for his education in this study, which he continued until he was able to pass an examination entitling him to practice law. During this period, young Holland was handicapped for the lack of funds, and he entered the railroad service and worked in this capacity for four years, but during this period he purchased law books and borrowed many, all of which he studied diligently. He later worked on convict camps in Texas as foreman and steward. He also worked for a time in mining, and on the ranges of Arizona and New Mexico, all his spare time being devoted to study. With sufficient funds to enable him to enter college, he went to Jackson, Tennessee, and there became a student of the law department of the Southwestern University, and remained at that institution for a period of two years, where he received the degree of L. L. B. and L. L. M. and during the vacation period attended a summer law school, and was admitted to the bar in 1901.

In fraternal organizations, Mr. Holland holds membership in the Knights of Pythias and Dokeys. During the two decades in which Mr. Holland has

practiced law in Houston, he has established a commendable record as an attorney and as a citizen.



**M. DU CLOS** for the past three decades has held various positions of a public nature at Houston and is now serving as district clerk of Harris County, a position he has held for almost a decade and wherein he has demonstrated his devotion to the best interests of the people. Mr. Du Clos acts as district clerk for the four district courts, an office to which he was elected in 1914 and has since been re-elected each two years, each time with a large vote. In the last election, held in 1922, he won by a majority of over ten thousand votes, a real testimonial of the esteem in which he is held by the people of Harris County. He has a force of ten employees in his office. Mr. Du Clos keeps his office in the court house at Houston and has charge of the keeping of records of proceedings, judgments, executions and other dockets and books as may be required by law and in addition makes out various reports, administers oaths and takes depositions and in general has custody of all books and papers of the courts to which he is clerk. Under him this office has maintained a high state of efficiency and he has exercised an unusual care in the dispatch of all his duties, a factor that has entered largely into his popularity with the people.

Mr. Du Clos was born at Cypress, in Harris County, the first of April, 1871, son of Louis Du Clos, a native of Louisiana, who came to Harris County in 1870 and was for the rest of his life a farmer and stockman of this section, and Josephine Mayer Du Clos also a native of Louisiana, who came to Texas with her parents as a girl. Mr. Du Clos was educated in the rural schools near his home and attended the high school at Willis, in Montgomery County, and also went to business college at San Antonio. He then returned to the farm, where he spent four years, after which he came to Houston. Here he went with the Electric Company in motor service, remaining there several years, after which he was transferred to the claim department, where he spent one year. He was then made chief clerk in the street and bridge department of the city of Houston, under Sam H. Brashear, at that time mayor, and also held this office under the two succeeding mayors. He resigned to take a position under Edward F. Dupree, county clerk, and was in that office until his term expired, when he became deputy tax assessor under A. R. Miller. He then served ten years as deputy state and county tax assessor, resigning to run for district clerk, to which office he was first elected in 1914 and which he has since held.

Mr. Du Clos was married at Houston the sixteenth of October, 1907, to Miss Elizabeth Norris, a native of Carlyle, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Du Clos make their home at 3320 Jackson Street. Mr. Du Clos has two children by a former marriage, Louis Du Clos, who is married and has two children, and Marie, wife of Milton Roberts, of Hockley, Texas, and who has three children. Mr. Du Clos is a member of a number of fraternal orders such as the Knights of Pythias, the Dokeys, the Woodmen of the World, the Macabees, the Praetorians, the Knights and Ladies of Security, and belongs to the Houston Turnverein Society. He is one of the best liked men in his community and counts his friends by the thousands.





**GOREE ASHFORD**, for more than thirty years one of the leading merchants of Huntsville, is also directing head of one of the largest banks here and is connected with various other enterprises. Mr. Ashford is the owner of the J. G. Ashford Furniture store, which he established in 1890, and which has since been the leading furniture store here. A complete line of furniture and builders' hardware is carried and a funeral directing and undertaking business is also run in connection with the furniture store. The building occupied by the Ashford Furniture store was built by Mr. Ashford in 1896, and provided eighty by one hundred feet of floor space. Three employees are in the store. Mr. Ashford is also president of the Huntsville State Bank, and was one of the organizers of this bank. The Huntsville State Bank is capitalized at fifty thousand dollars, with twenty-five thousand dollars surplus, and has made a splendid record since its establishment. Mr. Ashford is a part owner of the Huntsville Gin and Wharf Company, and has various other interests in Huntsville.

J. Goree Ashford was born in Madison County, Texas, the eleventh of October, 1858, the son of Dr. J. G. Ashford and Mrs. Cornelia (Spivey) Ashford. Dr. Ashford, a native of Alabama, came to Texas in the early days and was a pioneer physician of Walker County. Mrs. Ashford was also from Alabama. Both Dr. and Mrs. Ashford died when their son was a small boy and he was reared by his grandmother, Mrs. Ashford, in Grimes County, attending the schools there. As a young man he began clerking in David White's store in Grimes County, and later went to Washington County, where he was a clerk in the Baldrige store. In 1879 he came to Huntsville and was connected with the state penitentiary for ten years, during which time he invested his money in a mercantile business, and in 1890 organized the furniture store which he has since operated.

Mr. Ashford was married in Cuero, DeWitt County, Texas, in 1889, to Miss Ella Claire Woodworth, a native of Texas. Mrs. Ashford's death occurred the twentieth of November, 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Ashford had a family of four children—J. G. Ashford, Jr., with the firm, and who is married and has one child; J. G., III; Mary, now Mrs. A. M. Barton, of Palestine, and who has one child, Claire Barton; Claire, now Mrs. Erwin Ernst, of Huntsville; Nan North, now Mrs. J. P. Manning of Livingston, and who has one child, Mary Nan. Mr. Ashford is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Chapter and Commandery at Huntsville; Knight Templar and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston, and is a charter member of the Knight Templar organization at Huntsville.



**W. C. JONES** has been for the past ten years more actively identified with local banking affairs at Huntsville, and is held in high esteem here for his connection with banking affairs and the interest he has taken in civic development. Mr. Jones is cashier of the Huntsville State Bank, which was organized in 1907 under state charter and capitalized at fifty thousand dollars, with a surplus of twenty-five thousand dollars. The bank occupies a modern banking home and offers a conservative banking service to this section. The officers are: J. G. Ashford, pioneer furniture mer-

chant of Huntsville, president; J. A. Elkins, prominent attorney of Houston, vice president; S. S. Felder, dry goods merchant of Huntsville, vice president, and W. C. Jones, cashier. The directors are: J. G. Ashford, E. L. Engier, M. D.; Tom Ball, L. C. Eastham, Luther Eastham, Jr.; J. A. Elkins, S. S. Felder, J. Wince Smith, W. C. Jones, J. W. Keeland, C. B. Oliphint, and S. C. Wilson.

W. C. Jones was born in Hawkins County, Tennessee, the sixth of December, 1863, the son of John Jones, and Martha Kenner Jones, the former a native of Virginia, who came to Tennessee as a young man and was a farmer there until his death, and the latter a native of Tennessee. Mr. Jones was educated in the public schools of Tennessee, coming to Texas as a young man and locating in Dallas County in 1885. He remained there until 1892, teaching school and working on a ranch. He then went to Walker County, where he engaged in farming near New Waverly for a time, later establishing a mercantile business at New Waverly. He also began his banking career there, in 1907, going with the New Waverly State Bank as cashier, and remaining there until 1914, when he came to Huntsville as cashier of the Huntsville State Bank.

Mr. Jones was married at New Waverly the fourth of October, 1893, to Miss Mary Scott Hill, a native of New Waverly. Mr. and Mrs. Jones have seven children—Will C. Jones, Jr., Mrs. Ellen Pope, Jimmie Hill Jones, Franklin Albert Jones, Dixon H. Jones, Edward Lewis Jones, and Mrs. Julia Avery, wife of Herman Avery of Groveton. All of Mr. Jones' sons hold responsible positions, most of them being engaged in banking in various Texas cities. Mr. Jones is a Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite Mason, New Waverly. He is treasurer of the city of Huntsville, and has been a leader in all civic movements since coming here.



**THOMAS H. BALL**, better known as Tom Ball, has for many years been active in the banking business at Huntsville, and is one of the most progressive leaders of public affairs. Mr. Ball is now serving as mayor of Huntsville, to which office he was elected in April, 1924, and his administration has been marked by a definite advancement in public improvements. Mr. Ball directs the affairs of the municipality with a characteristic energy, and under his direction all departments of the city government have been thoroughly systematized. In the last years, 1924 and 1925, the city has put down about forty blocks of paving. Mr. Ball is also assistant cashier of the Huntsville State Bank, with capital and surplus of seventy-five thousand dollars, and is active in the direction of this institution. Mr. Ball is a nephew of Col. Thomas H. Ball, for whom he was named. Col. Ball, for many years a factor in the development of Huntsville, and the first mayor of Huntsville, moved to Houston in 1901, and has been for many years regarded as one of the foremost attorneys of Texas. He has also been active in public affairs, and was instrumental in securing the ship channel for Houston.

Thomas H. Ball was born at Huntsville, Texas, the tenth of May, 1887, the son of L. E. Ball and Irene (Rountree) Ball. L. E. Ball, a brother of Col. Thomas H. Ball, came to Texas as a boy from his native state of Maryland and was county clerk



J. E. Ashford





*R. H. Miller*

of Walker County for twenty years before his death. Mrs. Ball, who still makes Huntsville her home, is a native of Walker County, her parents having come here in the early fifties. Thomas H. Ball, Jr., was educated in the public schools of Huntsville and as a young man began in the banking business, spending eight years with the First National Bank of Huntsville, after which he came with the Huntsville State Bank, in 1917, as assistant cashier, and has since been with this institution.

Mr. Ball was married at Huntsville, the sixth of September, 1911, to Miss Willie May, a native of Nacogdoches, Texas. They have three children—Helen May and Katherine Ball and Thomas H. Ball, III. Mr. Ball is a Mason, Forest Blue Lodge, San Jacinto and Trinity Lodges, Knight Templar, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston, a Knight of Pythias, a Woodman of the World, and belongs to the Huntsville Rotary Club. He has been for years a leader in every progressive activity, like his uncle having a natural talent for leadership, and is one of the best liked citizens of Huntsville.



**R. W. MILLER**, well known lumberman of Texas, has recently come to Huntsville, where he is taking a leading part in industrial affairs. Mr. Miller is vice president and manager of the Huntsville Cotton Oil Company, having bought stock in this enterprise and taken over its management the first of May, 1924. The Huntsville Cotton Oil Company was established in 1902, at that time being a forty thousand dollar corporation. In 1919 the capital was increased to one hundred thousand dollars, and the plant in its present state of development represents an investment of more than three hundred thousand dollars, in lands, buildings and machinery. The cotton oil mill has a capacity of forty tons per day, and in addition to the operation of the mill an ice plant, with a daily capacity of fifteen tons, and a light and power plant, supplying electric light and power to Huntsville, and also a pumping station, pumping water for the city of Huntsville, is operated by the company. A force of forty employees is maintained, and the plants occupy an industrial site of fourteen acres of ground. Officers in addition to Mr. Miller, the vice president and manager, are: T. C. Gibbs, president; Sam McKinney, secretary, and Gabe Smither, treasurer.

R. W. Miller was born in Cass County, Texas, the second of June, 1875, the son of T. H. and Jane (Bush) Miller. The father, a native of Alabama, came to Texas after serving through the Civil War, and was a farmer in Cass County for years, then living at Gilmer, Texas, until his death. Mrs. Miller, a native of Kentucky, came to Texas with her parents shortly after the close of the Civil War. Mr. Miller attended the schools of Cass County, and as a young man began work in the saw mills of that county, later going to Upshur County, and still later to San Jacinto and Walker Counties, where he continued in this line. In Walker County he spent thirteen years at Elmina as manager of the Walker County Lumber Company, directing the operation of one of the largest saw mills in the state. The first of May, 1924, Mr. Miller came to Huntsville to take over the management of the Huntsville Cotton Oil Company, in which he had an interest, and has

been active here since that time. Mr. Miller is also vice president of the New Waverly State Bank, at New Waverly, and is a director of the Trout Creek Lumber Company at Kirbyville, Texas; also vice president of the Ford-Jarvis Lumber Company of Houston.

R. M. Miller was married at Gilmer, Texas, the twenty-eighth of December, 1902, to Miss Ida Chandler, a native of Upshur County. They have six children, Irene, Thomas Ford, Josephine, R. W. Jr., Dorothy Louise and Marjorie. Mr. Miller is a Blue Lodge Mason, Commandery and Chapter at Huntsville, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston, and belongs to the Huntsville Rotary Club.



**LEMUEL PINKNEY WOLFE**, one of the recent recruits to the business world at Houston, has been active in the warehouse business since coming here. Mr. Wolfe is superintendent of the warehouse of the Wolfe Warehouse Company, an organization of which M. H. Wolfe, of Dallas, is president. The warehouse of the Wolfe Company, located at the International and Great Northern switch, near Hill Street, was built in 1912 and is modern in every respect. A floor space of six hundred and six by one hundred and sixty feet provides storage capacity for a large volume of cotton, and a force of from fifteen to fifty operatives is employed. The warehouse has been operated under the direction of the Houston Compress Company for some time past, with offices at 709 Cotton Exchange Building. Mr. Wolfe came to Houston in 1918, and has been superintendent of the warehouse since that time.

Lemuel Pinkney Wolfe was born near Wolfe City, Texas, the seventeenth of October, 1863, the son of Lemuel Pinkney Wolfe and Penelope Katherine (Jackson) Wolfe, pioneers of that section. A brother, M. H. Wolfe, is engaged in the cotton business at Dallas and is one of the foremost cotton men of the South. Lemuel Pinkney Wolfe attended the public schools of Ladonia, Texas, and after finishing school began with the Pacific Express Company, remaining with the company twenty-one years, first at Wolfe City and later at Sulphur Springs. He then went to Dallas and spent two years with the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad as traveling freight agent. He then went with the International and Great Northern Railroad as traveling freight agent, remaining with that road five years, after which he came to Houston, in 1918, as superintendent of the warehouse of the Wolfe Warehouse Company.

Mr. Wolfe was married at Paris, Texas, to Miss Elizabeth Stinson, a native of Tennessee. They reside in Houston, at 4804 San Jacinto Street, and have four children, Lottie, wife of J. H. Hutton, a cotton man of Houston, and who has four children, L. G. Wolfe, who married Miss Annie Mae Smith and has two children; Fay, wife of M. Z. Buford, of Terrell, and who has two children, and J. Paul Wolfe. Mr. Wolfe belongs to the Presbyterian Church and is a Knight of Pythias. He is regarded as one of the most progressive business men at Houston and has attained a favorable position in the business world at Houston since coming here.



**S**COTT FRED BENSON, owner of the Benson Floral Company of Alvin, Texas, has been a resident here for a period of thirty years, where he specializes in the raising and shipping of the fragrant cape jessamine. Mr. Benson established the Benson Floral Company in 1896 and has the unique distinction of being the largest grower and shipper of cape jessamines in the world. He has a highly developed farm at Alvin, ten acres of which is planted to cape jessamines and he controls the output of about forty acres more. His father was the creator of the cape jessamine business at Alvin, and was the first man to ship these fragrant flowers and sell same in a commercial way. He was for many years associated with the express company at Alvin, and he began the cape jessamine shipments by sending them to agents of the express company at other points, on consignment, and from this small beginning came the large business from Alvin of today, which is the largest cape jessamine shipping point in the world. During a normal season ten million cape jessamine buds are grown and sold here, being shipped to all parts of the United States and Canada. Mr. Benson has had a wide and varied business career, and is yet a young man. He worked at various kinds of business, and served as county treasurer from 1912 to 1916 of Brazoria County. During the years 1912 to 1916 he was engaged in the produce business and in and in August of 1917, he enlisted in the World War, and was assigned to the Supply Train of the Rainbow Division. He sailed with his division for France in October, 1917, and while there was commissioned a first lieutenant, and Mr. Benson was a participant in five of the noted battles of the World War—among these being the Meuse, Argonne and Champaign. He returned to America in September, 1919, and was discharged during the same month, when he immediately returned to Alvin and to his large business interests.

Mr. Benson was born at Denver, Colorado, on November 14th, 1887. His father, Carneal W. Benson, was for more than forty years associated with the express companies, and came to Alvin for his health, which he regained, and some years ago retired from active business pursuits, but still resides here where he is regarded as one of the city's leading citizens. His mother was Miss Maud Vosburgh, a member of a prominent Western family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Alvin. Mr. Benson is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston. Mr. Benson is one of the leaders in the business circles of Alvin. He was elected postmaster under the administration of President Harding on April 15, 1922, an office he has filled to the entire satisfaction of the community. He has a host of friends, and by close attention to the details of his business has met with a complete success, and has achieved distinction in his chosen line of endeavor.

**I**RAM MOORE came to Alvin, Texas, twenty-five years ago, where he owns and operates the Alvin Dairy and Stock Farm, one of the largest and best equipped dairies in or near Alvin. Mr. Moore owns in fee four hundred acres of fine land contiguous to Alvin and has be-

tween five hundred acres and six hundred acres of land under lease. He has a herd of two hundred and twenty-five head of cattle, and those of his cattle which are not registered animals are very high grade stock. All bulls are registered animals and many of his brood cows are also registered, making his herd one of the finest in South Texas. Mr. Moore uses all improved methods about his dairy, and uses both machine and hand methods in the milking of his cows, and these animals are given the most careful attention and treated with the utmost kindness, and he will not employ a man who will not be kind to his cattle. All milk from the Alvin Dairy and Stock Farm is shipped to Houston and Galveston, and a ready market is found for this product. Mr. Moore is also engaged in truck farming in connection with his dairying business, raising cucumbers, cantaloupes and beans, principally. Prior to coming here he thought the vicinity of Alvin the logical place for a large dairy, and since locating here has been very successful in this business.

A native Texan, Mr. Moore was born in Ellis County, February 8th, 1878. His father, J. A. Moore, was engaged in farming, dairying and cattle raising in Ellis County, and was known as one of the most successful men engaged in this business. His mother was Miss Maggie D. Stanley, a member of a well known Texas family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of various places in the Lone Star State.

Mr. Moore was married at Alvin, Texas, in 1906, to Miss Clara Belle Pate, a daughter of Rev. W. L. Pate, a well known Methodist minister of Texas. They have six children: Warren Neal, Hazel Belle, Annie Ruth, Joe Hiram, John William and Sarah Margaret. Mr. Moore is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and of the Methodist Church. He is optimistic as to the future of the dairying interests of South Texas and believes that the people are just now awakening to the importance of raising better milk and beef cattle. He believes that the day of the common herd is passed and all farmers are making an effort to grade their cattle higher and practically all bulls are now of the high grade or registered class.



**H**ARRY R. DECKER, whose activities in the oil industry have been centered in Houston for a number of years, is a dealer in oil well specialties, most of which he has himself patented. Mr. Decker's main contribution to the oil industry is the H. R. Decker method of drilling wells. Mr. Decker is a pioneer in the art of rotary well drilling, and for the past sixteen years has been licensing the use of a mud-casing building method used in conjunction with the Decker blowout preventer, upon which he owned the basic patents and exclusive rights. Mr. Decker first got his idea less than two decades ago, and had it patented in 1906. He has for some years past had his headquarters at Houston. He does business under the name of the "Decker Specialty Company," with headquarters at 1118-20 N. San Jacinto.

Mr. Decker was born at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on the 17th day of August, 1866. His father, H. A. Decker, was a captain, and boated oil down Oil Creek, Pennsylvania, from Petroleum Center to Oil City. Mr. Decker attended school at Franklyn and Bradford, Pennsylvania. As a young man he be-



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came a broker on the Bradford Oil Exchange, and spent seven years as a member of the Oil Exchange. He obtained some land in Oklahoma under the Organic Land Act thirty-two years ago, but Mr. Hitchcock would not approve his charter, although during the same period a lease was granted other interests on the Osage County, and he had all the Helton field tied up. He came to Texas six days after the Spindle Top strike, and obtained a lease on all of the land from the Southern Pacific bridge for seven miles down the river, a tract of some thirty-seven hundred acres, which proved to be dry territory; then he drilled in the Spindle Top field, using one of the first standard rigs there, and during the course of his operations drilled two ten-thousand barrel gushers. Later he went to Humble and capped a wild gas well, and introduced his blow-out preventer, and then began to introduce and manufacture his improved devices for drilling rigs.

Mr. Decker's many devices have all been designed to modernize deep well drilling, and it is his belief and his ambition to develop machinery that will drill a well 10,000 feet deep at the cost of what is now required to drill a well half that depth. He has many basic patents for devices improving rotary drill appurtenances, and his contributions to the oil industry are considered very valuable.



**ANTONIO CAMPDERA** has been the manager of the firm of Esteve Bros. and Company, cotton merchants and exporters, of Galveston, Texas, since this firm opened their office here in 1919. The home office of this well known firm is located at New Orleans, which was established more than thirty years ago. Under the management of Mr. Campdera, this firm's business has grown to be among the largest at Galveston, and is growing each year. Their office is located at 2128 Avenue B. Prior to coming to Galveston, Mr. Campdera was for several years associated with the present firm at New Orleans and Savannah, Georgia. When Esteve Bros. decided to open an office in this city, he was selected for the position and has successfully piloted the business of the firm through this period. Mr. Campdera is regarded as one of the leading young cotton men of the country, and is well known in the financial and cotton circles of the entire South.

A native of Spain, Mr. Campdera was born at Barcelona on May 4th, 1898. His education was obtained in the various schools of his native country, and is a graduate of the University of Spain, from which institution he received the B. A. degree. He studied and prepared himself for the medical profession, for two years prior to coming to America. During the period of the World War, he attended the American Military School at Savannah, and after learning the English language, started to work for the firm of Esteve Bros. where he has since remained. Mr. Campdera has an innate love for the cotton business, and believes that there is a wonderful future for a young man in this country, who learns this great industry, including its various branches, and remains with it.

Mr. Campdera says that Galveston is an ideal residence city, as well as one of the best business places in the country. He takes an active part in the business and social life of the Island City, and is a member and worker in the Galveston Chamber of

Commerce and is a member of the Aziola Club. He is a consistent member of the Catholic Church. Since coming to America, Mr. Campdera has devoted his time to the study of cotton in all its branches, beginning with the cultivation, gathering, ginning and marketing. This knowledge has given him an added advantage in successfully conducting his business, and has proved a valuable asset to his company. His close application has made him an authority, and although a very young man, is so considered by his associates and those who have business dealings with him.



**WILLIAM C. TURNBOW** has been an active operator and organizer in the South Texas and Gulf Coast oil fields since 1901, and by industry and application of his experience gained, has successfully developed numerous paying leases. Mr. Turnbow has had a very successful and spectacular career in the oil business, and has operated in practically all the South Texas and Gulf Coast fields, with most of his activities at Goose Creek, where two rigs operated with upward of six hundred barrels production. Mr. Turnbow organized the Turnbow Oil Corporation in 1919 and built a large refinery. He sold this in 1922 and formed the partnership with Mr. Blakely and this firm became well known operators at Goose Creek.

Mr. Turnbow at one time had one hundred producing wells and in 1916 organized the Gulf Coast Oil Corporation and operated in the Gulf Coast fields, and produced five million barrels of oil in Goose Creek from a twenty-acre lease, which is a record for any field in the world. Mr. Turnbow sold his interest in 1918 and received for this stock eighty-seven for one. He came to Houston from Batson, Texas, in 1912 and has well appointed offices on the second floor of the Turnbow Building.

Mr. Turnbow was born in Shreveport, Louisiana, April 24, 1879. His father, J. C. Turnbow (deceased) was well known in the business circles of Shreveport, where for many years he was engaged in the mercantile business and was also occupied in farming. His mother was Miss Louise Matthews, a native of Louisiana, and a member of a well known family of that State. Mr. Turnbow was educated in the public and high schools of Louisiana and Texas, graduating from the high school of Pearsall, Texas, in the class of 1901. He came to Texas with his parents when ten years of age and lived for a period of ten years following the family's removal to Texas, on a ranch and was practically raised in the cattle business. In 1901 he went to the Spindle Top oil field and has been continuously in the oil business since that time. He spent two years at Spindle Top and Sour Lake, Texas, learning the business, and in 1903 he entered the oil business proper at Batson, where he acquired a one-half interest in two rigs and started in the well drilling business.

Mr. Turnbow was married in Beaumont in 1904 to Miss Julia Ruth Springer, a daughter of John Springer (deceased) of Marlin, and a member of a pioneer Texas family. They have one daughter, Julia Ruth. In fraternal, social and commercial organizations Mr. Turnbow is a member of the B. P. O. E., I. O. O. F., Houston Country Club and the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association. He is a staunch and consistent member of the Baptist Church.





**WALTER H. SMITH** of Houston, Texas, is regarded as one of the leading men of the detective business, having for more than eighteen years been engaged in this profession—eleven years of this period being in Houston. Mr. Smith owns and operates the Walter H. Smith Detective Agency which offers its services in detective work in all its principal branches—civil and criminal, making confidential investigations for banks, trust companies, corporations, merchants and individuals. By day and by night this agency is ready to serve the public, in matters of small personal investigation or work that requires weeks or months of service. This agency was established here during the early part of 1923 by Mr. Smith, but he came to Houston in 1915 and had up to that time been associated with another agency. Beginning with two men, The Walter H. Smith Detective Agency has within a period of three years found it necessary to increase the staff to eighteen experienced men. The major portion of the business of this company is confined to Houston, but it has a correspondent in all the principal cities of the country. A feature of The Walter H. Smith Detective Agency is the protection it offers to merchants through its Del-Check system, which has been copyrighted by Mr. Smith. The system was invented to prevent carelessness on the part of delivery men and shipping clerks, and to eliminate opportunities for dishonesty. The offices of The Walter H. Smith Detective Agency are located at 605 Bankers Mortgage Building.

A native of Indiana, Mr. Smith was born at Indianapolis on October 9th, 1882. His father, George F. Smith, a native of New York State, was well known in the business circles of New York State and of Indiana. His mother, Mrs. Emelia (Schmid) Smith, was a native of Columbus, Ohio, and a member of a well known family of that city. His education was obtained in the schools of Indiana. His business career started in the railroad service with the Big Four in their transportation department, where he remained for about ten years. He then went to New Orleans where he was associated with the American Can Company, later going with the New Orleans Terminal Company. Leaving this company, he associated himself with the Old Southern Express Company, and while an employee of this company, Mr. Smith was robbed and then and there he became associated with a national detective agency. His first experience in this profession was with the well known Pinkerton's National Detective Agency, and he held every position while associated with that company from operative to general superintendent during the thirteen years that he was in the service of that company. While with the Pinkerton Agency, Mr. Smith was stationed at New Orleans, Atlanta, Dallas and Houston.

Mr. Smith was married at Kentwood, Louisiana, on October 8th, 1912, to Miss Nina E. Smith, a daughter of Richard H. Smith (deceased), who was a native of Mississippi, as was also her mother, Mrs. Mittie (Turnbow) Smith. They have two daughters: Dorothy, eleven years of age, and Janet, aged nine years. Mr. and Mrs. Smith reside at 5301 Crawford Boulevard. Mr. Smith is one of the board of directors of the Kiwanis Club, a director of the Association of Retail Credit Men, a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Better Business

Bureau, and the Episcopal Church. Mr. Smith is active in all matters having to do with the civic improvement of Houston and gives liberally of his time and means to further any project for the betterment and advancement of his city, in which he has an abiding faith as to its future growth and greatness.



**JUDGE CAMPBELL R. OVERSTREET** came to Texas and Houston in 1911 and before his election to the office of Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Court No. 2, he was for many years business manager of the Houston Carpenters' Union, and his achievements as an executive of this organization are without a parallel in union circles. Judge Overstreet was elected to the office of justice of the peace in the autumn of 1922 and entered office on January 1st, 1923, where he has made a fine record and the citizens of Houston are satisfied and pleased with his administration. Judge Overstreet is a man of real law and justice, as well as a public service man, and has made many friends since entering office, and it is the opinion of the Houston citizenship, that many men like Judge Overstreet are needed in public office, not only in Houston, but throughout the State and country.

Judge Overstreet was born at La Grange, Oldham County, Kentucky, October 11th, 1882. His father, I. B. Overstreet (deceased), was also a native of Kentucky, where he was a well known contractor and builder, and spent his entire life in this business. His mother was Miss Sallie Beckham, also a native of Kentucky, who died thirty days prior to the death of her husband. There was a family of nine children, four girls and five boys, all of whom are residents of Kentucky, except Judge Overstreet. His education was obtained in the public schools of Kentucky, and he left school in order to enter the employ of a railroad, which work he continued for a while and then entered business with his father, where he learned to become a very highly skilled carpenter. He continued in this line of endeavor, and after his marriage continued this work with his father-in-law, who also was a contractor, and who came to Texas a short time before Judge Overstreet came to Houston, and it was on the invitation of his father-in-law, Mr. J. W. Scott, that Judge Overstreet came here. Mr. Scott told him of the wonderful opportunities to be found in the South Texas metropolis, and the judge has been satisfied to remain here since coming and seeing for himself. Mr. Scott secured the contract for the American Brewery Building, where Judge Overstreet did his first Texas work, and then the Houston Post Building, the Longfellow School, Rice Institute Buildings, and many others. Judge Overstreet during this time had made many friends, and was made business manager of the Houston Carpenters' Union, and built that organization up from a membership of 330 to 1643 at the time he resigned, in order to give his time and attention to his campaign for his present office. During the period in which he was manager of the Carpenters' Union, he promoted the building of the Carpenters' Union Building at the corner of Capital Avenue and Caroline Street at a cost of \$100,000.00. It is one of the finest union buildings of Texas, and Judge Overstreet was the principal worker to get this building constructed and owned by the union.



Walter H. Smith.





Gordon O. W. Leber.

Judge Overstreet was married at Jeffersonville, Indiana, July 28th, 1906, to Miss Nellie Scott, a daughter of J. W. Scott, who came to Houston in the early part of 1911, and since that time has been one of the city's most prominent contractors and builders. Many of the most prominent Houston buildings stand as a monument to the skill and energy of Mr. Scott, who is now practically retired from active business pursuits. They have three children—Lucile, Dorothy and Edna Beckham. Judge and Mrs. Overstreet reside at 221 West 19th Street. Judge Overstreet is a member of the A. F. and A. M., his membership was first in La Grange Fortitude Lodge No. 47 of Kentucky, but had same transferred to Reagan Lodge No. 1037 of this order of Houston, shortly after coming to this city. He also holds membership in the Red Men, Eagles, Knights of Pythias and Knights and Ladies Securities. Judge Overstreet has many friends in Houston, where he is popular with all classes, and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for the city of his adoption.

**G**ORDON O. McGEHEE, attorney at law, of Houston, Texas, first came to this city during the World War, when he was an officer at Camp Logan. After the close of the War he decided to locate here, and is a recognized leader among the younger lawyers of the Houston bar. Mr. McGehee specialized in real estate and corporation law, and has built up a very successful business, and numbers among his clients many of Houston's leading business men and large corporations of various kinds. His offices are located on the seventh floor of the Keystone Building. After receiving his degree from college, Mr. McGehee began the practice of law in Montgomery, Alabama, where he continued until May, 1917, and had built up a splendid practice, which he gave up in order to enter the World War. He attended the first Officer's Training Camp at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia, and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, promoted to First Lieutenant, after which he was sent to Camp Perry, Ohio, and later was sent to Camp Logan, Houston, where he remained until he received his discharge in the latter part of 1918, and has remained here since that time.

Mr. McGehee was born at Montgomery, Alabama, on November 3rd, 1889. His father, William E. McGehee (deceased) was a native of Alabama, and one of the State's best-known citizens. His mother, who is also deceased, was Miss Mary C. Boyd, a member of a prominent Alabama family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Montgomery, Alabama, after which he entered the A. and M. College of his native State, and graduated from that institution in the class of 1909, with the B. S. Degree. He then became a student of Center College, graduating from the law department of that institution in 1912, and later entered the Law Department of the University of Alabama and graduated there in the class of 1913 with the LL. B. degree.

Mr. McGehee was married at Houston, Texas, on January 24th, 1924, to Mrs. Marjorie Brown Danforth, a native of Maine and a member of a well-known family of that State. Mr. and Mrs. McGehee reside at 4316 Roseland Avenue. In college fraternities he is a member of Alpha-Tau Omega. Mr. McGehee is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with

membership in Temple Lodge No. 4, of Houston. He has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite Body of this Order and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple. He is also a member of the B. P. O. E. and is active in this organization. As one who specializes in real estate and corporation matters of importance, Mr. McGehee is one of the leaders in this phase of legal practice in Houston. Since locating here he has made a host of friends and is popular not only in social circles, but in the business circles of the city as well. Mr. McGehee is enthusiastic in his praise of Houston and South Texas and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for the city of his adoption, where he is known as one of its most progressive attorneys, ever willing to work for the advancement of his city.



**E. HORTON, JR.**, of Houston, Texas, has spent his entire business life in the field of insurance, having started as a very young man in this industry at Dallas, Texas, removing to this city in 1921, where he is special agent for the Hartford Fire Insurance Company of Hartford, Connecticut. The Hartford writes all classes of insurance except life in his territory which includes all of Southeast Texas. There are many agents in this territory under the supervision of Mr. Horton with headquarters at 618 Second National Bank Building, Houston, Texas.

A native son of Texas, Mr. Horton was born in Dallas County on November 30th, 1890. His father, William E. Horton (deceased), a native of Virginia, was for many years a well known and highly esteemed citizen of North Texas, serving Dallas County with distinction as tax assessor for many years. His mother, Mrs. Elizabeth (Lewis) Horton, was a member of a prominent family of Kentucky. His education was obtained in the schools of Dallas, Texas, which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world. His first experience was with the well known insurance firm of Trezevant and Cochran at Dallas, later becoming associated with other firms in this same line of activity. Mr. Horton served in the army of the United States during the World War, having enlisted in September, 1917, and served until March, 1919. Entering the service as a private, he was discharged as a first lieutenant, A. G. D.

Mr. Horton resides at the Rossonian Apartments on Fannin Street. He is a member of the River Oaks Country Club and various other commercial, fraternal and social organizations of this city, in all of which he takes an active interest. His church affiliation is with the Christian Church, this being the religious belief of his forbears. While Mr. Horton is a comparatively recent addition to the insurance and business circles of Houston, Texas, he has made his influence felt and has succeeded in building up a large and prosperous business for his insurance company, which has grown to the extent that new agents are constantly being added to the already long list in various parts of his territory. Mr. Horton is a consistent booster for Houston and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for the city of his adoption, which he believes will soon lead the entire Southwest along all lines. He has made a host of friends in the South Texas territory who regard him as one of the leaders in the field of insurance of his generation, and the future for him in the business world is very bright.





**WALTER H. STEIGERWALD**, for a number of years past a resident of Houston, has recently established a jobbing house here, and is a factor in wholesale circles. He is President and General Manager of W. H. Steigerwald Company, Incorporated, a firm established in 1920, and jobbers of Goodrich Mechanical Rubber Goods. Tannate Leather Belting, Belmont Packing, Crane Metallic Packing, and distributors for Pyrene Fire Extinguishers. A force of ten people are employed in the Houston house, and salesmen represent the company in South Texas. The large volume of business handled by the Steigerwald Company is very gratifying to the officers of the company, and suggests a prosperous future for the business. W. H. Steigerwald Company, Inc., is located at 617 Washington Avenue, and the officers are: Walter H. Steigerwald, President, and George A. Delhomme, Secretary and Treasurer.

Walter H. Steigerwald was born at Streator, Illinois, the twenty-eighth of June, 1890, and spent his boyhood in that State, attending the public schools of Joliet. As a young man he was engaged in newspaper work and was on the editorial staff of an engineering journal in Chicago for six years. He then came to Texas, going to Beaumont, where he went with the Wilson Hardware Company, remaining with that organization for one year. At that time he removed to Houston, becoming Manager of the Wilson Hardware Company's Houston branch, and remaining with this firm until 1920, when he resigned to establish his present business.

Mr. Steigerwald was married in Houston the third of October, 1916, to Miss Bertha M. Gross, a native of St. Louis, Missouri, where she was reared. Mr. and Mrs. Steigerwald reside at 1612 West Alabama Avenue, and have two children, Walter H. Steigerwald, Jr., and Mary Stella Steigerwald. Mr. Steigerwald is a Mason, a Knight Templar, a member of the Rotary Club, and is one of the leaders among the younger business men of Houston.



**CHARLES H. KUHLMANN**, through the experience obtained in more than forty years of service, which began as cash boy and extended to every position and department in the store, made him the successful Manager of the great wholesale and retail grocery establishment of Henke and Pillot, Houston. Mr. Kuhlmann has a genius for management, and perhaps knows a greater number of people in Houston than does any other man in the city.

A native Texan, Mr. Kuhlmann was born in Harris County in 1868. His parents, Henry Kuhlmann and Henrietta Kuhlmann, were large land owners and extensive farmers of Harris County. Mr. Kuhlmann started to work in the Henke and Pillot store in 1880, and for the past twenty years he has been head buyer and manager of the firm. During this long period of employment, he has been directly and continuously associated with the founders of this great establishment, which was started as a very small grocery store in 1872 by Henry Henke. Ten years later C. G. Pillot came as a partner in this enterprise. These are two of Houston's oldest and most public-spirited citizens, and most prosperous and successful business men. When Mr. Kuhlmann entered the employ of this grocery store, Houston was a village and Texas a pioneer State. The broad Western plains stretched for hundreds of miles over

an empire of open cattle ranges. This was a land of opportunity where every man stood upon his merits, where all had a fighting chance to win in the game of business. As Houston grew, so did the Henke and Pillot establishment, until today it is one of the largest stores of its kind in America, under the care, industry and good management of Charles H. Kuhlmann and a few other faithful men.

Mr. Kuhlmann was married in Houston in 1890 to Miss Agnes Mary Senechal, a member of a pioneer Houston family, where her father, Louis Senechal, was for many years a trusted employe of the United States Government. They have four children, Charles L. Kuhlmann, now manager of the South End Store for the Henke and Pillot firm; Aline A., Ethel E. and Dorothy F. The Kuhlmann home is located at 618 Gray Avenue, where they have resided continuously for the past thirty-one years. In fraternal and social organizations Mr. Kuhlmann is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World, B. P. O. E., Kiwanis Club, of which he is Vice-President, Houston Turnverein, of which he is Past President, and the Glenbrook Country Club. Mr. Kuhlmann, in his daily life, teaches efficiency, promptness and punctuality. This, with character, perseverance and foresight have been dominant factors in the success achieved by this highly respected and progressive citizen of Houston.



**H. HUTTON**, head of the cotton business conducted under the name of J. H. Hutton and Company, came to Houston in 1916 as agent for M. H. Wolfe and Company and established his present business in 1920. Mr. Hutton buys for domestic markets and for export, and exports cotton to England, France, Germany and Belgium; his domestic shipments are mostly to Georgia, North and South Carolina, New York and eastern states. Mr. Hutton has traveling representatives scattered throughout the state, who buy for him, and he also buys from interior dealers; he ships practically all his cotton through the port of Houston. Mr. Hutton at times imports cotton from Mexico via the port of New York.

A native Texan, Mr. Hutton was born at Honey Grove, December 3rd, 1883. His father, J. K. Hutton, came to Texas from Alabama and was for many years engaged in the grocery business at Honey Grove. Mr. Hutton's education was obtained in the public and high schools of Wolf City, Texas, where he graduated from the latter in 1900, and in 1901 attended the Metropolitan Business College at Dallas, and finished this course in a few months.

Mr. Hutton began his business career in the cotton business in 1903 as a bookkeeper for M. H. Wolfe and Company, and continued with this firm until 1920 when he resigned in order to begin business for himself. When the firm of M. H. Wolfe and Company was incorporated in 1912, Mr. Hutton became a stockholder and was made treasurer and later vice president, and opened the Houston branch office for this firm in 1916.

Mr. Hutton was married at Sulphur Springs, Texas, December 8th, 1904, to Miss Lottie L. Wolfe, a niece of M. H. Wolfe, of Dallas, and a daughter of L. P. Wolfe, who was a member of the old Wolfe City, Hunt County, family. They have four children—Fayette, Mary Elizabeth, Lottie Lee and Lillian. Mr. and Mrs. Hutton reside at 4804 San Jacinto Street. Mr. Hutton is a member of the



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Houston Cotton Exchange and is a member of the traffic committee of this organization. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Hutton sees a bright future for Houston, and believes that the future of this port is limited only by the capacity of the improvements in the handling facilities of both the port and channel.



**E. OLSON**, one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, Texas, has been a potent figure in the real estate and building activities for several years and has had a share in the development of this city. Mr. Olson heads the firm of A. E. Olson and Bros., Inc., contractors, designers and home builders, with offices located at 1519 Main Street. He has been engaged in the various branches of the building business practically all his life, starting his activities in a small way. A. E. Olson and Bros., Inc., started in 1920 as a partnership, later was incorporated and has developed into one of the largest building and real estate companies of Houston. This organization are the owners of Rosemont Heights Extension, the West Gray Terrace and much other valuable property in this city. Other officers of A. E. Olson and Bros., Inc., are John Olson, vice president, and Mrs. A. O. Horn, secretary and treasurer.

A native Texan, Mr. Olson was born at Port Lavaca on April 4th, 1895. His parents, O. A. Olson and Mrs. Christine (Gelin) Olson, were natives of Sweden, and both belonged to well known families of that country. His education was obtained in the public schools of Houston which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world, where he has met with great success.

A. E. Olson and John Olson were members of the United States army during the World War, being assigned to the Air Service, where they spent their entire time in this branch of the army.

Mr. Olson was married at Houston on January 29th, 1922, to Miss Elizabeth Dunnam, a daughter of Dr. E. H. Dunnam, for many years prominent in the medical circles of South Texas. Her mother, Mrs. Stella (Harral) Dunnam, was a member of one of Texas' pioneer families. Mr. and Mrs. Olson have two children, Albert E. Olson, Jr., and Thomas David. The Olson home is at 705 West Gray Avenue. Mr. Olson is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Houston Lodge No. 1189. He is also a member of many of Houston's social and commercial organizations, in which he takes an active interest. His church affiliation is with the Methodist faith.

Mr. John Olson, who is a brother of the subject of this sketch and the vice president of A. E. Olson and Bros., Inc., was born at Port Lavaca, Texas, on February 19th, 1897. His education was obtained in the public schools of Houston. He also has been engaged in the building business practically all his life and is regarded as one of the foremost men in his field of activity. Mr. Olson resides at 1116 Peden Street. He is a member of the Methodist Church and many of the social and business organizations of Houston, in all of which he takes a keen interest. Both of these men may well be proud of the success which they have achieved in their chosen line. They are numbered among the leaders of their generation in the business life of Houston and are regarded as two of this city's most enterprising citizens.



**C. FULTON**, president and manager of the Ship Channel Drug Company, Wholesale Drugs, has since coming to Houston in 1906 been an active figure in the business circles of this city. The Ship Channel Drug Company was established in Houston four years ago and now their number of customers has reached to almost one thousand. They have a floor space of fifty thousand square feet, and carry a large and complete line of drugs and druggist's sundries. The trade territory of the Ship Channel Drug Company extends for one hundred and fifty miles around Houston. Their establishment located at the corner of Franklin and San Jacinto Streets is one of the busiest stores in Houston. Other officers of the Ship Channel Drug Company are Dr. A. L. Miller, first vice president; T. A. Sinclair, second vice president; A. Hutchenrider, secretary, and S. Harding, treasurer. L. W. Davis, Sewall Meyer, T. B. Reed, F. B. Chambers and B. W. Ferguson well known business men of Houston, together with the president and vice president are the directors of this Wholesale Drug establishment.

Mr. Fulton was born in New Berlin, Illinois, on November 23, 1884. His father, Dr. L. W. Fulton (deceased) was for many years a prominent physician of New Berlin. His mother was Miss Annie King, a member of a well known Illinois family. Mr. Fulton's education was obtained in the schools and colleges of New Berlin and Chicago.

Mr. Fulton came to Texas and to Houston in 1906 and was engaged in the retail drug business until 1920 when the Ship Channel Drug Company was established. Before coming to Houston, Mr. Fulton had been engaged in the drug business in New Berlin, Illinois and in Chicago, making all of his business life connected with the drug business. Mr. Fulton was married in Houston in 1909 to Miss Jeffie Davis of Waco, a member of one of Texas' most prominent families. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton reside at 350 West 22nd Street, Houston Heights. Mr. Fulton is a member of the Scottish Rite body of the Masonic fraternity and Potentate of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Salesmanship Club, the Optimist Club, and is a loyal member of the Baptist Church. He takes an active interest in all civic matters and is regarded as quite an acquisition to the civic, social and commercial life of Houston.



**J. WHATLEY** is one of the well known men connected with the rice industry in Texas, where prior to becoming vice president and general manager of the Industrial Rice Mills, Inc., in 1914, he had successfully operated other rice mills in the state for many years. The Industrial Rice Mills, Inc., located at Grayson and Carr Streets, was organized and incorporated in 1914, and is one of the largest rice mills in Texas, having a daily capacity of one thousand barrels and a storage capacity of forty thousand barrels. The plant of the Industrial Rice Mills, Inc., covers an area of fifteen city blocks, and all space is covered with their buildings. This company employs thirty people. More than 40 per cent of the product from this mill is exported to European countries and the other 60 per cent is sold throughout the United States, as the Industrial Rice Mills, Inc., have a constant demand for their product. They sell at



wholesale only and have their own railroad track-age into their plant from two railroads. Other officers of the Industrial Rice Mills, Inc., are Ed Rand, president, and R. H. Whatley, secretary and treasurer.

A native Texan, Mr. Whatley was born in Atlanta, Cass County, in 1873. His father, L. A. Whatley, was for many years superintendent of the state penitentiary. His mother was Miss Emma Heard, a member of a well known Texas family. Mr. Whatley's early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Cass County, after which he attended the A. and M. College for two years, graduating from that institution in the class of 1894. After leaving college, Mr. Whatley entered the banking business in the T. W. House Bank of Houston, where he was employed for four years. He then removed to Eagle Lake, where he engaged in the general mercantile business, and from 1907 to 1914 operated the Lakeside Rice Mills. He came to Houston during the year 1914 and organized the Industrial Rice Mills, and has been the vice president and general manager of this company since that time.

Mr. Whatley was married at Eagle Lake in 1903 to Miss Ella Beard, a member of a prominent Eagle Lake family. Mr. and Mrs. Whatley reside at 1814 Fannin Street. During his residence in Eagle Lake, Mr. Whatley served as president of the First National Bank there. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in the lodge at Eagle Lake and of the Houston Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Whatley takes an active interest in all projects working for the development, progress and improvement of Houston.



**WILLIAM E. WOODRUFF** has been engaged in the general contracting business in Houston for more than two decades and during this period has had a share in the vast development that Houston has experienced. Mr. Woodruff has splendid equipment, trucks, mixers, elevators and everything necessary in the contracting and building business. More than one hundred buildings in Houston stand as a monument to his skill as a builder. Among these buildings are numbered the Concordia Club, Tennison Hotel, Westheimer Building, Southern Drug Company Building, Texas Portland Cement Company Building, Reagan School, Fannin School, addition to the Lubbock School and many more of the most prominent in the city of Houston, where Mr. Woodruff has confined his building activities. His office is located at 314 Larendon Building.

Mr. Woodruff was born in Blunt County, Alabama, November 22nd, 1865. His father, James P. Woodruff, was a large land owner and extensive farmer of Alabama. His mother was Miss Lucy Ellis, a member of a well known Alabama family. His opportunities for securing an education were limited, and young Woodruff devoted himself diligently to home study, and the liberal education which he obtained in later years was through self help.

Mr. Woodruff started his business career in a planing and saw mill, where he remained for seven years. He then entered railroad work and continued in this line of endeavor for about eight years, and in 1902 started in the general contracting business here and has continued since that time and has met with great success, where he is known throughout South Texas, as one of the best and most reliable men en-

gaged in the general contracting business. Mr. Woodruff was married in Georgia in 1887 to Miss Ella Thompson, a member of an old Alabama family. They have eight children, Paul W. Woodruff, Mrs. Arsa Davidson, Mrs. Ida Davidson, H. E. Woodruff, Mrs. Mary Schmidt, Miss Kate Woodruff, Mrs. Myrtle McMillan, and Miss Ella Frances Woodruff. Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff reside at 3201 Virginia Street. The two sons, H. E. and Paul, are engaged in business with their father, and both are members of the Masonic fraternity. Mr. Woodruff is a Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also a member of the Builders' Exchange and the Houston Civic Council. Mr. Woodruff has great faith in the future of Houston, and is one of the best workers in the city for the progress, advancement and civic improvement of the city of his adoption.



**AMES W. INGOLD** has for two decades been held in high esteem for his activities in commercial circles at Houston, where he is the representative of one of the leading news service companies in the country. Mr. Ingold is General Superintendent of the District office of the Van Noy Interstate Company, Incorporated, operating a railroad and hotel news service. Mr. Ingold has held this position since July, 1904, in which year he came to Houston. The Van Noy Interstate Company operates news stands in hotels, depots and on trains, and have charge of the news service on the Southern Pacific Lines, the San Antonio and Aransas Pass, International-Great Northern, San Antonio, Uvalde and Gulf, and Gulf Coast Lines. Mr. Ingold has been in large measure responsible for the rapid development of this business, and has now in his employ more than seventy operatives on the various trains and in hotels and depots. The officers of the Van Noy Interstate Company are H. C. Leighton of New York, President, and Mr. H. C. Koehler of Kansas City, Vice-President. Mr. Ingold is also interested in other enterprises of commercial importance at Houston, and is Vice-President of the Texas Hotel Supply Company.

Mr. Ingold began his business career in Kansas City, Missouri, more than a quarter of a century ago, as a railroad man. In 1896 he went in his present business, and was one of the founders of the Van Noy Interstate Company, organizing the business as a partnership in that year. The firm was then known as the Ingold-Brown News Service Company, under which name it was operated until 1899, when the corporation became known as the Brown News Company. Mr. Ingold came to Houston in 1904 to open the office here, as Superintendent of this District, and has so continued. In 1915 the business was reorganized and at that time the name changed to the Van Noy Interstate Company.

Mr. Ingold was born in Chicago, Illinois, the twenty-seventh of July, 1873, son of W. A. Ingold, a native of North Carolina, who spent most of his life in Illinois and Missouri, retiring and coming to Houston in 1906. He is now deceased. Mr. Ingold was educated in the public schools of Chicago and Kansas City and after finishing his education entered the business world.

Mr. Ingold is a Mason, Gray Lodge No. 329, Thirty-Second Degree, Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine.



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**W**ESLEY P. COTTINGHAM for upwards of three decades has been a prime factor in industrial activities at Houston, where his name is of special significance in the blue print and drafting business. Mr. Cottingham is president, treasurer and manager of the Texas Blue Print and Supply Company, one of the largest firms of this kind in the city. The business was established by Mr. Cottingham in 1909 and has since that time engaged extensively in the making of blue prints and as dealers in all kinds of architectural supplies. Mr. Cottingham is well equipped for the management of such a business, having had careful training in this work, and has attained the reputation of one of the best blue print experts in this section of the state. He gives his personal supervision to all the work turned out by his plant and has a large patronage drawn from the best architects and builders in Houston. Mr. Cottingham has his offices at 420 Fannin Street and employs five men in his plant. R. C. Watkins is vice president and G. R. Cottingham secretary of the corporation.

Mr. Cottingham was born in Refugio County, Texas, in 1871, son of J. I. Cottingham, a native of Mississippi, who came to Texas in the sixties, and Marguerite Wallace Cottingham, a native of South Carolina. He was educated in the public schools of De Witt County and after finishing there went to Texas A. & M. College, where he graduated in 1892 with the degree B. C. E. He came to Houston shortly after his graduation and went with the Southern Pacific Railroad as civil engineer, holding this position until 1907. He was with the Kansas City Southern Railroad as civil engineer from then until 1909, in which year he established his present business.

Mr. Cottingham has been twice married, his second marriage, to Miss Edna Barnhart, occurring in California in 1915.

The family reside at 2406 Jackson Avenue. Mr. Cottingham is a member of the Light Guards, since 1896.

**P**HILIP A. McKENZIE, Investor, has for almost a quarter of a century been engaged in the construction and contracting business in Houston, and during this time has built and sold hundreds of homes. Mr. McKenzie builds and sells houses, buys and sells property of all kinds, and does some general contracting, but his business consists largely of building the houses which he sells. Mr. McKenzie's office is located in the State National Bank Building, and by his fair dealing with the public, his business has grown since the beginning, and he is the owner of much valuable property in the city.

A native Texan, Mr. McKenzie was born in Tyler County, September 17th, 1860. His father, Daniel Jackson McKenzie, entered the Civil War at the beginning of this struggle and lost his life during the conflict. His mother was Miss Mildred Williams, a member of a well-known Texas family. His opportunities for securing an education were limited, but he attended the Huntington Institute at Woodville, Texas, where he was a classmate of John H. Kirby, and a friendship sprang up between these men at that time which has lasted, and grown stronger as the years have passed.

Mr. McKenzie began his business career in the

lumber business and was engaged in the shipping branch of this industry for about four years at Warren, Texas, and has had experience in every part of this great industry from the lumber camp up through all the branches. He is regarded as one of the best posted lumber men in Houston, which has been his life's work, and is also an expert lumber grader; all of which has been of great value to him in the building and contracting business.

Mr. McKenzie was married in Houston, in 1896, to Miss Alice Hannon, a native Texan, and a member of a well-known South Texas family. They have four children—Ruth, twenty-three years of age; Edith, aged twenty-one; Harold, eighteen years old, and Louis, aged fourteen years. Mr. McKenzie is a member of the Praetorians and takes an active interest in this organization. Mr. McKenzie has great faith in the future of Houston and believes that this city will soon become the Metropolis of the Southwest. He is regarded as one of the city's most progressive citizens and has had much to do with the building of homes here, which he has sold to people of moderate means, mostly, thereby providing a way in which these people could become home owners, and better citizens.

**J**AMES FITZGERALD, who has spent most of his life in the city of Houston, has been variously identified with business enterprises in this city, and for the past five years has been active in the manufacturing industry. Mr. Fitzgerald is general manager of the Lloyd Metal Company, established in Houston in 1910, and owned by the Lloyd Estate. The company manufactures sash-weights, manhole frames and covers, catch-basins, inlets, street plates, and municipal castings, especially the various Lloyd Designs of water meter boxes and Lloyd Design of street sign posts, all cast and raised letters. One of their principal products is sash-weights, of which they turn out around three thousand daily, weighing in the aggregate eight tons. The Lloyd Metal Company has a modern foundry with the best of equipment, the plant being located at the corner of Carr and Opelousas Streets. They employ thirty men, have their own tracks on the I. & G. N. R. R., and ship their product throughout this and adjoining states.

Mr. Fitzgerald was born at Houston, Texas, the 21st of March, 1870, son of Wm. and Mary Fitzgerald. His father, who had been for many years in the railroad business, died when Mr. Fitzgerald was a child of three. Mr. Fitzgerald was educated in the public schools of Houston, and after leaving school was for four years connected with the printing industry. At the expiration of this time he entered the railroad business, and for the ensuing sixteen years was connected with various roads. After this, clerical work engaged his attention until December, 1918, when he came with the Lloyd Metal Company as general manager.

Mr. Fitzgerald was married at Houston in 1899, to Miss Laura Lyons, whose father is well known in Houston railroad circles. Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald have made their home in Houston, their residence being located at 2403 North Main Street. They have two children, William J. and E. T. The family are members of the Catholic Church. Mr. Fitzgerald is a Knight of Columbus, and a Knight of Pythias.



**G**EORGE H. COLLINS, President of the Houston Lumber and Building Company, Inc., has been identified with the business world at Houston for twenty years. The company he now heads was incorporated in 1919, and has since engaged in a retail lumber business, and a building business, the latter including the buying, wrecking and reselling of all kinds of buildings, remodeling old buildings, and the promotion, through residence building, of new additions. The company also does a big business salvaging saw mills, towns and army camps, this business being done all over Texas and Louisiana. Since the establishment of the business more than five hundred new homes have been constructed and sold, countless buildings been remodeled, and a volume of new building material of all kinds sold. The corporation is located at 3120 Washington Avenue, and officers, in addition to Mr. Collins, the President, are: Thomas Collins, Vice-President, and M. L. Wallace, Secretary.

George H. Collins was born in Bee County, Texas, the fifteenth of March, 1883, son of Thomas Collins and Laura (Richardson) Collins. Mr. Collins, Sr., a native of Matagorda, Texas, is Vice-President of the company his son heads. Mrs. Collins is a native of Alabama. George H. Collins was educated in the Houston schools, and gained his first business experience here, engaging in the general contracting business for fifteen years prior to establishing his present business.

Mr. Collins was married at Houston, the seventeenth of June, 1908, to Miss Pearl Hecox, a native of Arkansas, and daughter of John Hecox and Kate (Drake) Hecox, of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Collins have one son, George H. Collins, Jr., and reside at 2617 Baldwin Street. Mr. Collins is an Elk and a Knight of Pythias.

**R**EED F. CRAWFORD, one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, has been active in commercial and social circles here for the past six years. Mr. Crawford is sales manager of Horton and Horton, one of the leading building material firms of South Texas. Horton and Horton do a large business in gravel, sand and shell. They have all facilities in handling these materials, including a fleet of barges that bring same up the bayou to the city proper. The general sales office and warehouse of the firm is located on McKinney Avenue at the corner of Velasco, and the sand, gravel and shell bins are located on Baker at the corner of Walnut.

A native Texan, Mr. Crawford was born at Cameron in 1895. His father, Frank Crawford, died when Mr. Crawford was an infant. His mother later married Mr. J. B. Smith, a business man of Chicago, who reared and educated Mr. Crawford. His education was obtained in the public schools of Cameron, and public and private schools of Chicago and the Northwestern University of Illinois. After leaving college, Mr. Crawford enlisted in the army in June, 1917 and was assigned to the Ambulance Corps. He remained in this branch of the service until November, 1917, when he was transferred to the Air Service and entered the ground school of Ohio University, and was later sent to the ground school at Berkeley, California. The next place was the flying field and he was sent to Rockwell Field, California. He received his commission in May, 1918,

and was sent to Camp Dick, Dallas. After a short time spent at that field, Mr. Crawford was sent to Dayton, Ohio for gunnery instructions and then returned to Camp Dick, at Dallas. After a short stay at Camp Dick, he was sent to France. He returned to the United States and received his discharge in February, 1919, and immediately came to Houston. He soon entered the army goods business under the name of Crawford and Orand, the store being located at 906 Franklin Avenue. He continued in this line for several years. On March 1st, 1924, he went with Horton and Horton.

Mr. Crawford was married in Houston in 1920 to Miss Emrette Parker, a native Texan and a member of a well known Ennis family. They have one daughter, Mary May Crawford. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford reside at 1016 West Alabama Street.

Mr. Crawford is a member of the A. F. & A. M. with membership in Gray Lodge No. 329 of Houston. He is also a member of the Houston Country Club and the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Crawford is of the opinion that the future of Houston is one of unlimited possibilities for continued growth.

**S**H. WEAVER, for almost two decades identified with the nursery business at Houston, has during this time devoted his energies to the growing of fine nursery stock, and has built up a business of national scope. Mr. Weaver came to Houston in 1906, and in that year established the S. H. Weaver and Company Nurseries. He continued to operate this business until 1922, when a reorganization was effected at which time the name was changed to the Consolidated Nurseries, with W. C. Weaver as owner of part of the company. Mr. S. H. Weaver has been general manager since the reorganization. The Consolidated Nurseries are among the largest sellers of nursery stock in Texas, offering every known kind of fruit, berries, semi-tropical fruit and greenhouse products, ornamental trees and shrubs, roses, hedges and garden flowers of all kinds. They have a complete nursery stock, owning and controlling over five hundred acres of rich land, devoted to the raising of nursery stock. They employ one hundred gardeners and other employees. The city office of the Consolidated Nurseries is located at 1611 Main Street, where the general business of the firm is handled. They have a large volume of mail order business, their catalogue, compiled by Mr. Weaver, going to customers throughout the United States and to Canada. They ship a large volume of stock annually, much of their choicest nursery stock going to California, Canada and Mexico. The Consolidated Nurseries, while concentrating their principles efforts on mail order trade, also handle an extensive local business.

Mr. Weaver was born at Beaumont, the second of June, 1882, son of W. F. and Julia Decker Weaver, his father being a farmer there. His education was received in the schools of Beaumont, and at the age of eighteen he began in the nursery business to which his entire business career has been devoted. In 1906, Mr. Weaver came to Houston, with the view of making this city his permanent headquarters, and has continued the business here since that time.

Mr. Weaver was married at Galveston, in 1912, and has one child, Edith. He makes his home at 1611 Main Street.



Geo. H. Collins





*BW Warren*





**W. WARREN** has had much to do with supplying equipment for plumbing, heating and ventilating to many of the large buildings of Houston since becoming established in this city in 1914. Mr. Warren is president of the Warren Company, Inc., Plumbing and Heating Contractors, with offices at 1214 McKinney Avenue. Among the large buildings in Houston which the Warren Company has supplied with plumbing, heating and ventilating equipment are the Gulf Building, Federal Reserve Bank, Bankers Mortgage Company, Hermann Hospital, Scottish Rite Cathedral and two Rice Institute buildings. This company does a large business in residence work in all parts of Houston and its suburban residence districts. The Warren Company carry a stock valued at \$30,000.00 and employ twenty people in their establishments, which consists of two stores, one at 1214 McKinney, which runs through the block to Caroline and forms the second store of this company, which fronts on that street. Other officers of the Warren Company, Inc., are J. W. Phillips, vice president and B. Bruecher, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Warren was born in Charlotte, Michigan, in 1872, but came to Texas with his parents when two years of age. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Sherman. After leaving school, Mr. Warren engaged in farming, and continued to farm until he was eighteen years of age. He came to Houston in 1897 and learned the plumber's trade here, after which he went with the Keithly Company, where he remained for several years, during which time he was advanced until he had become vice president of the Keithly Company. He held this position, in addition to being a large stock holder in this organization, at the time he severed his connection with this company in 1914 in order to start his present business, which has grown rapidly from the beginning.

Mr. Warren was married in Houston in 1903 to Miss Ethel Blondeau. They have two daughters—Aleen, now Mrs. DeWitt Morrow, and Inez, twelve years of age. Mr. Warren is a member of the Scottish Rite Body of the Masonic fraternity and is a member of Arabia Temple. He has been closely connected with the commercial interests of Houston for many years, and is interested in all movements tending to promote the growth and importance of his city.



**D. BURRESS**, for a number of years a factor in highway, railway and levee construction work at Houston, has recently entered the ice manufacturing business, attaining a commendable reputation for his activities in this important industry. The Burress & Rogers Ice Company, which Mr. Burress, with J. E. Rogers, veteran grain man of Houston, established in 1922, occupies a new and modern plant with a one hundred ton capacity. This plant, constructed under Mr. Burress' direct supervision, represents the latest and most modern improvements in plant construction, is built of reinforced concrete and steel, with electric equipment throughout. The company owns their own property, and also has their own wells, assuring absolute purity of the manufactured product. Their location, at 1220 Washington Avenue, is ideal for their requirements, and occupies a lot seventy-two by two hundred and eight feet, the building covering the entire property. They

sell both wholesale and retail in the city, providing loading platforms for both classes of trade, and also sell in carload lots. Mr. Burress is the active manager of the plant, and with Mr. Rogers, owns the establishment.

Mr. Burress was born at Baldwyn, Mississippi, in 1886, son of L. R. and Annie Burress. Mr. Burress received his rudimentary education in the public schools of his native state, graduating from the high school there. He then entered Mississippi Heights Academy, at Blue Mountain, as a special student, remaining there two years, and then attended Mississippi College, at Clinton, Mississippi, for a period of two years. Mr. Burress came to Texas in 1907, a year later entering the construction contracting business, building railroads, highways and rice levees, continuing in this business until 1922 at which time he established the present ice manufacturing business.

Mr. Burress was married in DeWitt County, in 1913, to Miss Martha Elizabeth Young, daughter of a prominent landowner of that county. They have two children, Jeanette and Margaret. Mr. Burress is a Mason.



**VIVIAN W. MOSS**, vice president, treasurer and manager of the Randolph Paint Company, Incorporated, has in the short time that he has been at Houston, taken an active part in retail and wholesale trade activities. The Randolph Paint Company, established by N. Randolph, in 1861, has one of the largest retail stores in the city, occupying a modern building on Texas Avenue, at Milam, and being forty-five by ninety feet. This store sells retail exclusively, carrying a complete line of paints, wall paper and glass. The wholesale business has a separate building, forty-five by one hundred and fifty feet, and handles a large volume of business annually. The Randolph lines of paints and wall papers are chosen for their qualities of dependability and this firm has a record of satisfied customers and reliability covering many years of operation. Fifteen men are employed in the retail department, with three men on the road for the wholesale branch. Earnest T. Trigg, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, is president of the company. Mr. Moss, vice president, treasurer and manager.

Mr. Moss was born at Ackerman, Mississippi, the thirteenth of October, 1887, son of W. A. Moss, a native of that state, and a well known planter, now living at Ackerman, Mississippi. His mother, before her marriage Miss Lou Wood, is also a native of Mississippi. Mr. Moss was educated in the public schools of Meridian, Mississippi. After finishing his education, he went with C. M. Rubush, as office man, remaining there for a short time. He then went with the Perry Paint and Mantel Company, like the Rubush Company, located at Meridian, and was there for ten years. He came to Houston in May, 1922, as vice president, treasurer and manager of the Randolph Paint Company, Inc.

Mr. Moss was married at Meridian, Mississippi, the fifteenth of June, 1910, to Miss Jodie Rubush, daughter of C. M. Rubush, for many years a general contractor at Meridian. Mr. and Mrs. Moss, since coming to Houston, have made their home at 1501 Branard Avenue. They have two children, Vivian W., Junior and William Austin. Mr. Moss belongs to the Rotary Club, the Elks, the Salesmanship Club and the Houston Club.





**R. H. HABERLEIN**, who has recently come to Houston and established his home and business headquarters, is a lumberman of several years' practical experience, and is a factor in the lumber business here. Mr. Haberlein is president, treasurer and manager of the Home Lumber Company, which was established at Houston the sixth of November, 1922. The Home Lumber Company operates a yard at 4701 Washington Avenue. The company has a large and complete stock of lumber, builders supplies of all kinds, cement, paint, varnish, and like commodities, and has done a large volume of business annually since its organization. There are six people active in the organization and the territory covered includes Harris County as well as the city of Houston. In addition to Mr. Haberlein, the president and treasurer, other officers include W. S. Thornton, pioneer Texas lumberman, vice president, and T. F. Ferguson, secretary.

R. H. Haberlein was born in Inman, Kansas, the nineteenth of January, 1896, the son of the late R. G. Haberlein, a native of Mississippi, who moved to Oklahoma, where he made his home for many years. R. H. Haberlein attended the public schools of Kansas and Oklahoma, and while still attending school began work in a retail lumber yard. Later he came to Texas, in 1912, and at the time of the big oil boom at Ranger, went there and became manager of the Barnes Lumber Company's yard. Later he went to Mexia in a like capacity, and was there during the oil boom at that place. In the fall of 1922 Mr. Haberlein came to Houston, organizing his present company, and has since been active in the lumber business here. He is interested in other commercial activities and is vice president of the Southern Planing Mill Company. During the World War he served in the aviation and machine corps.

Mr. Haberlein belongs to the Hoo-Hoo Club, the Lumbermen's Club, the American Legion, the Elks Club at Mexia and is a Mason, Blue Lodge 152, Sentinal, Oklahoma. A young man, he has already gone far in the lumber business and his success in this field is assured.



**B. COLLINS**, plumbing contractor conducting business under the name of J. B. Collins Company, 1409 Preston Avenue, has the distinction of being the oldest plumbing contractor in Houston now in business. Mr. Collins is engaged in the plumbing, heating and sprinkling contracting business and employs twenty people. He does all kinds of work in his line, either large or small, and has a splendid business which has grown steadily since established.

A native of Louisiana, Mr. Collins was born in New Orleans in 1870. His parents, D. M. Collins and Mary E. Collins, were well known citizens of New Orleans where his father was for many years engaged in railroad work. Mr. Collins' early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Dallas, after which he attended Malcom's Academy at Dallas for a period of seven years, and was a student at the Dallas Jesuit College for three years. Mr. Collins formed a liking for the plumbing business while a student in school in Dallas, where his parents had removed when he was a youth of ten years, and it was as an apprentice plumber that he started his business career. Mr. Collins came to

Houston in 1893 and worked for a few years as a master plumber and then engaged in his present business.

Mr. Collins was married in Houston to Miss Harriett E. Talley, a member of a pioneer Texas family. They have four children, J. B. Collins, Jr., Mrs. R. A. Huston, Edward R. Collins and Margaret E. Collins. Mr. and Mrs. Collins reside at 2016 Harvard Street. In fraternal and social organizations, Mr. Collins is a member of the B. P. O. E., Knight of Pythias, Knights of Columbus and the Knights of Columbus Luncheon Club. Mr. Collins has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Houston and gives liberally of his time to all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of this city, which he has seen grow into a busy, thriving metropolis.



**M. C. GAYLOR** has had an experience extending over a period of more than fifteen years in the sales branch of the oil industry and is considered one of the best posted men in his line in Texas. Mr. Gaylor is owner of the Gaylor Oil Company, whose plant is located at 4103 Leeland Avenue on the Santa Fe Railroad, where he has a storage capacity of 24,000 gallons of gasoline, 16,000 gallons of lubricating oil and 12,000 gallons of kerosene. Mr. Gaylor's plant covers an area of one and one-third acres of ground, where he has warehouses, pumps and garages for cars and trucks. His business is with the wholesale trade, and he has three trucks in his delivery department—two one-ton trucks and one two and one-half ton truck. Mr. Gaylor established this business in November, 1922, and is selling upward of 90,000 gallons per month, since starting his business. He deals in oil, lubricators, gasoline and kerosene, and employs seven people in his business.

Mr. Gaylor was born at Meriden, Connecticut, November 7th, 1878. His father, Gilbert Gaylor, was for many years connected with the Aeolian plant in Connecticut for the manufacture of organs and pianos. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools and later he attended a business college at Hartford, Connecticut.

Mr. Gaylor began his career in the oil business in 1908 with the Waters-Pierce Oil Company at Oklahoma City, where he remained until 1913, when he became associated with the Magnolia Company. In January, 1915, he entered the service of the Producers Oil Company at Gainesville, Texas, and in 1917 opened the business for that company at Houston, and built their business up to 80,000 gallons per month, but finding that many changes were to be made in the Producers Company, he left their employ and started his present business. He was associated with the Producers Company for seven years. Mr. Gaylor was married at Meriden, Connecticut, in June, 1902, to Miss Anna M. Magee, a member of an old and prominent family of Connecticut. They have four children, Mildred, Rhea, Bayard and Garland. Mr. and Mrs. Gaylor reside at 4016 McKinney Avenue. Mr. Gaylor is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1 of Houston, Texas, and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple. He is also a 32nd degree Mason of the Galveston Lodge. Mr. Gaylor has great faith in the future of Houston and believes that within a period of ten years it will be the metropolis of the entire Southwest.



*W. G. Haberlein*





*Edward H. Staker*

**E**INAR H. STUBEE of Einar H. Stubee Company, Architects, with offices at 4510 Main Street, Houston, has won a reputation as an architect of original ideas and ability. Mr. Stubee inherited his constructive gifts from his father, who was among the prominent architects of his time. Mr. Stubee came to Houston in 1918 and for two years was associated with the Russell Brown Company, after which he entered business for himself. He does residential work mostly and has designed over two thousand residences in Houston, averaging at this time about 200 per year. Mr. Stubee was the architect of the following beautiful homes in Houston: R. M. Farrar, \$80,000.00; T. W. Blake, \$35,000.00; Craig Belk, \$35,000.00; J. B. Black, \$35,000.00; C. T. Fuqua, \$25,000.00; Raymond Pearson, Charles R. Westmoreland and John A. Embry, each of which cost \$15,000.00; the Houston Post Ideal Home and scores of others, and in many sections of the State, among which is the magnificent home of E. W. Brown, Jr., at Orange, which was constructed at a cost of \$90,000.00. Einar H. Stubee Company maintain offices in Hearne, Texas, to look after their business in that section of the State. While Mr. Stubee has won a reputation for his ability as an architect of residences, he is equally efficient in his designs of commercial buildings.

Mr. Stubee was born at Minneapolis, Minnesota. His father, Henning Stubee, was for many years a leading architect, and is now residing in Houston. His mother was Miss Patricia Aam, a member of a well known Minnesota family. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of International Falls, Minnesota, and later was a student of the University of Minnesota for three years, when he entered the World War. He volunteered for service May 15, 1917, and was assigned to the Engineering Corps. He was first sent to Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, and then to Camp Fort Bliss, at El Paso, Texas, after which he was sent to Camp Lee, Virginia, then to Camp Humphreys, Virginia, and later to Camp Logan, Houston, where he was discharged March 6, 1919, with the rank of Lieutenant. At this time he holds a commission of First Lieutenant in the Reserve Corps. He was associated with Joseph Finger, architect, for a short time following his discharge from the army, when he went with the Russell Brown Company, and later in business for himself.

Mr. Stubee was married in Houston February 17, 1919, to Miss Marie Blackwell, a native of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Stubee reside at 4315 Garrott. Mr. Stubee is a member of the City and County Club, and is optimistic as to the future of Houston and believes that there is more building activity here than in any city of its size in the United States; all of which is of a substantial character and of modern design and construction.

**O**L. SCRIVNER came to Houston more than a decade ago, and since that time has been allied with the printing industry, for the past several years operating one of the successful and progressive printerries of the city. Mr. Scrivner established the O. L. Scrivner Printing Company the first of May, 1922. This firm does a general printing business, specializing in pamphlet printing and direct by mail advertising. Mr. Scrivner occupies a modern building at 1014 McKinney Avenue. He has the most modern equipment and

employs none but men of broadest experience in his business. Mr. Scrivner has a large city trade, built largely on the reputation he has established for high class work and promptness.

Mr. Scrivner was born in Jasper County, Texas, in 1877, on a farm. His father, T. W. Scrivner, came to Texas as a young man, locating in that county, farming there for many years, and later removing to Williamson County. His mother, prior to her marriage, was Miss Irene Marguerette Hargrave, a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. Scrivner was educated in the public schools of Williamson County, and after leaving school went to Fort Worth, where he began in the printing business in the shops in that city, in 1894. He remained in Fort Worth up until 1900, when he went to Kansas City, spending four years there, and then going to Chicago in 1904. He was in Chicago until 1912, engaging in the printing business, as he had also at Kansas City. Mr. Scrivner came to Houston in 1912 and went with the Rein and Sons, Printers, remaining with this firm until this firm was sold to the Hercules Printing Company, when he was made Assistant Manager, a position he held until May, 1922, when he resigned to go in business for himself.

Mr. Scrivner was married at Fort Worth in 1900, to Miss Lulu Mae Lumbattis, a native of Illinois. They make their home in Houston at 716 Dallas Avenue. Mr. Scrivner is a Mason, Temple Lodge, Thirty-Second Degree, Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine.



**C. ELROD** came to Houston several years ago and since that time has taken an active part in the cleaning and dyeing industry in this city. The A. Cleaners and Dyers, Incorporated, of which Mr. Elrod is President and General Manager, was established by him in 1919, shortly after his arrival in the city. This business, started in a small way, has been very successful since its organization, growing rapidly, and Mr. Elrod has recently found it necessary to enlarge his business materially. He has a new fireproof building at 1419 West Webster Avenue, one of the most modern and complete in the city, with every provision for the efficient operation of the business. Large windows provide plenty of light and make working conditions ideal for the twenty-five employees in the plant. All the machinery is of the most modern type and every provision made to insure absolute safety at all times. The dyeing room is equipped to do the most delicate and fancy dyeing, and all machinery is of the latest type. After the work is finished it is sent to the delivery room, where five trucks take care of the carefully worked out delivery system.

Mr. Elrod was born in Anderson County, Texas, in 1891, son of Reverend L. B. Elrod, a native of East Texas. His mother, prior to her marriage was Miss Mamie Mills, a native of East Texas. Mr. Elrod was educated in the public schools of Rusk County, later attending Southwestern University. After finishing his education he began in the cleaning and dyeing business at Dallas, later coming to Houston.

Mr. Elrod was married at Marshall, Texas, in 1915, to Miss Bertha Phillips, a native of Louisiana. Mr. Elrod is a member of the National Association of Master Cleaners and Dyers, and also a member of the Master Cleaners and Dyers Association of South Texas.





**CHARLES E. GIRTEN**, president, treasurer and manager of the Girtten Belting and Supply Company, one of the leading supply houses of Houston, has attained a commendable reputation for his activity in this field since coming to Houston some years ago. The Girtten Belting and Supply Company was established in 1912 and since that time has handled a large wholesale business in belting of all types, oil field and oil well supplies, rubber packing, mechanical rubber goods, and like products, representing a number of the leading manufacturers of these commodities in the Gulf Coast territory. Mr. Girtten carries all his products under his own trade name as follows: "Alamo" is found on the packing goods and "Red Rex" on the drilling hose. Buyers of goods so marked know that Mr. Girtten and his company guarantee them and that they have never failed to make good their promises. A force of eight men are employed by the company, and men are on the road representing the house in the oil fields of this district. The Girtten Belting and Supply Company is located at 511 Washington Avenue, and in addition to Mr. Girtten, the officers are: F. W. Meyers, vice president, and Miss Laura Palmer, secretary.

Charles E. Girtten was born at Covington, Kentucky, the seventh of August, 1873, the son of John Girtten, now deceased, and for many years a machinist of Ohio. Charles E. Girtten attended the schools of Ohio, in which state he was reared, later going to Mississippi, where he remained for a time. Later he came to Texas with a view to making this state his place of residence, and looking Houston over, decided to move here. He learned the machinist's trade in Ohio and Mississippi, and until coming to Texas, engaged in this work. After coming to Texas in 1904, he went with the Kirby Lumber Company, as superintendent of machinery, and made his headquarters at Beaumont for a time. He then came to Houston, going with the Shelp Rubber and Supply Company, as partner and manager, two years later organizing his present firm.

Mr. Girtten was married at Meridian, Mississippi, the twenty-fifth of April, 1895, to Miss Pearl Rubush, a native of Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Girtten have one child, Ruby L., now Mrs. Addison Lyman. Mr. Girtten is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Houston, 18th degree, Scottish Rite, a Knight Templar and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also a member of the Kiwanis Club, in which he is active and for whom he organized the Kiwanis Glee Club, of which he is a member. His interest is not confined to business alone, for he is a deacon in the South End Christian Church, and he is interested in the welfare of young people. Recently he was one of the organizers of the National Good Games Company, the purpose of which is to foster clean games for young folks in the homes, and was elected secretary-treasurer of the company. He takes a deep pride in the growth and development of Houston, and is ready to aid in any possible way in this growth and development.



**JOHN J. WALLACE**, Managing Editor of the Houston Post; a newspaper man with twenty-three years of work as his background, the subject of this sketch, prefers to be known as "The Fellow Who Helped" than as a great and renowned doer of wonderful deeds.

Born in Macon, Georgia, so many years ago that the event is shrouded in the mists of antiquity, he describes himself as a "fat, formless feller with a roll-top neck, overstuffed upholstery and a refusal to worry over anything more important than prickly-heat."

After a decade of general newspaper work, which comprised the general reportorial experience, copy-desk and special writing, he entered the newspaper executive field as managing editor of several newspapers, most noteworthy of which were the Boston Record, subsequently sold to W. R. Hearst, and the Houston Post.

Mr. Wallace took charge of the Post's news department January 5th, 1922, and since that time has added to the paper an entirely new dress, a new and modern feature service, a magazine supplement and eight instead of four pages of comics.

He is noteworthy for but one thing—a refusal to pose before the public as the "Know-all" type of newspaper man, or as an explainer of his own personal views on questions of the day. Here is his newspaper philosophy, summarized:

"Tell it and get it done with. Be fair enough to lean over backward when writing about your enemy. Remember the news executive of a newspaper is like the judge on the bench—a considerer of both sides of the case, and a partisan of neither. Keep your eyes open and your big mouth shut. Smile—no matter how much it hurts."

Note: Since this sketch was written, Mr. Wallace has moved to New York.



**MORRIS J. MILLER**, for nearly three decades a factor in building activities at Houston, and one of the leading building contractors in this city, has for a number of years specialized in fine homes, and has planned and directed the construction of many of the better residences in this city. Mr. Miller has his office at 3904 Austin Street and is in business alone, operating under his own name. He has for many years made a study of beautiful homes and their construction, and is equipped to look after all the building details of the finest homes. He has added steadily to his reputation from year to year, and with the background of many beautiful homes built by him, is regarded as one of the most reliable builders in the city. He keeps on an average of around fifty men working, and personally supervises all construction work. Among the finer homes which he has built are those of K. E. Womack, D. Japhet, H. H. Dickson, E. T. Sims, D. D. Peden, Underwood Nazro, as well as the River Oaks Country Club, one of the most attractive club houses in this section, and many other beautiful homes in Houston.

Mr. Miller was born in Denmark, the eighth of April, 1872, son of Olie Peter Miller, a merchant and manufacturer of shoes, and Caroline Miller. He received his education in his native country, attending a technical school there, and receiving a fine education along technical lines. He came to America in 1892, going first to Nebraska, where he spent three years. In 1895 he came to Houston and for eight years was with Mr. Heidelberg, a well known contractor, and for three years with W. H. Young, also a contractor. In 1911 he went in business for himself, and has so continued, building up a successful business, and the reputation of one of the most competent residence builders in the city.



*W. E. Gorton*





Chas. L. Broune

Mr. Miller was married at Columbus, Texas, in 1900, to Miss Lena Grillet, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Grillet. Mr. and Mrs. Miller have two children, Ola Christine and Chris J., Junior. They have an attractive home at 3904 Austin Street, and take an active part in the various social and civic affairs of their community. In religious belief the family support the Methodist Church and attend St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Fraternally, Mr. Miller is a Mason, York Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple. He also belongs to the Builders Exchange, taking an active part in this association. Mr. Miller takes a deep interest in the development of Houston, and is greatly interested in all movements fostering home ownership and the improvement of the residence districts. He has many friends in this city and is regarded as one of the foremost builders in Houston.

**HARLES L. BROWNE** has been actively identified with the architectural profession in Houston for a number of years, contributing constructive ideas instrumental to furthering civic development. Mr. Browne established his headquarters here in 1920 and since that time he has planned and supervised the construction of many fine buildings. Mr. Browne engages in a general achitectural work, specializing in the construction of reinforced concrete factories. He has had exceptional training, with experience both in America and in foreign countries and his work shows the influence of this experience. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Browne has been an instructor in architectural engineering at Rice Institute. His offices are located in the West Building.

Mr. Browne was born at Cleveland, Ohio, June 23rd, 1885, son of John Lewis and Mary Jane (Peak) Browne. John Lewis Browne, lawyer and banker, was for many years one of the leading public men of South Dakota, serving two terms as speaker of the House of Representatives and one term as state senator and was a candidate for governor of the state. Mr. Browne was educated in the public schools of Aberdeen, graduating from the high school there. He then attended the University of Michigan, Kenyon College and Cornell University, receiving the degrees B. S. from Kenyon and B. Arch. from Cornell. He returned to his home in Aberdeen, South Dakota, following his graduation from Cornell and spent a year there, engaged in architectural work. In 1910 he went to Paris, France, where he attended the National Academy of Fine Arts, and of which he is a graduate. In 1916 he went with the Westinghouse, Church-Kerr Company. During the recent war he served as first lieutenant, Engineer Corps, H. Q. L. O. C., in France, and now holds a commission as captain in the Engineers O. R. C. After the close of the war he returned to America to fill a position on the faculty of Rice Institute.

Mr. Browne was married in France, in 1911, to Mlle. Amelie Neveaux, a native of that country. They have two children, Charles W. and John L. Mr. Browne is the commander of the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and is secretary of the Houston Officers Club. He is a member of the American Society of Military Engineers and the American Institute of Architects. Fraternally he is a Mason and a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon college fraternity.



**F. BATES** has been active in the real estate circles of Houston for the past fifteen years, where he is the owner of the Bates Investment Company. Mr. Bates deals in investments of all kinds—farm lands, oil lands, ranches, and in city property. He owns the mineral rights in lands of many of the coastal oil fields, having at one time owned the land in fee, and when selling some retained the mineral rights, and has royalties from Goose Creek, Humble and Fort Bend County oil fields. Mr. Bates came to Texas in 1904 and settled in Trinity County, where he purchased one thousand acres of land and established a commercial peach orchard, and bought some smaller farms that had been already planted to peaches. A severe freeze came, and destroyed all of the fruit in that immediate section except his, which he protected with smudges. This freeze and the results of it, changed his mind in reference to the raising of peaches being a commercial proposition and he developed his acreage into a plantation and for several years farmed this plantation with tenant farmers, and was very successful, but finally he became tired of the prosaic life on the farm and removed to Houston in 1908, where he has since remained. Having established himself here in the confidence of men of affairs, on account of his fair and unbiased business methods, he is enabled to get in on investments and make deals where and when he desires to do so; he does not care for much activity in business now, as his income from past investments has reached a magnificent sum annually.

Mr. Bates was born in Benton County, Iowa, September 3rd, 1856. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Iowa and later he attended Tilford College. After leaving school, he engaged in the real estate business, and has had an experience in real estate and investments which extends over the entire period of his business life. For twenty years he was engaged in this business at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and sold all the townsites owned by the B. C. R. & N. R. R., between Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Watertown, S. D. He moved many families into Southeast Dakota, into Moody, Lake and Brookings Counties. His last big deal in South Dakota was when he bought thirteen quarter sections of land in Hand, Hyde, Potter and Sully Counties, for \$1500.00 and sold this acreage at an average price of from \$12.00 to \$60.00 per acre. Mr. Bates has a winter home at Daytona, Florida, where he spent sixteen winters; he also had a summer home at Spirit Lake, Iowa, until he moved South. Mr. Bates is a direct descendant from the original Bates family, who were prominent in the early history of this country. They came to America from England and some of them settled in New York and some in Virginia; he is a descendant of the New York branch. Mr. Bates has for many years been famous as a rifleman and pistol shot, and up to a few years since was active in all the meets of this kind throughout the country.

Mr. Bates has been twice married. Of the first marriage, two daughters were born—Mrs. Bessie Hambright of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Mrs. Nina L. Crum (deceased since September, 1922), who was the wife of Prof. Crum of Ames College, Iowa, and well known in educational circles throughout the country. Mr. Bates was again married in Houston,



in January, 1910, to Florence Hyde Jenks, famous as an opera singer and who had the distinction of having sung before all the crowned heads of Europe. After locating in Houston, she had a famous class here and people came from all parts of Texas and from other states in order to obtain instruction from her, and her charges for instruction was at the rate of \$4.00 per hour. She died in October, 1911. Mr. Bates is a staunch and consistent member of the Presbyterian Church and has sung in the choir of this church for the past ten years. He has always been known as an active participant in all civic matters to help in the progress and advancement of Houston, and gives liberally of his time and means to further all moves of this kind, and especially the lending of a helping hand to "down and out" old men.



**FRED W. GARTNER** is well known in the business circles of Houston where he has spent all his business life in the contracting and construction business. Mr. Gartner is owner of one-half interest in the F. W. Gartner Company, located at 3315 McKinney Avenue, and sells contractors' equipment which consists of concrete mixers, hoists, dredges, excavating machinery, cranes, powers, in fact everything used by contractors. He represents such well known firms as Insley Manufacturing Company of Indianapolis, manufacturers of concrete placing equipment and derricks; Parsons Company, Newton, Iowa, trenching machines; George Haiss Company, New York, conveyers and wagon loaders; National Hoisting Engine Company, Harrison, New Jersey; Le Roi Company, Milwaukee, gas engines; Blystone Manufacturing Company of Pennsylvania, plaster and mortar mixers and cement tile machines; Joseph Honhorst Company, Chicago, asphalt kettles; Paige Engineering Works, drag line buckets. He started this business in 1923, and although it is a new company, with the large acquaintance and experience Mr. Gartner has had, his success is assured and is doing a big business. His trade territory comprises all of South Texas. They have large warehouses and carry a large and complete stock. Mr. G. W. Gartner is the owner of one-half interest in the F. W. Gartner Company, and is also active in the work.

A native Texan and Houstonian, Mr. Gartner was born March 1st, 1893. His father, George Gartner (deceased since 1906) was a well known contractor and builder of Houston. His mother was Miss Mary Vordenbaum, a member of a well known Texas family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston. Soon after leaving school, Mr. Gartner began his business career with the American Construction Company, and later was with the W. L. Pearson Construction Company. In 1914, Mr. Gartner became associated with Horton and Horton, general contractors of Houston, and remained with this firm for a period of nine years, and resigned as superintendent of construction of this company in order to enter his present business for himself.

Mr. Gartner was married in Houston, December 23rd, 1916, to Miss Mabel Louise Baker, a native Texan and a daughter of C. W. Baker, who was a well known painting contractor of Fort Worth for many years and who died in 1922. They have one son—Fred W. Gartner, Jr., six years of age. Mr.

and Mrs. Gartner reside at 513 Houston Heights Boulevard. Mr. Gartner is a member of the Masonic fraternity. He is also a member of the various local social clubs and civic organizations, and is always willing and ready to give of his time and means to the civic improvement, advancement and improvement of the city of his nativity. Mr. Gartner is regarded as one of the leading business men of his generation, and with the vast experience he has obtained through years of association with other construction companies, his ability to make friends, and with his large acquaintance in the city, the success of the F. W. Gartner Company is assured.



**DUNCAN D. MCCALL**, for the past four decades, has taken an important part in the development of the lumber resources of East Texas, and for more than a decade has been one of the sterling citizens of Houston, where his lumber activities have been of vital importance. Mr. McCall is purchasing agent for the West Lumber Company, the South Texas Lumber Company, and the South Texas Hardwood Company, as well as all the other West enterprises, which include many smaller companies. Mr. McCall has been associated with the West interests since the first little saw mill was built and put in operation in East Texas, when he helped Mr. West build the mill, and was foreman of it after it was put in operation. In 1911 he came to Houston to take over the purchasing end of the business, a position entailing heavy responsibilities, and requiring an expert knowledge, not only of the lumber business and its requirements, but of a wide range of other subjects. The West organization is now one of the largest lumber industries in the United States. The Houston offices are in the West Building.

Duncan D. McCall was born in Cherokee County, Texas, the fifteenth of April, 1864, the son of E. S. and Mary Bowman McCall. Mr. E. S. McCall, a native of Mississippi, and later a large plantation owner of Louisiana, until the Civil War, when he organized the company of men known as the Tin Saw Cavalry, fighting throughout the conflict, and came out as Major, came to Texas at the close of the war and settled in Cherokee County. He operated a cotton gin, saw mill and grist mill in East Texas until he retired from active life. Mrs. McCall, a native of Texas, and the daughter of J. J. Bowman, was reared in Texas. Her father was a commanding officer under Sam Houston, at the Battle of San Jacinto. As a boy Duncan D. McCall began in his father's mill, and with the exception of three years spent with J. G. Powell, in the lumber business at Lake Charles, has been in the lumber business of East Texas, since beginning his business career.

Mr. McCall was married at Crockett, Texas, April 29th, 1891, to Miss Josie Hudson, a native of Crockett, and the daughter of S. Hudson, a very prominent man of that place. Mr. and Mrs. McCall make their home in Winlow Place, and have one surviving child, Verner McCall, who is manager of the South Texas Lumber Company yard, and who married Miss Mildred Powell. Mr. McCall has been one of the leaders in all lumber movements in East Texas, and is one of the best known pioneer lumbermen of the state. He is interested in all conservation programs, and the advance of the industry along all lines.



*McGartner.*





*R. B. Selten*





**R. B. SALTER**, for almost two decades identified with building activities at Houston, where he has been engaged as a painting contractor, has built up one of the largest businesses in this line at Houston, and has handled many important contracts. Mr. Salter operates his business under his own name, taking contracts for painting, paper hanging and decorating. His offices are at 1116 North Main Street. A force of from twenty-five to thirty men are employed on the various contracts he has under way, and his business is one of the largest in the city. All work done by him is of recognized quality, and he makes a point of superior workmanship, as well as the best materials. While he handles a great deal of residence work, he also gives careful attention to apartments and business buildings, and has handled the painting and decorating contracts for such important buildings as the Herman Hospital, the Scottish Rite Cathedral, the Chamber of Commerce and the Bankers Mortgage Building.

R. B. Salter is a native of Stranton, Mississippi, where he was born the twenty-seventh of August, 1879. His father, Loftin C. Salter, was for many years engaged in various contracting businesses and railroad work, and lived at Houston for a number of years. His mother, before her marriage, was Miss Susan Deakle. Mr. Salter attended the public schools of Houston as a boy, beginning in the painting business in this city. He worked for various contractors here, in every kind of painting, until 1905, when he went in business for himself. Since that time he has built up a large and successful business, and is considered one of the best and most reliable painting contractors in the city.

Mr. Salter was married at Houston in 1905 to Miss Mamie C. Kelly, daughter of John C. Kelly, in the hotel business at Morgan, Texas. They have one child, Miss Madeline. The family reside at 2104 Crocker Street, in Houston. Mr. Salter is a Mason, York and Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He belongs to the Houston Club and the Builders Exchange, of Houston. Mr. Salter has taken a real interest in the development of his city and is ready at any time to do anything that will further the progress of Houston. He has many friends here, both in a business and social way, who regard him as a business man, who through his successful business methods, is entitled to the respect of all.



**FRANKLIN O. THOMSON**, secretary and manager of the Builders' Exchange of Houston, has had a wide experience in newspaper work and organization work, and has been the motivating factor in the Builders' Exchange since its organization. The Builders' Exchange of Houston, was organized the seventh of March, 1924, to foster harmonious relations between members of the same and allied branches of construction work. The exchange has also been active in its support of various civic measures and takes an active part in all work for the growth and development of Houston. The membership of the Builders' Exchange includes reliable contractors, subcontractors and material dealers, and the Houston public regards membership in this organization as an assurance of skill, and reliability. Mr. Thomson has been indefatigable in his efforts to make the organization worth while to its membership, and

of importance to Houston, and to him a large measure of credit goes for the success with which his efforts have met.

Franklin O. Thomson was born in Detroit, Michigan, the nineteenth of August, 1870, son of John L. Thomson and Marian (Lindsay) Thomson, natives of Bathgate, Scotland, who later came to the United States and resided for some years at Detroit. Mr. Thomson attended the schools of Detroit, and afterward spent several years in newspaper work, and during that time was connected with various leading newspapers of the country. He came to Houston in 1905, and has been active in association work in Texas for many years. He spent some time at Dallas as secretary and manager of the Southwestern Open Shop Association, which had headquarters in that city. Later the name was changed to the Texas Industrial Association and the headquarters of the organization removed to Austin. Still later Mr. Thomson became manager of the Builders' Exchange at San Antonio, as well as the Open Shop Association of that city, and in 1924 organized and has since been secretary and manager of the Builders' Exchange of Houston, as well as the Open Shop Association.

Mr. Thomson resides on the Telephone Road, and has two children, a son, Jack L. Thomson, a student at Rice Institute, and a daughter, Margaret E., a student in a Los Angeles High School. Mr. Thomson belongs to the Chamber of Commerce and is widely known in open shop and builders' exchanges throughout the country as a leader in this work.



**G. W. PARKE, JR.**, has for almost two decades been actively identified with industrial activities at Houston, during this time operating one of the finest engraving plants in the city and making a splendid record in this line of work. Mr. Parke came to Houston in 1905, selecting this city after carefully looking over the possible locations in the state as offering greater opportunity for business success. He established the Star Engraving Company, which he operated alone until 1910, when he took in two partners and opened the Park Engraving Company, Incorporated, of which he is president and general manager. This firm does the best work obtainable, specializing in photo engraving of all kinds, copper and zinc cuts, and has a large business. The business is located at 507½ Travis Street, where they have a modern engraving plant, equipped to handle the finest work, and employing twelve trained and experienced workmen. The officers of the Park Engraving Company are G. W. Parke, Jr., president; L. E. Brazelton, vice president, and T. J. Baker, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Parke was born in Iowa, in 1879, son of G. W. Parke, a native of New York, now retired and living at Houston, and Mrs. Ella Baker Parke. Mr. Parke spent his boyhood in Chicago, attending the public schools of that city, and later going to college, at Watertown, Wisconsin. As a boy Mr. Parke began work in an engraving plant in Chicago and received excellent training in this work. In 1905 he came to Texas and travelled over the state, finally locating at Houston, where he established the Star Engraving Company. He later sold his interest and established the present company.

Mr. Parke was married at Chicago, in 1901, to Miss Belle Thorpe, a native of Illinois. They have



made their home in Houston since Mr. Parke's business activities brought him to this city and now live at 1010 Colquitt Street. They have one child, a daughter, Ruth. Mr. Parke is a Mason, Holland Lodge No. 1, and a member of the Scottish Rite to the eighteenth degree.



**P. S. TILSON**, M. S., of the Houston Laboratories, and an analytical and consulting chemist of national reputation, has made Houston his home for a score of years, during which time he has attained many distinctions in his profession. In 1904 Mr. Tilson established at Houston the Houston Laboratories, the first commercial laboratory to be established in Texas and achieve success. The Houston Laboratories, of which Mr. Tilson is sole owner, occupy the whole third floor of the building at 215½ Main Street, where every facility for his work is maintained. Mr. Tilson is Referee Chemist of the American Oil Chemists Society, and was formerly Collaborating Chemist for the United States Department of Agriculture and Associate State Chemist. He makes analysis of cotton seed, peanut, copra, soya beans, their products and feed stuffs, and makes reports on economic geology. Waters, soils, gas, ores, coals, clays, cements, fertilizers, petroleum products, etc., are carefully analyzed and reported upon, requests for these and like reports coming to the laboratory from all parts of the State, as well as other States. Mr. Tilson has two expert assistants, namely: F. R. Robertson, who has been with him seventeen years; Mr. Robertson is a graduate of Northwestern University and is also a registered pharmacist; and Mr. W. W. Curtis, who has been with him seven years, and was educated in the University of Illinois.

P. S. Tilson was born in Boston, in Bowie County, Texas, the thirtieth of December, 1867, son of W. H. Tilson, and Eunice (Read) Tilson. W. H. Tilson, a native of Virginia, came to Texas prior to 1860, and was a prominent lawyer of the State until his death in 1910. He served Bowie County as State Senator. Mrs. Tilson was a native of Mobile, Alabama. P. S. Tilson received his common and high school education in the schools of Texas, and later attended Texas A. and M. College, taking the Master of Science degree there in 1892. At the University of Chicago he took some summer school studies. He taught chemistry at A. and M. for sixteen years, coming to Houston in 1904, to establish the Houston Laboratories. From 1908 until 1915, Mr. Tilson was collaborating chemist for the United States Department of Agriculture under the Pure Food and Drug Act. During the recent war, Mr. Tilson, past the draft age, enlisted in government work as a chemist.

Mr. Tilson was married at Bryan, Texas, in 1902, to Miss Frances Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mit Parker. Mr. Parker is a large plantation owner of Brazos and Burleson Counties. Mr. and Mrs. Tilson reside at 1516 McGowen Avenue. Mr. Tilson is an Elk, a Knight of Pythias, belongs to the Rotary Club, the Houston Country Club, the University Club, the A. and M. Club, the American Oil Chemists Society, the Interstate Cotton Seed Crushers Association, the Texas Cotton Seed Crushers Association, the American Chemical Society, and the Episcopal Church, and is one of the foremost authorities of analytical chemistry of Texas.



**W. LLYS TAYLOR** is a leader among the younger printers of Houston and as President and Manager of the Taylor-Vann-Pollan Company, Inc., has had much to do with the success achieved by this company. Conveniently located at 1017 Lamar Avenue, this company, established and incorporated in 1917, are engaged in a general printing business. They do printing of all kinds, and carry a full and complete line of office furniture, office fixtures, files, stationery and stationery supplies; in fact everything to be used in an office. Other officers of the Taylor-Vann-Pollan Company, Inc., are: S. W. Vann, Vice-President, and H. D. Pollan, Secretary and Treasurer.

A native of Texas and of Houston, Mr. Taylor was born July 4, 1893. His father, E. W. Taylor, (deceased) also a native of Houston, was a pioneer wholesale groceryman and lumberman and founder of the Taylor Lumber Company. His mother was Miss Garretta Farrar, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, and a member of a prominent family of that State. Mr. Taylor's early education was obtained in the public schools of Houston and later he was a student of the Engineering Department of the Rice Institute. After leaving school Mr. Taylor started his business career in the employ of the Waddell House Furnishing Company as a salesman, and remained with this company for two years, during which time he had been advanced to the position of Manager of the Office Furniture department. His next position was with the Cargill Printing Company as a salesman, where he remained from 1914 to 1917 and severed his connection with this company in order to organize the present firm, of which he is President and Manager. Mr. Taylor is interested in many of Houston's industries and enterprises and is interested in the H. D. Taylor Lumber Company.

Mr. Taylor was married in Houston in 1917 to Miss Julia Pease, a native of Chicago, and a member of a well known Illinois family, but raised and educated in Houston. They have one daughter, Julia Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor reside at 1205 Wheeler Avenue. Mr. Taylor is a member of the B. P. O. E. and takes an active interest in this organization. He is justly proud of the city of his birth, which has developed into a busy, thriving, progressive Metropolis which is destined to soon become the leading city of the entire Southwest.



**S. J. SLOANE** for about ten years has been identified with various phases of the oil industry in the coastal fields, and for the past few years has operated independently. Mr. Sloane maintains his office in the West building, Houston, and directs his operations from this city. He is associated with C. E. Gates and E. W. Smith, well known oil men. He buys and sells royalties, leases and producing properties, and also deals in oil field machinery. He has for many years held the confidence of the major companies, and it is to them that he sells the larger proportion of royalties, leases and oil properties that he handles. Mr. Sloane is one of the best informed men in this section as to oil possibilities, geological formations and the trend of operations, and keeps in close touch with conditions in the coastal fields, dealing only in the most desirable leases and oil properties. Mr. Sloane has attained a reputation



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*A. Delisle*

for successfully handling various oil matters, and for sound judgment, and is a creditable addition to the oil fraternity of Houston.

Mr. Sloane was born at Crowley, Louisiana, the fourteenth of May, 1892, the son of P. D. Sloane, for many years engaged in construction work with the Gulf Refining Company. Mr. Sloane received his early education in the public schools near his home, and after graduating from high school, entered Texas A. and M. College, attending that institution from 1912 until 1915. He then went with the Gulf Production Company, by whom he was employed for many years. Mr. Sloane has had considerable experience in various branches of oil field work, and is a capable driller, and thoroughly familiar with production problems. Coming to Beaumont in 1919 he engaged in independent operations and remained here until his removal to Houston.

Mr. Sloane was married at Port Arthur, in 1916, to Miss Anna Lou White, daughter of S. F. White, a retired business man of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Sloane have two children—Elizabeth and Harold—and reside in Houston. Mr. Sloane is a Knight of Pythias and a Mason. He has many friends among the oil men, and his fair dealing has won him a substantial place in the oil fraternity in the gulf coast.



**DRIEN DELISLE** for upwards of three decades has been one of the vital forces of progress at Houston and as one of the oldest architects in the city, enjoys the esteem of his fellow citizens. Mr. Delisle came to Houston in 1894 and since that time has engaged in general architectural work and has built around five hundred buildings in this city. Mr. Delisle specializes in residence and apartment work and has planned some of the most attractive homes in the city, and many of the finer apartment buildings. He has to his credit several beautiful churches as well as commercial buildings. Mr. Delisle is careful and exacting in all his work, each detail being perfected before he is satisfied. He has had a very successful career, his business growing rapidly as his work won recognition, and has much work now on hand with every indication of a prosperous future. Mr. Delisle has his office in the Freed Building.

Mr. Delisle was born in Paris, France, in 1856, son of Eugene Delisle, a merchant tailor of that city, and Frances Delisle. The family came to America when Mr. Delisle was a boy of ten and he received his rudimentary education in the public schools of Memphis, graduating from the high school there. He then attended college in that city for two years, after which he went with the firm of Jones & Baldwin, leading architects of Memphis, remaining with them for a decade. He then went to Chattanooga and was in business for himself from 1878 until 1894, in which year he came to Houston and has since been in business in this city. Mr. Delisle is known to his many friends and patrons as "one of the old reliables," a reputation won through his care in all work, with no detail slighted. Mr. Delisle was married at Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1879, to Miss Florence McLeod, daughter of Dr. Norman McLeod, well known physician of that city, and Sallie McLeod. Mr. and Mrs. Delisle have four children, Eugene, Ernest, Albert and Raymond. Eugene

is a prominent dentist in Houston, Ernest is an auditor for the Martin Wright Electric Company, San Antonio; Raymond is a well known optician in Austin and Albert is at home. The family residence is located at 1908 Drew Avenue.



**L. GOOCH** first came to Houston in 1909 and remained until 1911, and during this time was engaged in the contracting business of granite construction, and did the granite work on the Harris County Court House. He returned to the South Texas Metropolis in March, 1922, and owns and operates the Gulf Granite Company, which is by far the largest plant of its kind in Houston, where he has a splendid factory, beautiful display rooms, extensive yards and modern equipment of every kind. Mr. Gooch has all kinds of granite for monuments and buildings, and marble, both domestic and imported, for monuments only, and employs twenty-five people, many of whom are expert in the marble engraving and granite cutting business. Numbered among the prominent buildings in Houston on which Mr. Gooch did the granite work are: Harris County Court House, Terminal Station, Rice Institute Buildings, the Auditorium and the State National Bank. Mr. Gooch is the third generation to be engaged in the monument and granite business. His office and plant is located at 2614 Washington Avenue, where he does an immense business, and his territory includes all of Texas and Louisiana and parts of the contiguous states, where he ships his products.

Mr. Gooch was born at Madisonville, Kentucky, on August 2, 1884, and was brought to Texas by his parents when only three weeks old, and considers himself a Texan. His father, J. W. Gooch, came to Waco in 1883 and is there now and engaged in the monument business, and his grandfather was also in this same line of work. His mother was Miss Emma Wells, a member of a well known Kentucky family. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Waco, and later entered Baylor University at Waco, where he remained for four years and graduated from that institution with the B. B. degree.

After leaving college Mr. Gooch began his business career in the contracting of granite construction and the first really big work was the Harris County Court House. He removed from Houston to Austin in 1911, where he did all of the marble and granite work on the following buildings of note in Austin: University Library, Educational Building of the University, Blind Institute, Austin Post Office and the Land Office Building. Mr. Gooch has done the granite and marble work on more than thirty post offices in Texas, the City Hall at Dallas and the County Jail at Fort Worth. He returned to Houston in 1922 and purchased the present business, which has grown under his capable guidance.

Mr. Gooch was married in Brazoria in 1909 to Miss Willa Mitchell, a native Texan and a daughter of J. R. Mitchell, a member of a pioneer Brazoria family, where for many years he was engaged in the mercantile business. Mr. and Mrs. Gooch reside at 2614 Washington Avenue. Mr. Gooch is a member of the Scottish Rite body of the A. F. and A. M., and is interested in all matters having to do with the civic improvement, advancement and progress of Houston, and believes this city will soon become the leading city of the Southwest.





**PATRICK G. CALLAHAN**, in the decade of his residence at Houston, has represented the best principles and progressive ideals that the master plumbers of this city stand for and has been held in high esteem by his fellow citizens. Mr. Callahan is a veteran plumber and has seen a quarter of a century of following this trade, years when he has watched the industry develop and has done his part toward furthering this development. Mr. Callahan established the Callahan Company, plumbing and heating contractors, in February, 1920, and since this time has handled a general plumbing and heating contracting business, specializing in residence work. Mr. Callahan now keeps twelve employees busy at all times and operates a plant that, while small, has the best of equipment and maintains high standards of work. He has several trucks and light cars handling his business in an efficient manner and assuring his customers of rapid service. The Callahan Company is located at 3103 Main Street, the business owned entirely by Mr. Callahan.

Patrick G. Callahan was born in Kentucky, in 1880 and educated in the public schools of that state, graduating from high school, after which he took special courses in drafting and allied subjects. His entire business career has been spent in the plumbing business. Mr. Callahan came to Houston in 1912 and worked as a master plumber in this city until the beginning of the recent war. He enlisted in service and installed the plumbing on the first ship built in the Houston district, after which he was made traveling mechanical inspector of all ships built in this district. He served three years and shortly after his discharge from service, opened his present business.

Mr. Callahan was married at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1916, to Miss Anne B. Nolan. Mr. and Mrs. Callahan make their home at 1421 Oxford Avenue, in Montrose, one of the attractive residence suburbs of Houston. They have one child, Kathryn, and are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Callahan is a Knight of Columbus.



**R. A. FENZL** has been actively connected with the marine and industrial life of Houston for more than twenty years and since 1910 has been engaged in business in active association with his brother, Gus J. Fenzl.

The two brothers are the owners of the Harrisburg Machine Company, Inc., located on the ship channel at Harrisburg. Gus J. Fenzl is president of the company while R. A. Fenzl is vice president and general manager of the concern, which is one of the largest industries of its kind on the ship channel.

Commencing in a small way in 1910, the business has gradually expanded until now it occupies a plot of ground facing two hundred feet on the ship channel with a machine shop forty by one hundred and twenty feet in dimensions. The company also has, in addition to the machine shop, a large foundry for making castings of iron, brass and aluminum. From twenty to twenty-five men, including a number of skilled and highly paid mechanics, are employed in the machine shop and foundry and with expansions and additions to the plant commenced during 1923 it will be the largest marine machine shop on the channel. The business has enjoyed a steady and consistent growth and all departments have been

working to capacity.

R. A. Fenzl was born in Bohemia on February 22, 1888, a son of John and Mary Fenzl, and received his education in the schools of his native country. When thirteen years of age he started to America and in 1901 landed in Houston where he immediately secured employment as a machinist with the Hartwell Iron Works. He later was employed as machinist by the Dixon Car Wheel Company, Lucy Manufacturing Company, Lane-Bowler Company and the Houston Car Wheel and Machine Company. With these various concerns he received a splendid training which has enabled Mr. Fenzl to make a complete success of his own business. He is an expert workman and thoroughly trained in every branch of marine repairs and machine work as well as the details of the iron, brass and aluminum foundries operated in connection with the machine shops.

In 1914, Mr. Fenzl was married in Houston to Miss Della Temme, daughter of Fred Temme, well known resident of Houston who died in 1918. They have two children, R. J., five, and Audrey, the baby, slightly over a year old. The family home is 8010 Avenue B, Magnolia Park, Harrisburg.

Mr. Fenzl is enthusiastic over the prospective growth of Houston and with further and more extensive development of the ship channel, expects to see this the leading city and principal shipping center of the Southwest during the next decade. He believes that many more important industries will come to Houston and locate along the ship channel where attractive industrial sites are still to be had at reasonable price.

A man of splendid personality and an exceptionally hard worker, Mr. Fenzl is devoted to his business and his family but finds time to lend active aid and encouragement to many civic movements. He is a member of the Modern Order of Praetorians.



**DIETRICH A. SINGER**, President, Treasurer and Manager of the Singer Iron and Steel Company, of Houston, has been a factor in industrial circles since coming here a number of years ago. The Singer Iron and Steel Company was established at Houston in 1918, and is one of the largest firms handling railroad equipment here, and the largest firm dealing in scrap iron. The yards are located on the Ship Channel, at the Turning Basin, and offices are in the First National Bank Building. The Singer Iron and Steel Company deals in rails, both new and relay, selling single cars or full cargoes. Scrap iron and steel, characterized as the "Steel industry's second line of defense," is also handled by this company. Many thousands of tons being exported annually. The Singer Iron and Steel Company has modern equipment for handling this scrap iron and steel, preparing it for open hearth furnaces, including cranes for loading and other equipment, the installation of which involves a large outlay of money. In organizing and conducting this business the Singer Iron and Steel Company is fulfilling an economic need, and the business handled is increasing annually. In addition to the plant at Houston a branch is also in operation at Galveston, Mr. Singer, as has been stated, is President and Treasurer of the company. J. Block, vice-president, and Maurice Epstein, secretary.

Dietrich A. Singer was born at Galveston, Texas,



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the twenty-sixth of October, 1887, son of Jacob Singer and Adeline Glicksman Singer. Mrs. Singer was a native Galvestonian. Mr. Singer came to Galveston in the seventies. Dietrich A. Singer was educated in the schools of Galveston, graduating from the Ball High School there. He then began work in a cotton and freight office at Galveston, three years later going with an export log and lumber company, and later with the Phoenix Iron and Steel Company of Galveston, and was, after a few years, transferred to the New Orleans office of that firm. After ten years with the Phoenix Company, during which time Mr. Singer learned the steel business from every angle, he organized the company he now heads, at Galveston, moving to Houston the following year.

Mr. Singer was married at St. Louis, Missouri, the seventh of April, 1919, to Miss Gladys Flarshheim, of St. Louis, Missouri. They have two children, John and Gail Singer, and reside at 720 Kipling Avenue. Mr. Singer is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, and has done much at Houston to advance the steel industry, particularly in the handling of rails and the exportation of scrap iron and steel ready for furnaces.



**HELLBERG**, pioneer resident of Houston, and veteran in the manufacturing industry here, has been for many years directing head of one of the largest manufacturing enterprises in the city. The Myers-Spalti Manufacturing Company, of which Mr. Hellberg is Treasurer and Manufacturing Manager, is the largest manufacturing company, engaged in the manufacture of furniture, mattresses, springs and general household furnishings in the city. Their plant covers an area of six acres of ground at 2118 Runnels Street, where they have fourteen big buildings housing the various phases of this extensive industry and employ two hundred operatives. A new building, costing around three hundred thousand dollars, has just been completed. This building is a five-story structure, of concrete construction, each floor one hundred and fifteen by one hundred and seventy feet. All the buildings are modernly equipped and every facility provided for the efficient management of the business. The firm also acts as the wholesale distributor for some of the leading makes of household furniture, such as the Challenge line of refrigerators, the Gunn and Imperial desks, Nachman spring-filled mattress. This mattress is so well thought of that the Statler Hotels are using three thousand. The officers of the company are W. S. Myers, President; M. D. L. Martin, Vice-President; J. A. Grieves, Secretary, and A. Hellberg, Treasurer and Manufacturing Manager.

Mr. Hellberg came to Houston in 1889, a short time after he came to America, seeing in this city a business future unequalled in the country. He was an expert machinist, wood and iron machinery, and worked at his trade here for a short time. His skill brought almost instant recognition and he was made foreman of a furniture company in Houston Heights, holding this position for seven years, then coming with the Myers-Spalti Company. When he came with this organization it was a small concern, with only forty employees. At that time Mr. Hellberg was Superintendent of manufacturing, and later was made Treasurer and Manager of Manufacturing. His work with this company has been

largely responsible for the present state of development and expansion, and is instrumental in the further additions to the business that are rapidly going forward.

Mr. Hellberg is a native of Germany, where he was born the twenty-eighth of January, 1861, coming to the United States at the age of twenty-eight, and spending a short time in New York prior to coming to Houston.

Mr. Hellberg has been twice married, his first marriage occurring in the old country. He had two children by his first wife, now deceased. These children are, Henry, well known cotton man of New Orleans, who is married and has one son, and Philip Hellberg, of Marshall, Texas, who is married and has four children. Mr. Hellberg was married at Houston in September, 1920, to Miss Otilie Schneck. Mr. and Mrs. Hellberg make their home at 73 Live Oak Street. Mr. Hellberg has been a member of the Sons of Hermann for twenty-eight years, and is President of the Houston Lodge, a position he has held for the past eighteen years. He is also a member of the Houston Turnverein.



**J. PACK**, who has recently established his home and business headquarters at Houston, has since his arrival in this city been active in manufacturing and jobbing circles, taking his place among the business men of the city who have at heart not only their private business interests, but the progress of their city. Mr. Pack is secretary and treasurer of the National Bag and Bagging Company, Incorporated, and is manager of the Houston branch of this company. The Houston office, opened in October, 1921, was located in this city after Mr. Pack had gone over the opportunities offered by various Southwestern cities, selecting Houston as offering greater opportunity for business development. Mr. Pack has since that time made this city his home, devoting himself to the development of this business, and building up an extensive trade territory. The National Bag and Bagging Company, manufacturers burlap bags of all kinds, cotton patches and sugar bag cloth for covering cotton. The plant here comprising fifty thousand square feet of floor surface, is located at Cedar and Baker Streets, and furnishes employment to fifty men and women. A number of salesmen are also employed on the road, covering the entire state and Oklahoma. Herman Pack of New York City, is president of the National Bag and Bagging Company, Incorporated.

S. J. Pack was born in New York City, in 1900, son of Herman Pack, president of the National Bag and Bagging Company, and for a quarter of a century identified with this industry. He is a native of New York State. His mother, prior to her marriage, Miss Anne Lieb, is also a native of that state. Mr. Pack was educated in the public schools of New York City and after graduating from the High School there he attended Columbia University of New York City, taking his B. A. Degree from this institution in 1920. He then entered his father's business, and after a short time in the New York Office came to Houston, establishing the branch here.

Mr. Pack was married in New York City, in April, 1922, to Miss Leila Sperber, a native of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Pack make their home in Houston, at 408 Pierce Avenue.





**B. KETTERSON** has for more than thirty years been active in the cotton and financial circles of Houston, and is the manager here for Weatherford Crump and Company, who are numbered among the largest exporters of cotton in Texas. This firm exports an average of 350,000 bales of cotton annually and their staff is organized for this amount of business. During the season of 1922-23 they shipped 75,000 bales of cotton through the port of Houston. They have a staff of forty people at Houston and maintain offices in Dallas, Taylor and Brownwood with a permanent corps of buyers over the entire state. The cotton from Texas, Oklahoma and West Louisiana is handled through the Houston office. Weatherford Crump and Company export to all cotton-buying countries of the world, and do a very large business with Italy. This firm owns and controls the Turning Basin Compress Company, which is located on the north side of the turning basin, and from which cotton can be loaded direct to ships. This compress has a handling capacity of 250,000 bales, and a storage capacity of about 50,000 bales. Mr. Ketterson is the vice president of the Turning Basin Compress Company, and the other officers are R. E. Goree, president, and L. H. Bullard, manager. The cotton firm of Weatherford Crump and Company maintain and are developing a large farm in Harris County consisting of 2,500 acres, called the Brazos Farm, Inc., of which Mr. Ketterson is the vice president.

Mr. Ketterson was born at Greenock, Scotland, August 31st, 1875. His father, Thomas Ketterson, was a well known merchant and grocer of Greenock. His mother was Miss Ann Boyd, a member of a prominent family of Scotland. His education was obtained in various schools of Scotland, and he came to America and to Houston in 1891 to take a position with Inman and Company in order to learn the cotton business, and began with this firm as office boy. His brother, John B. Ketterson, was at that time manager for E. H. Cunningham and Company at Sugarland in their sugar manufacturing business. He was with King, Collie and Company, at Dallas, from 1908 to 1912. He came with Weatherford Crump and Company in December, 1922, as manager, after the re-organization of September, 1921, when the present firm succeeded Hubbel, Slack and Company. Prior to coming with the present firm, Mr. Ketterson was for about three years with the cotton firm of Dorrance and Company. During the entire period covering his business life he has been engaged in the cotton business, and has had experience in every branch of this great industry. During the World War, and for a short time following the close of the war, Mr. Ketterson was in charge of the American-Italian Commercial Corporation, which was the American representative of the Blanca Commerciale Italiana war activities, and sold supplies for Italy and Poland.

Mr. Ketterson was married at Temple, Texas, in 1901 to Miss Will-Eleanor Gooch (deceased since February 13th, 1922), a member of an old Texas family and a daughter of C. M. Gooch, well known in the business circles of Bell County. Mr. Ketterson resides at the Savoy Apartments. In fraternal and social organizations, Mr. Ketterson is a member of the B. P. O. E., Houston Club, and the Houston Cotton Exchange, in which organization he has been active in various committees. He is a loyal

member of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Ketterson believes that Houston is destined to become a great city and that the growth of the city as a port is limited only by the extent that the capacity of the channel and docks can be extended.



**HENRY FALK**, well known in the financial and cotton circles of Houston, and member of the firm of Evans and Company, cotton exporters, has for the past fifteen years been an active figure in his line in this city. Mr. Falk is also the official classer for the Texas Cotton Association, an organization for the purpose of taking care of disputes among shippers. Associated with Mr. Falk is J. W. Evans, for many years well known in the business circles of the country. This firm was organized in 1908 and export from 65,000 to 70,000 bales of cotton annually. They have seven men in their Houston office and maintain another office in Belton, Texas, in order to more closely look after the West Texas business. Mr. Falk has been engaged in the cotton business since 1892, and was formerly with Knoop-Ferichs and Company of New Orleans and came to Houston from the Crescent City in 1895 and for several years was associated with Dorrance and Company. He later went with Darrow-Vick and Company at Temple, Texas, where he remained for one and one-half years and then came to Houston.

A native Texan, Mr. Falk was born in Austin County, March 17th, 1877. His father, Gus Falk, came to Texas from Illinois in the early forties, and lived in this state practically all his life, where he was engaged in farming and stock raising. His mother was Miss Alexa Byers, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of one of the pioneer families. His education was obtained in the public schools in various places in Texas.

Mr. Falk has been engaged in the cotton business during all of his business life and is considered one of the best posted men in this great industry, and knows cotton as few men know it. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Falk has become interested in many of the city's industries, and numbered among these are the Shippers Compress, Houston Harbor Transportation, Seaboard Cotton Company and numerous others. Mr. Falk was married in Galveston, Texas, in 1901 to Miss Margaret Dirk, a native of the Island City and a daughter of J. J. Dirk (deceased) for many years engaged in the wholesale crockery business in Galveston. They have one daughter, Ethel Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Falk reside at 5202 La Branch Street. Mr. Falk is a member of the B. P. O. E. and was Exalted Ruler of this Order for the years 1920 and 1921, is a member of the Glenbrook Country Club, Commodore of the Houston Launch Club, and is a member of the appeal board of the Houston Cotton Exchange. Mr. Falk is a staunch and consistent member of St. Paul's Methodist Church. He has great faith in the future of Houston and believes that this city will become the leading port of the South in a few years. Mr. Falk is interested in all civic matters and gives of his time and means to all projects for the purpose of furthering the progress and advancement of his adopted city. Among these may be mentioned the fact that Mr. Falk donated the complete playground equipment for the Southmore School, and this is considered one of the finest in the city.





*J. D. Peterson*





*Lee R. Miller*

**LEE R. MILLER**, native Houstonian, has devoted his entire business life to the produce business, and as owner of the Miller Brokerage Company and Sales Manager of the Farmers Strawberry-Vegetable Co-operative Auction Company, Inc., with headquarters at Hammond, Louisiana, is taking an active part in the distribution of produce throughout the United States and Canada. The Miller Brokerage Company, in which Mr. Earl M. Burkett, is active, handles carlots of fruits and vegetables, eggs and merchandise, dealing in the Houston trade territory. The Farmers Strawberry-Vegetable Co-operative Auction Company, Inc., was organized in 1922 by Mr. Miller and his associates, and during the first year of its existence shipped eleven hundred and fifty-six cars of strawberries to various points in this country. During the year 1924 fourteen hundred and eighteen cars were shipped, and six hundred cars of vegetables and other produce was also sent out by this company. This is the only organization of its kind in this section of the United States and has a record for shipments of strawberries. It has been a great aid to the growers, of strawberries particularly, securing markets and better prices.

Mr. Miller was born in Houston November 20, 1892. His father, A. R. Miller, also a native of Houston, and always a resident of Houston, has held many public offices, and has the distinction of never having been defeated for office. His last position as a public official was that of Tax Collector, from which office he retired January 1, 1923, and has for more than a quarter of a century been prominent in the affairs of Houston. Lee R. Miller's mother was Miss Margaret Perry, a native of England, and came to America with her parents as a child. His early education was obtained in private schools of Houston and later attended A. and M. College of Louisiana, where he specialized in the study of agriculture. In 1914 Mr. Miller left school and became associated with the Desel-Boettcher Company, one of the largest produce concerns in the Southwest, selling at wholesale, and remained with this company until 1917, when he was selected by this firm to take charge of their branch house at Yoakum, where he remained until the latter part of that year, when he went to Washington and entered the service of the United States Government in the perishable division of the Bureau of Markets, as an investigator. In this position he traveled in every portion of the United States. Among the reports he made to the Government was the one covering the potato industry in Colorado for the thirty-year period up to 1920. In 1920, while in the Government service, in association with Mr. L. E. Hagan, he organized the Miller Hagan Company, dealers in produce at Yoakum. In 1921, he left the service of the Government and came to Houston and organized Miller, Hagan and Forney Company, Inc., produce dealers, in which he was active until he closed out the business March 1, 1924.

Mr. Miller was married in Houston January 12, 1914, to Miss Ruth Florence Shelby, a native of Missouri, and a member of a well known family of that State. He is a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Catholic Church and the Knights of Columbus. Mr. Miller is regarded as one of the most progressive business men of Houston, and has accomplished much in his chosen field

of endeavor, and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for the city of his nativity, which he believes will soon become the leading city of the Southwest.



**HARRY R. TOUCHY** came to Houston when seventeen years of age in order to attend business college, and liked the South Texas metropolis to the extent that he has remained here since that time. Mr. Touchy owns and operates the two furniture establishments located at 1507 Congress Avenue and the corner of Milam Street and Rusk Avenue, respectively. In 1916, he established in a very modest way a small furniture store across the street from the present Congress Avenue store, with a floor space of twenty feet by forty feet. In 1917, he moved to his present commodious quarters at 1507 Congress Avenue, and since that time, on account of the growth of his business, has found it necessary to make two enlargements, and now has a floor space of 8,000 square feet. Mr. Touchy opened his second store in June, 1923, at Louisiana and Rusk Avenue, and this splendid store has a floor space of 5,000 square feet. In both of these stores, Mr. Touchy carries a full and complete line of furniture, ranging from expensive period furniture and the richest of tapestry upholstery to the medium grades of furniture for the people of moderate means. He maintains a quick delivery service for the convenience of his many patrons, and everything to be found in a modern, up-to-date furniture store can be found in both of the Touchy stores, where fourteen experienced people are employed.

Mr. Touchy was born at Lake Charles, Louisiana, October 11th, 1888. His father, L. V. Touchy, also a native of Louisiana, is a resident of Houston. His mother was Miss Addie Lyons, a native of Orange, Texas, where she belonged to a pioneer family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Lake Charles, Louisiana, after which he came to Houston and attended the Massey Business College and liked this city so well that instead of returning to Louisiana, he had his parents come to the South Texas metropolis, and to this day, they all agree that no mistake was made in removing here. He began his business career here by working in a clothing establishment, where he remained for one year, after which he entered the employ of the Haverty Furniture Company, where he remained for four years, first as a collector and later as a salesman. He then went with the Southern Furniture Company, where he remained for almost two years and then returned to the Haverty Furniture Company, where he remained for two years. Mr. Touchy was then made manager of the W. H. Stower Furniture Company and remained with this company for one year, when he established his first furniture store in 1916.

Mr. Touchy was married at Galveston, Texas, on July 27th, 1910, to Miss Maude Geen, a native of the Island City and a daughter of John Geen, who for fifty years was a resident of Galveston, but is now a resident of Houston, where he is associated with the Touchy Furniture Company. They have two children—Hazel and Harry R. Touchy Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Touchy reside at 310 Park Avenue in the Oakwood Addition. Mr. Touchy has been prominently identified with many movements tending to promote the growth and importance of Houston, and has an abiding faith in the future of his city.



**J**OHN H. HAILEY, owner of John H. Hailey and Company, Cotton Seed Products, has for more than a decade been a factor in the business life of Houston and has built up a growing and prosperous business. Mr. Hailey deals exclusively in cotton seed products and has offices at 1411-12 Cotton Exchange Building. He came to Houston in 1912 and during the same year became a broker of cotton seed products, and his business has grown during this period to immense proportions, and Mr. Hailey is known in all portions of the country where this commodity is in use or dealt in as one of the experts in this line, knowing every phase of the business.

Mr. Hailey was born in Nashville, Tennessee, on February 3rd, 1877. His father, Dr. R. H. Hailey, was among the best known physicians of his time. His mother was Miss Minerva Harrison, a native of Tennessee, and a member of a prominent family of that state. His education was obtained in the various public schools of his native state. Soon after leaving school, Mr. Hailey began his business career as a telegraph operator with the Western Union, and continued in this line of endeavor for about three years and during this period, he came to Texas as an operator for this company and was employed at Sugarland, Texas. Since leaving the business of telegraph operator, he has been engaged in his present business.

Mr. Hailey was married in Houston in 1903 to Miss Josephine Callahan, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a well known South Texas family. They have three children—Josephine Elise, John H. Hailey, Jr., and Gloria Louise. Mr. and Mrs. Hailey reside at 1511 Fairview Avenue. Mr. Hailey has since coming to Houston been an active member of the Cotton Exchange, and is a member of the Cotton Seed Crushers Association. He is a member of the Scottish Rite body of the Masonic fraternity to the 32nd degree, and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. Mr. Hailey is regarded as one of the most progressive men engaged in his line of business, and has done much for the benefit of the dealers and shippers of this commodity, which has grown to be one of the leading industries of the state. He never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for the South Texas Metropolis and believes that this city will soon become the leading city of the Southwest.

**C**LAUDE W. SEARS, Cotton Broker, with office at 1512 Cotton Exchange Building, has for more than fifteen years been a factor in the cotton and financial circles of Houston. Mr. Sears started his present business in Houston in 1921 as a spot broker of domestic cotton and handles about 100,000 bales of cotton annually. He began in the cotton business in 1908 with the Weld and Neville Company, and was later with the Evans Company. After a few years, he entered the employ of W. D. Cleveland and Son, where he remained until 1916. Mr. Sears came to Houston when fourteen years of age from Mississippi with his parents, and has been a resident of this city since that time, and all his business life has been devoted to the cotton industry and he is regarded as one of the best posted men in the business, where he has learned all the branches and details.

Mr. Sears was born at Holly Springs, Mississippi, April 16, 1891. His father, the Rev. Peter Gray

Sears, came to Texas in 1905 and is one of the best known ministers of the Episcopal Church in the State, and has for many years been Rector of Christ Episcopal Church of Houston. His mother was Miss Fannie Archer, a member of a prominent Maryland family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Holly Springs and Houston, and later he attended Sewanee College, being a student of that institution during the years of 1906 and 1907. He returned to Houston in 1908 from college and during that year began his professional life in the cotton business. During the World War Mr. Sears was a Captain in the 144th Infantry, 36th Division, and was located at Camp Bowie, Fort Worth, until he went across, where he remained more than one year, and while in service in France was a participant in the Argonne and Champagne drives.

Mr. Sears was married in Houston in 1917 to Miss Georgiana Radetzki, a native of Houston and a daughter of Gus Radetzki, who was for many years Vice-President of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad, but is now retired from active business pursuits. Mr. and Mrs. Sears reside at 2108 Baldwin Street. Mr. Sears is a member of the Houston Cotton Exchange and the Texas Cotton Association. He is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. Sears is one of the leaders among the younger men in the business circles of Houston and a bright future is predicted for this progressive, young business man who is yet in the morning of life.

**F**RED FOX is one of the best known of the younger business men in Houston. For over sixteen years connected in various capacities with the Houston Chronicle, leading afternoon newspaper of South Texas, he has been brought actively in touch with the commercial and industrial interests of the city, and has developed an exceptionally wide acquaintance and is accorded a position among the most popular men of the city.

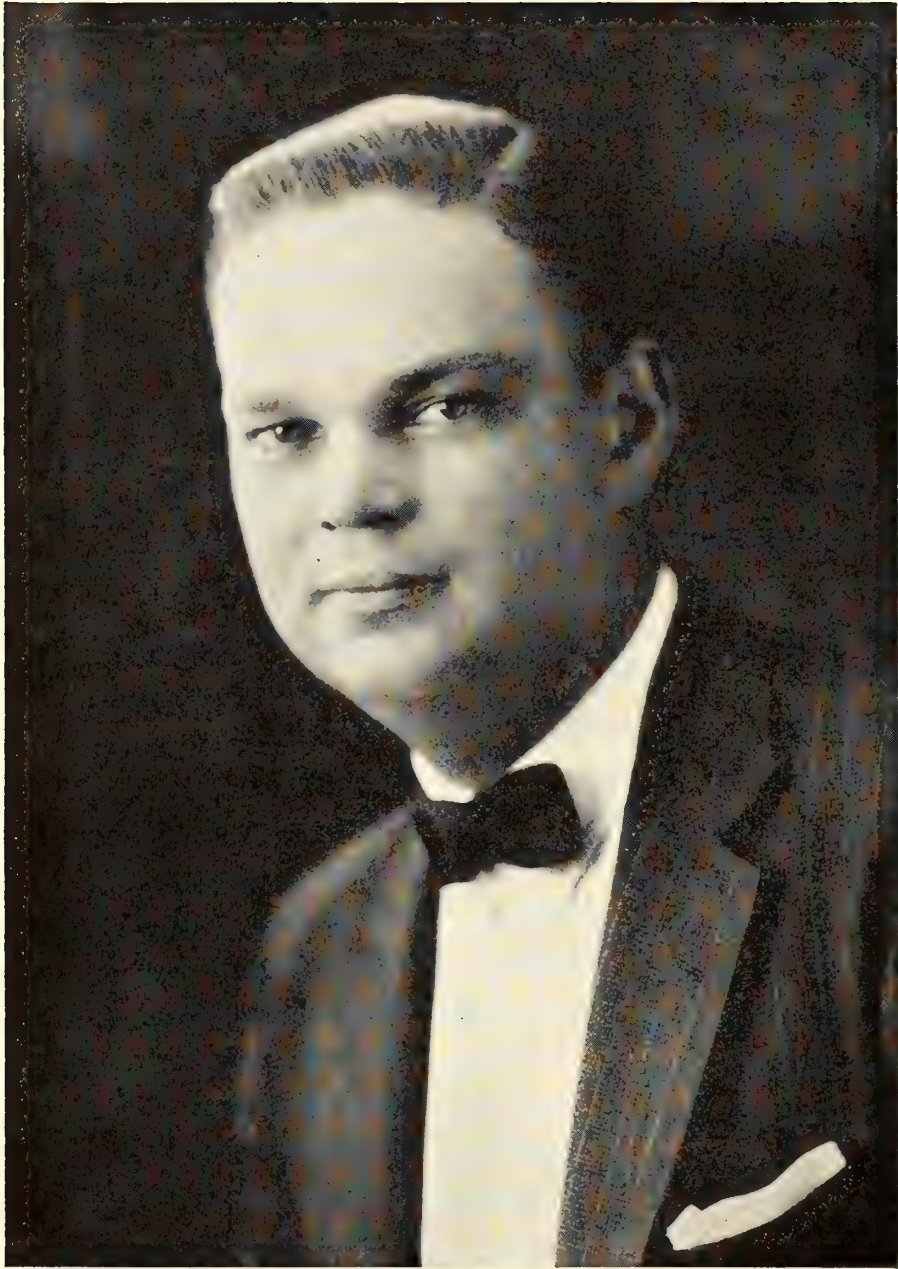
His connection with the Houston Chronicle began on September 13, 1909, when he entered the service of the Houston Publishing Company as bookkeeper. He served in this capacity for a year and in 1910 was made auditor for the company, remaining in this position until 1918. He was then promoted to the position of treasurer of the company and was made business manager as well. During the time of his connection with the company he has seen the business grow and expand in every department. The advertising patronage of the Chronicle has especially shown marked gains under the broad and constructive business policies of M. E. Foster, president and publisher. Both editorial and business policies are singularly broad and progressive, fair and tolerant, and the result is shown in a newspaper of which any city might well be proud.

Mr. Fox is a native of Houston and was born on August 14, 1885. He is a son of William and Elizabeth Fox, and was educated in the public schools of this city. His father was a native of Germany, and came to America when thirty years of age, going first to Galveston and later to Houston, where he worked as a pattern maker and during the last fifteen years of his life engaged in the real estate business. His mother died when Fred was only thirteen months old, and his father died in Los Angeles, April 1, 1921.



*John H. Mailey*





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After leaving school, Mr. Fox began his business career by accepting employment in the mercantile establishment of Ed Kiam, remaining with this firm for three years, also two years real estate business with his father, before becoming identified with the Houston Chronicle Publishing Company.

Like most newspaper men, Mr. Fox is devoted to his paper, and finds no greater enjoyment than working with his associates to make it bigger and better. He is popular among business men of the city, and numbers his friends by his acquaintances.



**MARION SEYMOURE MAYO**, native Texan, one of Houston's younger business men, has been a resident of this city for about six years. During this period he has become well known in educational circles. Leaving the teaching profession for business, in which he believed larger opportunities were possible, Mr. Mayo has been identified with some of the leading firms here, gaining valuable experience in each position. At this time he is employed by the dock and warehouse department of the Houston Compress Company, owned and operated by Anderson-Clayton Company.

Marion Seymoure Mayo was born at Commerce, Texas, in 1896. He is the son of the late W. L. and Etta Booth Mayo. His father, one of Texas' most honored men, was the founder and president of the East Texas Normal College, now known as the East Texas State Teachers College, and was also one of the founders of the Southern Methodist University, of Dallas.

Mr. Mayo received his preliminary education in a private school at Commerce, Texas. In 1910 he entered the University of Texas, returning in 1911 to the East Texas State Normal, where he remained until 1914 and obtained the A. B. and B. S. degrees. In 1915 he entered the University of California, taking post-graduate work, until 1916 when he returned to Texas as instructor in Latin at the East Texas Normal College. On the death of his father, he assumed the acting presidency of this institution. In September, 1917, he was appointed western representative of the Henry Holt Publishing Company, with headquarters in California. While acting as a representative for this company, he found time to become physical director of the Franklin High School at Los Angeles. During the troublous days at the beginning of the war he was one of one hundred men appointed for special fitness to serve as a member of the Oakland war service police. The death of his mother in October, 1918, made his return to Texas imperative to assume the guardianship of minor brothers and sisters and the administration of his mother's estate. At this time he was asked to serve in a special capacity on the Hunt County Draft Board No. 2. At the conclusion of the war he was engaged in the investment business in Dallas, later going to Mexico to represent Mexican interests. In 1919 he came to Houston, where he was engaged as instructor in Latin, English and Spanish at the Prosser Preparatory School. Later he was appointed head master of the Y. M. C. A. Preparatory School. A short while after, he opened and operated successfully the Mayo School for Boys. Beginning his business career, he was identified for a short time with H. L. Doherty and Company before going with the firm by whom he is now employed.

Mr. Mayo was married at Houston in 1922 to Miss Beatrice Tomkins. They make their home at 318 Hagerman Street and have one child, Marion, Junior. Mr. Mayo is a member of the Christ Episcopal Church, the University and Salesmanship Clubs. He has an unusually wide acquaintance among the younger men and boys of Houston, as well as the present generation of business men, who predict for him a splendid future.



**JOSEPH J. DANNENBAUM** has for more than sixteen years been actively engaged in the importing and roasting of coffee in Houston, prior to which time he was engaged in the cotton business. The Magnolia Coffee Company was organized in July, 1909, and are importers and roasters of the well known Wamba coffee and is one of the leading coffee firms of the Southwest. All of their coffee is roasted in Houston and they import and roast about 25,000 bags of coffee annually. This company employs more than twenty people at all times in their Houston establishment and have eight men on the road who cover all of Texas and parts of Louisiana, Arkansas and Oklahoma. The Wamba coffee is put up in one Mexico to Fort Worth. He is known to cowmen and three pound cans, which are the convenient sizes for home and hotel use. Other officers of the Magnolia Coffee Company are I. M. Epstein, president, and S. Epstein, secretary and treasurer. Their plant is located at North San Jacinto and Moffitt Streets. The business has grown to wonderful proportions and the Wamba coffee is one of the most popular coffees in the Southwest and is growing in popularity with the public.

Mr. Dannenbaum, a native of Germany, was born September 13th, 1878. His father, Julius Dannenbaum, was also a native of Germany and lived and died in his native land. His education was obtained in the schools of Germany. He came to the United States when sixteen years of age and for a time did any kind of work to get a start, after which he went to Seguin, Texas, and remained there in the cotton business until 1907 when he returned to Houston and organized a small coffee company. With the experience thus gained, in 1909 he assisted Mr. M. H. Epstein and his son, I. M. Epstein, in the organization of the present company. Mr. M. H. Epstein came to Texas from Michigan when a lad of 16 and settled in Caldwell County. He came to Houston in 1909 and was associated with Mr. Dannenbaum in the coffee industry. Mr. Epstein died June 3rd, 1921. Mr. I. M. Epstein is still actively engaged in this business and upon the death of his father assumed the presidency of the company. Mr. I. M. Epstein was born and raised in Texas, his birthplace being Luling.

Mr. Dannenbaum was married in Houston, February 15th, 1903, to Miss Rosa Dannenbaum, his cousin and a daughter of Joseph Dannenbaum, prominent in the business circles of Houston and of Texas. They have three children, Joseph Henry, Sarah and Laura. Mr. and Mrs. Dannenbaum reside at 505 Dennis Street. Mr. Dannenbaum is a member of the Knights of Pythias and takes an active interest in this organization. He is interested in all agencies working for the greater development and civic improvement of Houston, which he believes will soon become the leading city of the Southwest.



**C**HARLES W. HURLEY, for two decades a prime factor in the commercial world at Houston, is known throughout the Lone Star State, and has built up one of the largest credit rating systems in Texas. Mr. Hurley is president, treasurer and manager of the Texas Mercantile Agency, Incorporated, a business established at Houston in 1898, and taken over by Mr. Hurley in 1903. This agency is conceded by credit men to be one of the best credit rating systems in the state, supplying retail credit ratings to a very large membership. This organization, a pioneer organization for the protection of merchants against bad credit risks, has developed along progressive lines, and has been instrumental in advancing the importance of credits and their relation to business prosperity. They have at their finger tips credit information, and co-operate with their membership to the fullest extent. Mr. Hurley is himself an expert on all credit matters, and his solution of credit problems, as well as his discussions of credits and a better understanding of credits, is of inestimable value to his organization. The offices of the Texas Mercantile Agency, Incorporated, are in the Republic Building, where a force of twelve trained credit experts assist in making this agency a real service to the merchants of the state. Mrs. M. C. Hurley is vice president and treasurer of the organization.

Charles W. Hurley was born at Galveston, Texas, the son of C. W. Hurley, now deceased, a resident of Galveston for many years and mayor of that city in the seventies. Later he became a ship broker, and was prominent in maritime activities. He inaugurated the first steamship line between Galveston and Liverpool and promoted and built the Susie Railroad, running through the Galveston Island, and was one of the promoters of the Santa Fe Railroad when it was built into the Island City. He spent his later years in Houston. His mother, also deceased, was, prior to his marriage, Miss Sue Roselle. The subject of this sketch attended the public schools of Galveston and Houston, and left school to begin work for his father, who at that time owned and operated a large wood and coal business at Houston. After a short time in the fuel business, he went with the Houston and Texas Central Railway, and after fifteen years with that road, spent one year with a rice firm, prior to taking over the Texas Mercantile Company in 1903.

Mr. Hurley was married at Houston, in 1896, to Miss Mary C. Collier, a native of Giddings, Texas, who was reared at Houston. They make their home at 2812 Fannin Street, and have two children, Charles W. Hurley, Jr., a graduate of Texas A. & M. College and a chemical engineer for the Gulf Production Company, and J. Collier Hurley, who is associated with his father.

Fraternally Mr. Hurley is a Mason, Holland Lodge No. 1, Washington Chapter No. 2, member of the Knights Templar and of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is active in the work of the Rotary Club and other civic organizations, and is secretary and treasurer of the Retail Merchants Association of Houston and secretary of the Houston Retail Credit Men's Association. Mr. Hurley is a veteran in the credit world, and was one of the first to appreciate the value of credits to organized business, and his place in the credit world is in keeping with his years

of service in this field, and his prestige as a credit man. He has also taken an active interest in community affairs and served as a director of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, at which time he was chairman of the retail merchants division.

**B**ENJAMIN H. SMITH, for the past several years, has taken an active part in manufacturing affairs at Houston, as a member of an old established manufacturing firm, and has taken a constructive interest in civic development. Mr. Smith is treasurer and manager of the Houston plant of the Price-Booker Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, of Houston and Waco. This business was established at Houston in 1909 and later the Waco plant, now the headquarters of the company, was established. The Houston plant, on the outskirts of Houston, is housed in a beautiful, white building, of fireproof construction, eighty-four by four hundred and twenty feet, and with an L of sixty by eighty feet. The corporation manufactures and packs pickles, peanut butter, vinegar and other food products, and has eighty-five women and forty men operatives. There are five men on the road out of Houston. The highest sanitary standards govern the operation of the plant, all products being put up in accordance with the most approved methods, and complying with all pure food and sanitary laws. The products of the company bear the trade name of "Texama." The foods packed by this company are of recognized quality, and have an extensive sale throughout the Lone Star State, as well as in adjoining territory. Mr. Smith has been treasurer and manager of the Houston plant since 1921, and with the exception of a period of military service, has been with this corporation since 1916. L. J. Roter is president and general manager, at the Waco plant, T. M. Gribble, of Waco, is vice president, and J. D. Willis, of Waco, is secretary and attorney of the Price-Booker Manufacturing Company, Incorporated, in addition to Mr. Smith as treasurer.

Mr. Smith was born at West Point, Georgia, the twenty-first of October, 1876. His father, F. L. Smith, a native of Georgia, came to Texas in 1880, and lived in Central Texas during the latter years of his life. Mr. Smith was educated in the public schools of Fannin County, after coming to Texas, and later took commercial courses at Hill's Business College, and Toby's Business College, two leading commercial institutions of the state. His business experience has been varied, and since entering the business world, Mr. Smith has been a newspaper man, in the mercantile business, and road salesman in both Texas and Oklahoma. He went with the Price-Booker Company, in 1916, as salesman, and, until entering military service in 1917, was with this corporation. Seventeen years of service with the National Guards, resulted in his commission as Captain of Artillery, and Captain Smith helped organized the 133rd Field Artillery with the Thirty-sixth Division. He was with this division overseas, and was discharged at Camp Pike as Captain, returning with the Price-Booker Company, with which he has since been associated.

Mr. Smith has been twice married, and has a son, Gilbert, by his first marriage. He was married the second time at Fort Worth, the first of November, 1917, to Mrs. W. J. Stribbling, nee Peeler, a native of Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. Smith make



*C. M. Hurley.*





*W. H. Mitchell*

their home in Houston, at 1811 Harvard Avenue. Mr. Smith is a member of the Officers Club, of Houston, Traffic Club and Odd Fellows, and takes an interest in all civic advancement. In the manufacturing world he is regarded as a man who has a real future in the field of food manufacture, and is a business man of highest integrity.



**A. MITCHELL**, treasurer and general manager of the Houston Textile Mills, Inc., has been a factor in the manufacturing world at Houston since coming here in January, 1924, at which time the mills were established. The Houston Textile Mills manufacture cotton blankets exclusively, and are selling this product throughout the world, about fifty per cent of all business being export trade. Although a new product, comparatively speaking, the blankets manufactured by this firm have become well known to the trade as a high grade product, comparing favorably with old established lines, and the demand is rapidly increasing. The mills are located on the East Montgomery Road, and the plant is one of the best equipped textile mills in the state. It has fifty-five thousand square feet of manufacturing space and there are two hundred people employed. Officers are Benjamin Clayton, president; W. L. Clayton, and M. D. Anderson, vice presidents, and Mr. Mitchell, treasurer.

Prior to coming to Houston as general manager of this plant Mr. Mitchell acted as agent for the Massachusetts Cotton Mills, of Lowell, Massachusetts, one of the largest cotton mills in the United States. Mr. Mitchell has spent practically his entire business career in the cotton manufacturing business, and in the course of this career has traveled nearly all over the world, and is familiar with cotton mill operation not only as carried on in this country, but in foreign countries, and is regarded as one of the best posted men in the textile business in Texas. He is a kindly and genial type of man who takes a real interest in his employees, ever alert to improve their working conditions whenever possible.

W. A. Mitchell was born at Norton, New Brunswick, on the first of March, 1880, son of the late S. D. Mitchell, and Agnes H. (Duncan) Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell, Sr., was a native of New Brunswick, and Mrs. Mitchell of Glasgow, Scotland. Mr. Mitchell attended the schools of Lowell, Massachusetts, and afterward entered the textile business at that place. He served an enlistment of seven years with the Sixth M. V. M. and was a lieutenant.

Mr. Mitchell was married at New Boston, New Hampshire, the fifteenth of January, 1908, to Miss Bella W. Read, daughter of C. W. P. Read and Annie B. (Dolley) Read, the former a native of Taunton, Mass., the latter of New Boston, New Hampshire. Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell reside in Houston at 4505 Caroline Boulevard, and have two children, Phyllis Read Mitchell, who attends Mount Vernon School, at Washington, D. C., and Frances Duncan Mitchell, who attends Kinkaid School of Houston. Mr. Mitchell is a Mason, a member of Scottish and York Rite bodies, and Shrine, and belongs to the Rotary Club, the Houston Club, the Houston Chamber of Commerce, in which he is a director; the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers, the American Cotton Manufacturers Association, the Texas Cotton

Manufacturers Association, the Texas Industrial Traffic League, and the High Street Congregational Church of Lowell, Massachusetts.



**W. MURPHY**, manager at Houston of the Japan Cotton Trading Company, Cotton Exporters, has devoted his business life to the cotton industry and since coming to Houston in 1920 has been a potent figure in the commercial circles of this city. The Japan Cotton Trading Company export their cotton to Japan and are the largest exporters of cotton from this country to Japan. This cotton finally reaches the European markets, but slowly, and much of it is shipped back to the United States after being manufactured into cotton goods. The Japan Cotton Trading Company own their Compress at Houston, and employs an average of one hundred and fifty men. This firm concentrates at Houston practically all their purchases from Texas and Oklahoma, and all this cotton is exported from Houston via the ship channel. The office of the Japan Cotton Trading Company at Houston is located at 827 and 828 Cotton Exchange Building, and the headquarters of this company for the United States is located at Fort Worth, Texas.

A native Texan, Mr. Murphy was born in the historic town of Jefferson, September 29th, 1880. His family moved to Greenville, Texas, when he was a small boy, and his education was obtained in the public and high schools of Greenville, where he graduated from the latter school. His father, W. H. Murphy, also born at Jefferson, Texas, was manager of the compress at Greenville, and it was here that young Murphy became interested in the cotton business. His mother was Miss Myra Preston, a member of an old Texas family and a daughter of Joe Preston, pioneer druggist of Texas. Mr. Murphy started in the cotton business under his father at Greenville, and at the age of nineteen years, took over the management of the compress at Cleburne, Texas, and was with this compress until he went with the Japan Cotton Trading Company, with the exception of one year spent in Dallas in the cotton business. In 1919, he was with this company at Texas City, where he looked after their concentration there for one year, and was then sent as their manager at Houston.

Mr. Murphy was married at Marshall, Texas, on November 11th, 1902, to Miss Joe Hart, a native of Marion County, Texas, and a daughter of Joe Hart, who was for twenty years Tax Assessor of Marion County. They have one son, W. W. Murphy, Jr. Mr. Murphy is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Blue Lodge, Temple No. 4, of Houston, a member of Arabia Temple Shrine, a member of the Scottish Rite Body of this Order at Houston to the 18th degree and at Galveston to the 32nd degree. He is also a member of the Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Murphy's family are members of the Presbyterian Church. As Houston is now the largest cotton market in the world, he believes that the Port will in a few years be the greatest shipping Port in the Southwest. Mr. Murphy has, in the three years that he has been in Houston, seen the cotton exports from this city grow from 75,000 bales to 1,000,000 bales, and this alone would make one optimistic as to the future of the South Texas Metropolis, not to take into consideration the many other advantages for continued growth.





**MORRIS C. OLDHAM** for the past decade has been identified with the dairy industry at Houston, and has been one of the advocates of higher standards of dairy operation, conducting his plant along the most approved lines and supplying an extensive patronage with the best milk possible to produce. Mr. Oldham is proprietor of the Phenix Dairy, which he established the fourth of May, 1914, starting alone, and doing all the work himself. This small dairy, by the consistent application of his policy of giving only the best, has developed until it is one of the largest retail milk businesses in Houston. He owns his own property, a modern brick building, affording 8500 square feet of floor space, and equipped with the latest and most modern machinery. He sells only pasteurized milk and to retail trade exclusively, all milk being bottled under approved conditions and purchased on contract from milk producers. The business employs eighty operatives and forty-two routes, zoned to cover the city, furnishes dependable service to the patrons. In addition to the dairy building, Mr. Oldham has a large stable for his horses, 200x300 feet.

Mr. Oldham was born at Springfield, Ohio, in 1886, son of Dr. J. C. and Mrs. Josephine Oldham. He was educated at the Springfield public schools, graduating from Wittenberg Academy and attending the Wittenberg College for two years. He then entered Cornell University for the four-year course, specializing in dairying and taking the degree of Bachelor of Scientific Agriculture. After his graduation, he returned to Ohio and engaged in the milk business for several years. In 1913 he came to Texas, and spent a year and a half selling dairy equipment, starting his present business in 1914.

Mr. Oldham was married at Houston in 1920 to Miss Allene Grauman, whose father is connected with the Southern Pacific Railway in this city. Mr. Oldham is a member of the University Club, the Houston Launch Club, and the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.



**H. JAMESON** has been actively identified with the commercial life of the City of Houston since his arrival here in 1910, and today is one of the best known of the younger cotton factors of this section. Mr. Jameson is manager of the Houston branch office of Hooper and Day, English cotton merchants, with offices at 1327-8 Cotton Exchange Building. The firm of Hooper and Day, with which Mr. Jameson has been connected for many years, has its principal headquarters at Liverpool, England, with American branch offices at Houston, Memphis, Tennessee, and Oklahoma City. The firm does an exclusive export business, purchasing cotton from interior dealers and f. o. b. men and concentrating it for shipment at Houston. This firm exports approximately 25,000 bales annually and all of this is shipped to their head office in Liverpool.

A native of Tennessee, Mr. Jameson was born at Nashville, on September 23, 1887, and was reared at Jackson, Tennessee, where he attended the public schools and the Jackson High School, preparing for college at the age of sixteen. His grandfather, James B. Jameson, was a prominent land owner, and at one time held thirty thousand acres of land in Texas, acquired through an old Spanish grant.

While still a boy in knee pants, Mr. Jameson

entered the freshman class of Union University, formerly the Southwestern Baptist University, and during his studies there was very prominent in athletic circles, making the baseball team of the university as pitcher, and taking part in various other activities incident to the school's athletic department. After leaving the university he came to Texas and became connected with the office force of Hooper and Day, at Houston. He has been with this firm continuously since that time and was made manager of the Houston office in 1917.

On June 20, 1919, Mr. Jameson was married at Houston to Miss Florence McAllister, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, daughter of C. E. McAllister, prominent oil man, formerly with the Sinclair Company and now identified with the Badger-McAllister Company. Mr. and Mrs. Jameson reside at 5419 Jackson Street. They have three children, Jane, William and Benjamin.

While an enthusiastic booster for Houston and Texas, Mr. Jameson is also intensely loyal to the traditions of Tennessee. He points with pride to the fact that W. L. Clayton, the South's greatest cotton factor, came from Jackson, Tennessee, and that this little town has furnished many of the really big men now identified with the cotton industry in Texas and throughout the South. He believes that Houston will eventually become the principal market and shipping point for cotton of the entire world.

Mr. Jameson is an active member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, University Club, Texas Cotton Association, the Houston Cotton Exchange and the Houston Country Club. His college fraternity is the Kappa Sigma. He is interested in the development of Houston and participates actively in the civic affairs of the city.



**JACOB V. DEALY**, pioneer resident of Houston, has for more than half a century been associated with history-making events in this city, taking a large part in the progress of his community, both in a civic and business way, and taking his place among the men Houston is proud to claim as citizens. In 1877 Mr. Dealy established the J. V. Dealy Bookbinding Company, a firm he has since been at the head of, devoting his energies to building up the plant to that of a business that compares favorably with the big firms of the city. The years of operation, covering a period of almost half a century, have seen a number of changes in the personal of this firm, but always it has been Mr. Dealy who has guided the destinies of the plant. Known successively as the J. V. Dealy Company, Smallwood-Dealy and Baker, the Dealy-Baker Company, the Dealy-Adey-Elgin Company, the business has now been incorporated and is known as the Dealy-Adey-Elgin Company, Incorporated, with Mr. Dealy as President, R. W. Elgin, Treasurer, and J. C. Kidd, Secretary. This firm, devoted exclusively to fine printing, bookbinding, and stationers supplies, has a record of conservative progress, and for the past thirty years has occupied the same building, at 211 Fannin Street. This building, twenty-five by one hundred feet, and with three floors, is devoted entirely to the plant of the Dealy-Adey-Elgin Company, and is modernly equipped throughout. A force of twenty-five employees is maintained in the plant, and two salesmen are on the road.

A boy of ten, Mr. Dealy began as route carrier for



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*C. K. Kofahl Jr.*

the Houston Union, a Republican paper at that time, and a little later entered the printing shop of the A. C. Gray Company, a printer-bookbinder and ruler, of early Houston days. In 1877 he established his own business, a business that has prospered as Houston has prospered, and kept pace with the development of the village until it has become the city of today. Besides his activities in a business way Mr. Dealy has been interested in every phase of Houston's progress, giving freely both of time and means, to further this growth. He is a Trustee of the Bayland Orphans Home, was at one time President of the Houston Lyceum, and for twenty-five years Director of the Young Men's Christian Association, of which he is a past President.

Mr. Dealy was born at Houston, the fourth day of April, 1859, son of E. C. Dealy, who was born at sea as his parents were coming to this country from Ireland. Mr. Dealy's father was reared in Louisiana, and in 1852 came to Houston, where for many years he was a school teacher. His mother, before her marriage, was Miss Lucretia Valentine, a native of Louisiana. Mr. Dealy attended the Houston schools for a time, but his school days were not many, and he has acquired most of his real education himself, as a boy, studying at night, after his day's work was over.

Mr. Dealy was married the fourteenth of November, 1894, at Houston, to Miss Estelle Gayle, daughter of W. H. Gayle, who with his family came from his native home in Louisiana, where Mrs. Dealy was reared. Mr. and Mrs. Dealy make their home at 3007 Morrison Street.



**KOFAHL, JR.**, became identified with business activities at Houston more than two decades ago, since that time actively engaging in the petroleum industry, and more recently has established a floral business that is one of the finest in the city. The Q. and S. Florists, established by Mr. Kofahl, and owned by him, operates one of the largest greenhouses in the city, with more than five thousand square feet under glass. In the large greenhouses a variety of fine potted plants are grown and fine blooming flowers to supply the extensive demand for the exquisite cut flowers in which the firm specializes. The Q. and S. Florists give careful attention to decorations for weddings, funerals, and other occasions, and can furnish anything in the floral line. They have had charge of the decorations for many of the most exclusive social events at Houston, and also supply a large clientele with the best cut flowers procurable. While most of their trade is centered in Houston, they are, through their affiliation with the Florists Telegraph Delivery Association, in a position to arrange for delivery of flowers to any part of the United States as well as foreign countries.

The Q. and S. Florists occupy a new building, beautifully equipped, in the heart of the city, at 1111 Travis Street, where they have seven employees. The delivery service is adequate to care for the needs at all times. Mrs. C. Thomas is Manager of the business. She came to Houston in 1908 from Indiana, and has been in the floral business since that time.

Mr. Kofahl was born at Austin, Texas, in 1879, son of C. Kofahl, a well known citizen of that city, and Charlotte Kofahl. He was educated in his native city, graduating from the Austin High School, after

which he came to Houston, entering the petroleum business, with which he has since been connected.

Mr. Kofahl was married to Miss Mabel Moore, daughter of John and Laura Moore. They make their home at 538 Yale Avenue, and have two children, Mrs. Joe Goerner and Mrs. L. E. Killingsworth. Mr. Kofahl is a Mason, York Rite of Houston. The Q. and S. Florists are member of the Society of American Florists and Ornamental Horticulturists, the Floral Telegraph Delivery Association, and the Texas State Florists Association. Mr. Kofahl is President of the Houston Florists Club and Vice-President of the Texas State Floral Association.



**L. JONES**, manager and secretary-treasurer of the Exporters Compress and Warehouse Company, is numbered among the best known cotton men of Texas, where he has been engaged in the cotton business for more than a quarter of a century. His firm, organized in 1923, is engaged in compressing and warehousing of cotton and the plant, located on a sixty-three-acre tract of land near the Clinton Road, has a 50,000-bale capacity. Up to July 1st, 1925, Mr. Jones conducted a cotton business, under the name of J. L. Jones and Company. He had for several years been a member of the firm of Godwin and Jones. Prior to that, and for twenty years he was associated with Minoprio and Company.

A native Texan, Mr. Jones was born in Houston, September 6th, 1881. His father, J. L. Jones (deceased since 1886) came to Texas from Mississippi about three years after the close of the Civil War, in which he was a veteran. His mother was a native of Mississippi, and after they had settled in Texas, they were for many years engaged in farming. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston, after which he attended a Houston business college. When fifteen years of age he entered the cotton business with Bateson Hooper and Company, an English firm, from whom he obtained much valuable experience. In 1901 he started as a classer with Minoprio and Company, of Liverpool, and was located at Weimar, Texas, for nine years as their representative, and came to Houston in charge of this firm's business in 1914.

Mr. Jones was married in Weimar, Texas, in 1905, to Miss Mary Ella Holloway, a member of an old Texas family, and a daughter of R. E. Holloway, a farmer and large land owner, who was well known throughout the state. They have one daughter, Dorothy Ella Jones, sixteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Jones reside at the corner of Bissonet and Yoakum Streets. Mr. Jones is a member of the Houston Cotton Exchange, and is a member of the arbitration committee of this organization, and is also a stockholder in the Exchange. His family faith is with the Methodist denomination. Mr. Jones' faith in Houston is evidenced by the fact that he recently purchased one-fourth of a block of Texas Avenue property, which is just outside the business center and which he expects to lease for big business building. He considers Houston a great shipping port, whose shipping will increase as fast as wharfage facilities are provided. Mr. Jones is interested in everything commercially or civically that has for its purpose the further growth and development of the city of his nativity, and he is recognized as one of its highly regarded and loyal citizens.





**BEN S. SCOTT**, owner of the Bristol Hotel at Houston, has recently become identified with the hotel business here, bringing with him a wealth of experience gained in other lines. Mr. Scott bought the Bristol Hotel in August, 1925, reorganizing the operating plan, and the hostelry is fast gaining in popularity under his management. The Bristol Hotel occupies a modern, fire-proof structure at 708-712 Travis Street, and has one hundred and thirty rooms, eighty of which have private baths. The Bristol Hotel, although not one of Houston's largest hotels, is operated in accordance with high standards, and in the matter of accommodations compares favorably with other hotels of the city. Mr. Scott is making improvements, renewing furniture, putting in new carpets and ice plant, etc., making an especial effort to have his hotel pleasing to the traveling public.

Ben S. Scott was born in Newton County, Texas, the twenty-eighth of October, 1890, son of S. R. Scott, and Johnnie (Alley) Scott. Mr. Scott, Sr., now deceased, was a native Texan, and for many years was a factor in the timber business in the state. Mrs. Scott, also a native Texan, now resides in Houston. Ben S. Scott attended the Texas public schools, graduating from High School. His first business experience was with the Kirby Lumber Company, and, after leaving that company, he engaged in the oil business for about five years with the Texas Company and E. F. Simms. During the World War Mr. Scott was in military service for a year and a half, serving in France for one year.

Mr. Scott was married at Orange, Texas, the twentieth of January, 1920, to Miss Marian Hagendoorn, daughter of F. J. Hagendoorn and Idabelle (Head) Hagendoorn, both of whom are natives of Louisiana. Mr. Hagendoorn is engaged in the dairy business. Mr. and Mrs. Scott reside at the Bristol Hotel, and have one child, a daughter, Sidney Scott. Mr. Scott is a Mason, Scottish Rite, at Houston, Blue Lodge at Kirbyville, and belongs to the Methodist Church.



**S. MARSHALL**, since becoming general manager of the Rio Grande Valley Ice Company of Houston, in 1919, has had an important part in increasing the business and shaping the destinies of that industry. The plant of the Rio Grande Valley Ice Company, located at 2715 McKinney Avenue, was built in 1919 and the company was incorporated in 1920. In November, 1922, this plant was purchased from the original owners by R. W. Morrison and McCall, well known as large public service owners of ice plants, electric power plants, street railway companies, etc. The Rio Grande Valley Ice Company has a daily capacity of one hundred tons and sell to both the wholesale and retail trade of Houston. Their building occupies one-half of a city block on the Houston Belt and Terminal Railroad, where they have a delivery platform two hundred feet in length. The Rio Grande Valley Ice Company's business is augmented by having the icing of all cars, vegetables and fruits coming through Houston from the Rio Grande Valley. This company supplies the wholesale customers by the use of seven two-ton trucks and one four-ton truck and their retail trade is cared for by five two-horse wagons. The Rio Grande Valley Ice Company's plant is equipped with electricity only and

runs to full capacity during twelve months each year and employ fifty people.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Marshall was born in Lancaster County in 1892. His father, W. W. Marshall, was a well known oyster grower, shipper and packer and was also engaged in raising truck. His mother was Miss Hattie E. Coulburne, a member of a prominent Virginia family. The public and high schools of Lancaster County supplied the foundation for Mr. Marshall's education, after which he attended a business college in Baltimore for one year and special courses for two years. After leaving college, Mr. Marshall began his business career in Chicago with the firm of Sangster and Matthews, accountants. He remained with this firm for three years, when he volunteered for service in the World War in June, 1917, and was sent to Camp Rich, an aviation camp at Waco, Texas, and in June, 1918, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the signal corps. He was later removed to Love Field, Dallas, where he remained for ten months and was transferred to Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio and was discharged from that camp in February, 1919. After his discharge from the army, he came to Houston and was employed by Hugh Hamilton in special accounting work and was made manager of the Rio Grande Valley Ice Company in 1919.

Mr. Marshall was married at Dallas in 1918 to Miss J. Belle Pope, a native of Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Marshall reside at 3001 Chenevert Street. He is a member of the York Rite body of the Masonic fraternity and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple, Houston. In commercial and social organizations, Mr. Marshall is a member of the Traffic Club, the Lumbermen's Club, the Conopus Club, the Houston Club and Glenbrook Country Club. Mr. Marshall finds opportunity to give his time and assistance to many movements of a public nature, and is interested in all projects tending to the progress and civic advancement of Houston.



**L. (JACK) PARKER**, of Houston, Texas, has had a wide and varied business career, and in 1921 engaged in the insurance business in this city, where he has built up a large and profitable business. Mr. Parker is a member of the insurance firm of Krahll and Parker, with offices on the eighth floor of the Bankers Mortgage Building. The other member of the firm is DeWitt D. Krahll, well known in the business and insurance circles of Houston and South Texas. Although Mr. Parker has been a resident of Houston for more than twelve years, the present firm was established four years ago, and since that time they have specialized in life insurance, representing the National Fidelity Life Insurance Company and their business has grown to large proportions. Mr. Parker began his career in the world of business as a traveling salesman, and for a period of six years traveled all of the Lone Star State for a large Eastern dry goods house. He then became associated with the Houston Post in the advertising department, and remained in this position for three years. He then went with the Houston Chronicle, and remained with this newspaper in the advertising department for a period of three years, after which he became associated with the Gulf State Bank, where he was employed until he entered his present business.



*Gen S. Scott,*





Geo. C. Scott



A native of Arkansas, Mr. Parker was born at Waldo on May 6, 1885. His father, S. R. Parker, a native of Georgia, came to Arkansas when a young man and later removed to Texas, where he has resided continuously for the past thirty years. He first located in Hopkins County, and for many years was one of the leading merchants of Sulphur Springs, Texas, where he is now residing, but has retired from active business pursuits. His mother was Miss Lucy Parkham, a member of a prominent Georgia family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Winnsboro, Texas.

Mr. Parker was married at Houston on August 20, 1923, to Miss Katherine Dalton, a native of Detroit, Michigan, and a member of a well known family of that State. Mr. and Mrs. Parker reside at 4547 Clay Avenue. Mr. Parker is one of the organizers of the Kiwanis Club here, and is a member of many of the social and civic organizations of the city, in which he takes a keen interest. Mr. Parker is enthusiastic as to the future of Houston and believes that this city will soon become the Metropolis of the Southwest. He is ambitious for his firm and his city and is an ardent worker for the progress and advancement of both. He believes that the only method of success in any line of business is through close attention to the details of the business and fair dealing with the public. Both Mr. Parker and his partner are well known in the business circles of South Texas and their reputation as men efficient in their line of work was established here before entering their present business, where they are rendering a real service to the public.

**G**EORGE C. SCOTT well and favorably known to business interests in the Lone Star State, is now identified with hotel enterprises in Houston, Dallas and Waco. The Tennison Hotel, one of Houston's newest hotels, was built in 1922, and has since been operated by him. This hotel, a modern, fireproof, seven story structure, fifty by one hundred and four feet, represents the latest in hotel construction. There are one hundred and ten rooms in the building, each furnished with every modern convenience, including ceiling fans, steam heat, and the best of furnishings. Accommodations are provided with rates from one dollar and a half to two dollars and a half, the hotel being operated on the European plan. The Tennison Hotel has thirty-two employees. Mr. Scott has other hotel interests, and owns and operates the Waco Hotel, at Waco, Texas, a modern four-story building, with seventy-five rooms and twenty-five employees. This hotel is recognized as one of the finest in that city. In October, 1925, Mr. Scott opened the Scott Hotel in Dallas. This is a ten-story building with 160 guest rooms, each with private bath.

Mr. Scott came to Houston shortly after leaving school, and entered the law office of Carlton-Townes and Townes, where he was employed for a time, and also acted as court reporter. In 1914 he was admitted to the bar in Houston, and for the ensuing five years engaged in the practice of his profession, in association with Judge Roy F. Campbell. In 1919 he removed to Dallas, where for a period of several years he engaged successfully in the oil brokerage business. When Ranger became the center of the oil boom he went there, and bought the De Groff Hotel which he operated until May, 1920. He then sold this interest, and bought

the Waco Hotel, at Waco, and later leased the Tennison Hotel, when it was completed. Mr. Scott is a typical hotel man, kind, genial, friendly and has a way of making his guests feel at home in his hotels. He has schooled his employees in giving service, and the atmosphere is always friendly and homelike at the Tennison and the Waco.

Mr. Scott was born at Newton County, Texas, March 27th, 1886, son of S. R. Scott, a native Texan, and until his death one of the well known lumbermen of East Texas. His mother, before her marriage, Miss Jonnie Alley, is also a native of Texas. Mr. Scott was educated in the public schools at Newton County, later attending the Baylor University. After leaving college he came to Houston.

Mr. Scott was married at Dallas, Texas, the thirty-first of March, 1919, to Miss Sadie Rose Handly, daughter of W. C. Handly, for many years a well known Dallas citizen and business man. Mr. and Mrs. Scott make their home in Houston, living at the Tennison Hotel. Mr. Scott is a Blue Lodge Mason, Waco; Knight Templar, Waco; a Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite Mason; a Shriner of Karem Temple, Waco, and is a member of the Glenbrook Country Club.

**S**YLVAN KAHN, although a recent addition to the business circles of Houston, has entered into the spirit of the South Texas Metropolis and has been a factor in building up a profitable business. Mr. Kahn came to Houston in 1919, where prior to the establishment of his present business, he was for four years connected with the First National Bank of Houston. Mr. Kahn, with his partner, Mr. Sol Gordon, own and operate the National Tire and Supply Company, located at 1302-4 McKinney Avenue. Their business was started in a small way in January, 1923, and since that time has grown to such proportions that it was necessary for them to obtain more room, when they moved into their commodious quarters, where they occupy a space of one hundred feet by sixty-two feet, and employ five experienced people. They planned and built by themselves one of the finest filling stations in the city, and carry a full and complete line of auto supplies, besides the gas and oil station, which is one of the most complete and modern to be found in the city, where their business is growing daily.

Mr. Kahn was born at Gainesville, Texas. His father, S. K. Kahn, has been a resident of the Lone Star State for forty-five years and is now residing in Houston. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Gainesville, after which he entered the University of Texas, where he pursued a straight literary course. He left the university and entered the employ of the First National Bank of Houston, and remained with this institution from 1919 until starting his present business in 1923.

Mr. Kahn is a member of the Scottish Rite body of the Masonic order to the 32nd degree and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple. Mr. Kahn is enthusiastic as to the future of Houston, which he believes is soon to become the leading city of the Southwest, where he is a recognized leader among the young business men. Character, perseverance, foresight and the willingness to meet any emergency requiring service, have been dominant factors in the success achieved by this young man who is still in the morning of his life.



**LEO H. WEADOCK**, owner of the Houston Undertaking Company, has been engaged as a mortician in Houston for nearly a score of years. He established the Houston Undertaking Company on the first of April, 1915, and from that time this business has kept pace with the advancement made by other establishments throughout the country, and this funeral home is expressive of the most modern improvements in this line of business. In addition to the offices, display and stockrooms, a chapel has been provided for the accommodation of patrons, and slumber rooms have been equipped. A modern operating room, where licensed embalmers prepare bodies for burial, is also a part of the establishment. Mr. Weadock has a fine motor hearse, a number of service cars, and an ambulance and pulmotor service. The Houston Undertaking Company occupies a modern building at 1419 San Jacinto Street, the plans of the building being adapted to this business, and adding to the attractiveness of the home.

Leo H. Weadock was born at St. Mary's, Ohio, the first of June, 1886, son of James M. Weadock, and Catherine (McFarland) Weadock, the former a native of Ireland, the latter of Ohio. Mr. Weadock attended the schools of Ohio, and came to Texas in 1907, going with C. J. Wright and Company, Houston undertakers, at that time. He also spent about two years in El Paso, in the undertaking business, and during the World War, handled the undertaking for Ellington Field. In 1915 he established his present business.

Mr. Weadock was married at Lake Charles, Louisiana, the nineteenth of December, 1921, to Miss Lennora E. Bixler of New Orleans, and a daughter of Frank and Mrs. Annie B. (Coward) Bixler, the former of Arkansas, the latter of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Weadock reside at 1419 San Jacinto Street. Mr. Weadock belongs to the Optimists Club, and the Catholic Church.

**LOUIS LOBIT** came to Houston from Galveston in 1915 and since that time has been active in the real estate and investment circles of this city. Mr. Lobit's office is located in the Stewart Building and he is engaged in buying and selling residence property in all parts of the city, and builds houses suitable to the neighborhood in which he buys lots, and sells these homes on terms to suit the individual client. Mr. Lobit also deals in farm lands, which are mostly in the counties of Galveston and Harris, and he owns in fee farm lands in these counties, but when coming to Houston he sold a large portion of his interests in the City of Galveston, but retained the acreage property. Mr. Lobit has been very successful since coming here and has handled a vast amount of property.

A native Texan, Mr. Lobit was born in Galveston, January 19th, 1891. His father, Joseph Lobit, shortly after the close of the Civil War located at Calvert, Texas, and for many years was engaged in the grocery business at that place. When selling his interests at Calvert, it was his intention to enter the wholesale grocery business at Galveston, and tentative arrangements had been made for the consummation of a purchase of this kind of business, when the parties from whom he was to purchase the business backed out, and Mr. Lobit entered the banking business, and the firm was known as Adoue

and Lobit, and continued in this business until 1911, when the business was liquidated. Both partners died in 1914. Mr. Lobit's early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Galveston and he later entered the University of Virginia, where he was taking a course in law, but had to leave college in 1913. In 1915 he started in the real estate business, which he has continued since that time. Mr. Lobit's two brothers, J. E. and Edgar Lobit, are engaged in the real estate business in Arizona, and another brother, Paul Lobit, is a well known merchant of Galveston, and a sister, Mrs. Bertha Lobit Wilson, resides in New Orleans, where her husband, Hunter L. Wilson, is a prominent cotton broker.

Mr. Lobit was married in St. Louis, April 14th, 1917, to Miss Artella Kirk. Mr. and Mrs. Lobit reside at 804 Hawthorne Street. Mr. Lobit is a member of the University Club at Houston and is a charter member of this organization. He is also a member of the Houston Real Estate Board, and takes a very active interest in this organization. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Lobit has been active in the business, social and general community life of this city, and gives liberally of his time to all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of his adopted city. He is optimistic as to the future of Houston and believes it will soon become the leading city of the Southwest. Mr. Lobit has always been a generous supporter of charitable institutions and a friend of the unfortunate. He has always believed that fair dealing with one's fellowman is the only ladder to success, and carries out this belief in his daily life.

**J. McCARTY**, well-known business man and dealer in real estate, has been interested in the development and sale of property in Houston and vicinity for the past quarter of a century. During this time he has handled deals aggregating hundreds of thousands of dollars and is exceptionally well posted on values in the city and surrounding country. He has offices at 308 Keystone Building, and has a splendid organization, well equipped to serve the interests of his clients.

For the first fifteen years after coming to Houston Mr. McCarty devoted his attention principally to farm lands in Harris and adjoining counties, but for the past ten years most of his time has been given to development work in the city proper. He was interested in the development of Park Place and Hyde Park, two highly popular residence additions, the development of which added materially to the needs of the city for additional home sites.

Five years ago Mr. McCarty became interested in industrial tracts and was instrumental in bringing to Houston a number of important industries that have located here during the past few years. Included in these was the large plant of the Southern Motors Manufacturing Company. Harboursdale, an addition adjacent to the ship channel, docks and turning basin, is Mr. McCarty's personal enterprise and one that bids fair to become one of the most successful he has promoted. An extension of the Houston Belt and Terminal Railway runs through the property, making it especially attractive as an industrial site.

Mr. McCarty was born in Illinois on August 23, 1865, and spent his early life on a farm attending the country schools of that section three months



*Leo A. Meadock*






*J. H. McAnugagh*

in the year. He worked on a farm and had eight years' experience in the mercantile business. Coming to Texas on a recreation trip he was so impressed with the opportunities offered here that he decided to wind up his affairs in Illinois and come to Houston to live.

On October 11, 1893, Mr. McCarty was married at Charleston, Illinois, to Miss Lulu Schaun. They have one daughter, Mrs. Emily Kohoe, of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. McCarty reside at 2404 Smith Street.


Besides his real estate work Mr. McCarty takes an active interest in civic affairs and is an active member of the Chamber of Commerce, co-operating extensively with this organization in its work of bringing new industries to Houston. He is affiliated with the Catholic Church, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus.

 W. McCULLOUGH came to Houston in 1911, and is the executive head of one of the largest firms of Public Accountants in South Texas, where he is known as one of the leaders of his profession. Mr. McCullough organized this firm in 1920, and later the following came into the firm and are owners with Mr. McCullough: A. F. Fincher, I. D. Sykes, Sam Streetman, Jr., and W. B. Peterson. Twenty trained men are employed in the Houston office of J. W. McCullough Company, and they specialize in Corporation work, handling the largest accounting jobs in South Texas. The offices of this firm are located in the Carter Investment Building, corner of Rusk and San Jacinto. Mr. McCullough has been engaged in the accounting business all his life, and before entering the business of public accounting, was for a period of fifteen years Auditor for the Gulf Coast Lines. He has been a resident of Houston since 1911, prior to which he was associated with several of the larger railway systems, and came South as representative of the Frisco System of railroads.

Mr. McCullough was born at Belleville, Illinois, October 28th, 1873. His father, J. W. McCullough (deceased) was a native of Missouri, and during his life was very prominent in business and political activities, leaning always toward the Democratic party. His mother (now deceased) was Miss Callie Lorch, a member of a prominent Illinois family, and was born and reared at Springfield. His early education was obtained in the public schools of his native city, after which he attended Bryant and Stratton Business College, and later took a three-year course in the Benton College of Law.

After leaving college, Mr. McCullough started his business career as an accountant with a railroad in St. Louis, where he remained until 1908, when he came to Beaumont, Texas, and was associated with the Gulf Coast Lines until 1911, when he came to Houston. From 1911 to 1920, Mr. McCullough was engaged here in accounting and auditing, and during 1920 organized the present firm of Public Accountants, which has grown until now they have a staff of twenty trained men to attend to their vast amount of work, which is not confined to Houston and South Texas, but they go to every portion of the country. Mr. McCullough was married in St. Louis in 1898 to Miss Louise Link, a member of a well-known Illinois family. They have six children—Helen Louise, Norma Katherine, now the wife of C. L. Clausel, of Houston; Ralph Henry,

Robert William, Marjorie Alice and J. W. McCullough, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. McCullough reside at 810 Francis Avenue. Mr. McCullough is a member of the A. F. & A. M. and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite Body of this order, is a Knight Templar of the Beaumont Commandery and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also a member of the Glenbrook Country Club, and is a consistent member of the Episcopal Church. Mr. McCullough has, since coming to Houston, been active in the business, social and general community life of the city and is deeply interested in all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of the South Texas Metropolis.

 OM J. FATJO has, during the two decades of his residence at Houston, been associated with enterprises of wide commercial scope, and for the past twelve years has been a prime factor in the printing and book binding industry. Mr. Fatjo is president of the W. H. Coyle & Company, Incorporated, one of the pioneer printing firms of the Lone Star State. This corporation was established the second of July, 1876, by the late W. H. Coyle, and has since that time operated one of the finest printing plants in the city, attaining an enviable reputation in this line, and building up an extensive clientele. Mr. Fatjo came with the company in 1911, and since that time has been president and general manager, lending his efforts to the development and upbuilding of the business. The W. H. Coyle & Company, Inc., is well located on Franklin Street, from 609 to 617, and occupying a modern building affording one hundred by one hundred and twelve feet of floor space. Forty employees are kept busy in the plant, and four salesmen look after the outside interests of the business. In addition to Mr. Fatjo, as president, the officers of the W. H. Coyle Company are Mrs. T. J. Fatjo, vice-president, and Joe Bruckmiller, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Fatjo came to Texas in 1900, and for the ensuing seven years was a rice classer, his business taking him over the entire southern part of the state. In 1907 he came to Houston, and until 1911 was with the Houston Chronicle. In that year he resigned his position as advertising manager of the Chronicle, to take charge of the W. H. Coyle & Company interests.

Mr. Fatjo was born at New Orleans, Louisiana, the eighteenth of December, 1876, son of T. B. Fatjo, a native of Louisiana, and for many years a merchant at New Orleans, and Mary Tallon Fatjo, a native of Georgia. Mr. Fatjo was educated in the public schools of his native city, and after several years' business experience there he came to Texas.

Mr. Fatjo was married at Houston, the sixth of March, 1905, to Miss May Coyle, daughter of the late W. H. Coyle, pioneer printer of Texas and founder of the present company with which Mr. Fatjo is connected. Mr. and Mrs. Fatjo make their home at 2410 Austin Street and are the parents of five children—Alice, May, Tom J., Jr.; Coyle and Jane. Mr. Fatjo is one of the well known Masons of Southeast Texas, a life member of Holland Lodge No. 1, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He belongs to the Kiwanis Club, the Salesmanship Club, and the Elks Club.





**W. FELLOWS** is well known to the business fraternity of Houston where he was president and general manager of the Eureka Ice Company until it was destroyed by fire in December, 1923, and for the past fifteen years has been general manager of the First National Bank Building. The First National Bank Building, of which Mr. Fellows is general manager, is a magnificent building of eight stories and has two hundred and twenty-five offices, and six elevators, representing an investment of \$2,500,000.00. This building contains one of the finest banking rooms in the South, and is one of the finest and largest in Houston. The First National Bank Building has a frontage on three of the prominent streets of Houston, seventy-five feet on Main Street, two hundred and fifty feet on Franklin Street and one hundred feet on Fannin Street. This building was constructed in units, the first of which was built in 1903, the second in 1905, the third in 1912 and the fourth was completed in 1924.

A native of Ohio, Mr. Fellows was born in Ash-tabula in 1867. His father, John U. Fellows, was for many years engaged in the general merchandise business in Ohio, but in 1871 removed to Kansas where he engaged in farming. His mother was Miss Cynthia J. Marr, a member of a prominent Ohio family. Mr. Fellows' education was obtained in the public and high schools of McPherson, Kansas, after which he took special courses in engineering and correspondence courses of various kinds.

Mr. Fellows began his business career as an electrical engineer, and continued this line of work for several years. In 1893 he came to Texas and to Houston, and for one year was with the Consumers Oil Mill as engineer and electrician. He then went with the Houston Post, where for eight years he had full charge of all machinery. He later became associated with the Fidelity & Casualty Insurance Company as general inspector of boilers, and remained with this company for four years, when he resigned this position in order to become general manager of the First National Bank Building. Mr. Fellows was married in Kansas in 1891 to Miss Lelia M. Maughmer, a daughter of George W. Maughmer, who was a large land owner and pioneer settler of Kansas. They have one daughter, Mrs. Leta A. Schleeter. Mr. and Mrs. Fellows reside at 1403 Southmore Avenue. In fraternal and social organizations Mr. Fellows is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Kiwanis Club, and also a member of the First Christian Church. Mr. Fellows is interested in all agencies working for the greater development and civic improvement of Houston, and regards the future for this city as being exceedingly bright.



**DAVID E. SMITH**, real estate member and city developer, has played an important part in the growth of Houston and is one of the best known men in the city. He has built and sold over five hundred homes during the years he has been engaged in business here and by his plan of easy payments has started many families on the road to financial independence as home owners.

Mr. Smith is sole owner of the Brooke-Smith Addition, which comprises fifteen hundred lots and is now more than seventy-five per cent developed. He maintains his own building department and owns

a mill where all the mill work used in his building operations is obtained. His system of buying and building enables him to give home owners the best of service in the construction of homes at low cost. Beginning in the real estate business in 1908 Mr. Smith, besides the Brooke-Smith Addition, has also developed Burrell Addition and portions of Pecora and Bradley Additions.

Before commencing in the real estate business Mr. Smith had a mercantile establishment not far from the present location of his real estate office, at 3600 Houston Avenue. He began business in a small way when there were no houses between his location and White Oak Bayou, a section now highly developed.

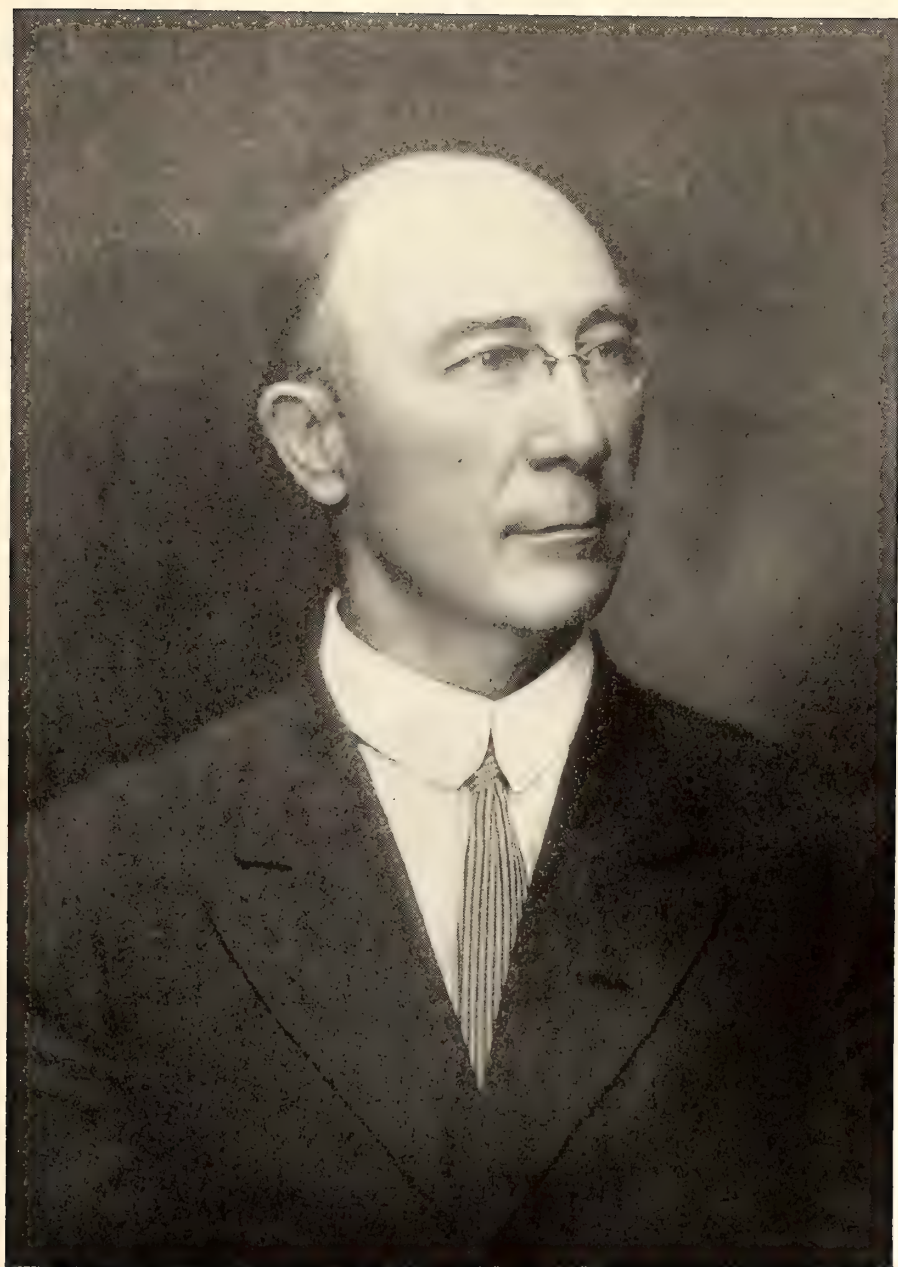
While working in a Houston office Mr. Smith came out to what was then a rural, country district, and bought a few lots and built for himself a two-room house to live in. He paid cash for the property and building, having, as he expressed it, a horror of going in debt. He borrowed his first money to construct an additional room to his residence and a friend wanting a house on the extra lot near his home he borrowed the money and built for him. This was in reality the commencement of his career in the real estate business, which has grown and expanded since that time until his operations have run into hundreds of thousands of dollars. Significant of the increase in values as a result of development work sponsored by Mr. Smith is the fact that the block where his office is located was purchased for fifteen hundred dollars and now a single lot is worth that sum. His mercantile business, which preceded his entry into real estate, was started in a small box store. This venture grew and expanded and is still in operation by another firm.

Since building his home in the country Mr. Smith has seen Houston gradually grow to him and he has been directly responsible for much of the development work that has brought about this growth. He now has a valuable apartment house on what was at one time considered worthless property. A portion of the Brooke-Smith addition is in the city limits of Houston and all of it is included in the city school district, making the schools of the city available to all the residents of the addition.

Mr. Smith was born at Bryan, Texas, on November 11, 1878, a son of Rev. E. J. and Mary (Pew) Smith. His father was a well known Baptist minister. Mr. Smith's mother died at his birth and he was reared by an aunt. His grandfather, D. R. Pew, came to Texas by ox team in 1867 and settled in Madison County, where he was a planter and farmer until his death. Mr. Smith was reared on a farm and attended the country schools for a short while and in 1899 and 1900 attended Draughon's Business College at Galveston.

Coming to Houston in 1904 he worked as a fire insurance salesman and at different times was engaged in railroad and sawmill work before engaging in the mercantile and subsequently the real estate business. He has been very successful and owns a great deal of valuable property in and around Houston. During 1923 he erected a beautiful twenty thousand dollar home in Woodlawn Court, which he developed as one of the best residence districts of the city.

In 1901 Mr. Smith was married in Brazos County



*C. W. Fellows*





*Chas Marvin*



to Miss Blanche Hickman, member of a pioneer Texas family. They have three children, Odell, D. E., Jr., and Jewell.

Mr. Smith takes an active interest in civic affairs and is a member of the Woodmen of the World and Young Men's Christian Association. He is a splendid type of the modern real estate man and community builder and has done much constructive work in the building and development of the city of Houston.

**C**HARLES MARINI has been a resident of Houston for the past eight years or more and during most of this period has been engaged in the business of manufacturing cement, cast stone, plastic ornamental work or plaster Paris and art marble, a new process of manufacture which gives a product closely resembling real marble and from which is manufactured lawn benches, urns, vases, etc. Mr. Marini operates as the Houston Art Stone Company and his plant and office is located at 6513 Harrisburg Boulevard. He is the sole owner of the business in Houston, which is the largest concern of its kind here, having bought out the interest of his former partner, Mr. H. Pianta, of San Antonio.

Commencing in a small way some six or seven years ago, Mr. Marini has developed the business far beyond its original proportions. The plant occupies a space one hundred by two hundred feet on the Harrisburg Boulevard and from fifteen to twenty men, all expert in this line of work, are employed at all times. Expert designers prepare plans for the ornamental work, which is exceptionally beautiful and rivals that of the best sculptors. The art marble work is especially attractive.

Mr. Marini is a native of Italy and was born November 23rd, 1884. He is a son of John and Cesira (Vitti) Marini and was educated in the best schools of his native land. His father was an expert mechanic and machinist and his mechanical ability was inherited by his son, who all his life has shown a marked adaptability for work of this character.

In 1908 Mr. Marini came to America, but remained here for only a few months and then went to the City of Mexico, where he engaged in this line of work for three years. Remaining in Mexico until 1911, he came to San Antonio, where he continued his business for three years in association with Mr. Pianta before coming to Houston in 1914.

Mr. Marini was married in Houston in January, 1923, to Miss Ella Imhof, daughter of the late Charles Imhof, well known farmer and land owner, who died in 1916. They reside at 6515 Harrisburg Boulevard in a new home constructed during the summer of 1923.

The process for the manufacture of art marble was patented in 1916 and Mr. Marini controls twenty-five counties in South Texas for the manufacture and sale of this product. It is used not only in art work but in many places where real marble has been used heretofore. It is strong, durable and can be told from real marble only by an expert. It is in many respects superior to marble and to meet the demand for this product, the Houston Art Stone Company during 1923 installed new machinery and buildings for the doubling of its capacity. The Houston Art Stone Company has done plastic ornamental work on the Keystone Building, Masonic Temple,

Scottish Rite Temple, Municipal Hospital, Federal Land Bank Annex and Black Brothers Furniture Company Building.

Mr. Marini is a splendid type of business man and a thorough and consistent booster for Houston. He is interested in any movement that is for the betterment and development of his adopted city and is active in many of the civic affairs of Houston.

**M**EYER RAUCH several years ago came to Houston and established his home and business headquarters, and has since become a factor in the jobbing world, and, as the distributor of oil field supplies, has contributed to the development of this industry. Mr. Rauch owns the Texas Pipe and Supply Company, one of the most progressively operated businesses in the field of oil well supplies. His trade territory covers the entire Gulf Coast district and Louisiana, and he has, since coming to Houston, done a record business each year. The Texas Pipe and Supply Company occupies a modern warehouse, which Mr. Rauch owns, at 1706 to 1720 Maury Street, in the heart of the jobbing district. This property, covering an entire city block, has railroad frontage, and storage capacity for the extensive stock, numbering around one hundred thousand items, which is on hand at all times. Mr. Rauch sells oil well equipment, mostly used, rotary rigs only, no cable tools, and a large line of used casing and pipe, as well as pumps and everything that is used in drilling and completing a well.

Mr. Rauch began handling oil field supplies at Humble, selling used material only, and in a small way. He was successful from the first, going out of his way to supply the needs of the oil field worker promptly and without delay. After several years of operation at Humble, during which time his business developed rapidly, and he became well and favorably known in the various fields, Mr. Rauch moved his business to Houston, a city offering greater possibilities for development, and better opportunities to give his customers service.

Meyer Rauch was born in Austria, in 1886, the son of Max and Caroline Rauch, natives of that country. His father was in the dry goods business for more than four decades, at Galveston, where he acquired a fortune, and in which city he has continued to make his home since his retirement from active business. Mr. Rauch attended school in Austria prior to the coming of the family to the United States, later finishing his education in the schools of this country. He spent several years in New York City, as a machinist, in the shops of the Southern Pacific Railroad. He then came to Humble, going in the oil field supply business, in which he has since engaged.

Mr. Rauch was married at Tyler, Texas, in 1912, to Miss Cecilia Greenburg, daughter of Sam and Jennie Greenburg, the father a Rabbi at Tyler. Mr. and Mrs. Rauch have made their home in Houston, at 1910 McGowen Avenue, since Mr. Rauch moved his business here. They have two children, Isadore and Evylin. Mr. Rauch is a member of the Purchasing Agents Club, and fraternally is a Knight of Pythias. He is held in high esteem by his fellow citizens for his progressive and high business standards, and takes an active interest in civic affairs.



**J**OHN FARMER, for sixty-three years a resident of Harris County, where he has held several important county offices, and has always been regarded as one of the county's foremost citizens, is now retired from active business pursuits and resides at 2415 Clark Street, Houston. From 1890 to 1894, Mr. Farmer served as county commissioner of Harris County, when he was appointed, then elected, to the office of county treasurer where he served, with satisfaction to the citizens of the county until 1906. While retired from business, Mr. Farmer looks after his large interests, which consist of a very valuable tract of timber land, located about sixteen miles from Houston with eight hundred and twenty acres in the tract and a number of residence lots in the city.

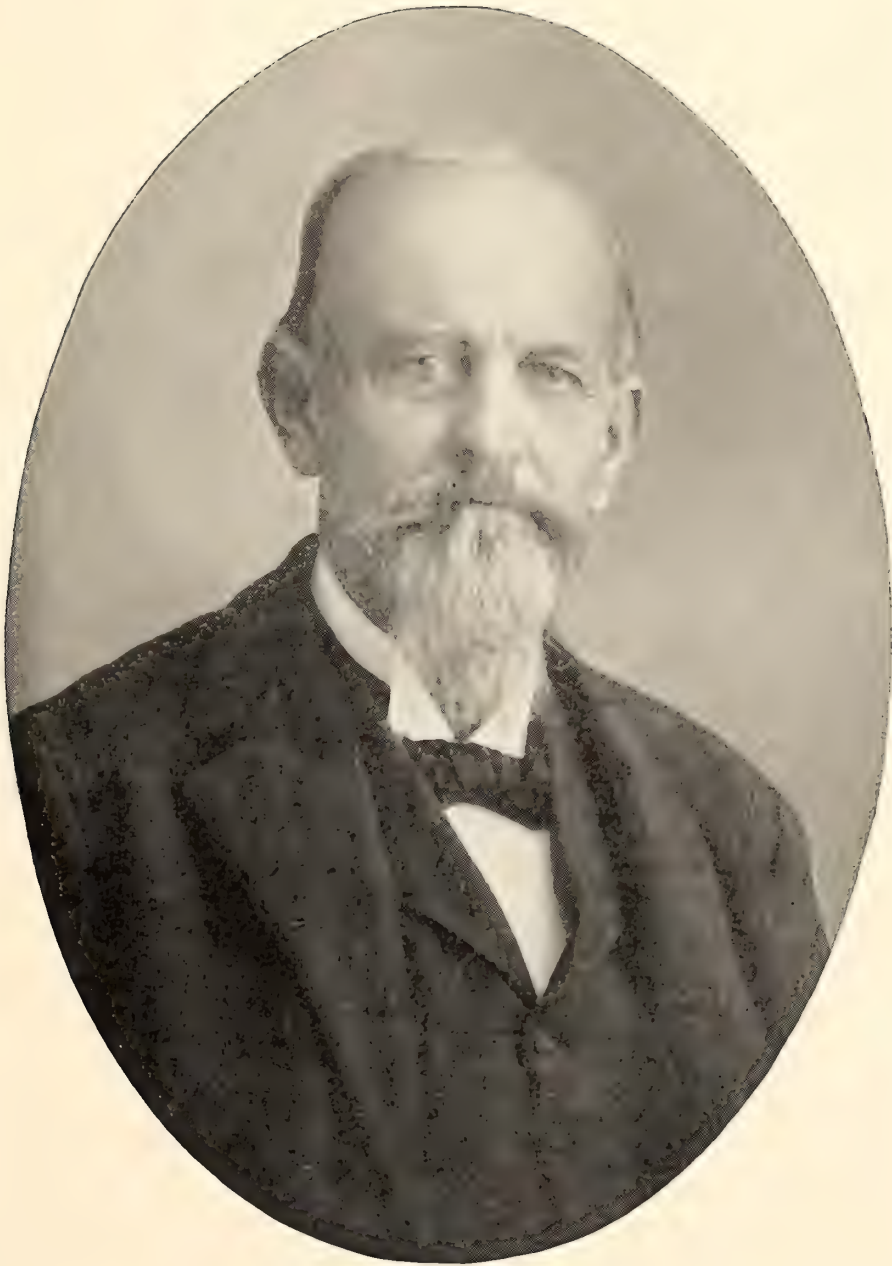
Mr. Farmer was born in Southern Illinois, February 21st, 1842. His father, Jackson Farmer, was a well known farmer of Illinois. His mother was Miss Melcena McCracken, a member of a well known Illinois family. His education was obtained in the schools of Illinois, which consisted at that time mostly of private institutions. After coming to Harris County, Mr. Farmer was for about ten years engaged in the lumber and logging business, after which he entered farming and stock raising, and continued in this work for almost a quarter of a century. In 1894, he sold all of his live stock but retained the land, which is mostly timber land in Harris County. Mr. Farmer served in the Civil War from 1861 to 1865, and for about one year he was under General Forrest. Mr. Farmer was a lieutenant in the Civil War, and during the World War assisted in many ways.

Mr. Farmer has been twice married. His first marriage was in Harris County in 1868 to Miss Olivia Blaylock, who died the following year. In 1879, he was again married and his second wife was Miss Lucy McDonald. There are five children: Robert Jackson Farmer, by the first wife, and Mrs. Harriett Hammett, Mrs. Bessie M. McClellan, Mrs. Lucy G. McDaniel and Mrs. Katie E. Patton by his second wife. In fraternal organizations, Mr. Farmer is a member of the Masonic Order and the Woodmen of the World, in which organization he is a honor member. He is a staunch and consistent member of the Baptist Church. Since coming to Harris County, sixty-three years ago, Mr. Farmer has noted all the changes that have been made. Houston was a small village on the banks of Buffalo Bayou, and Texas was a pioneer state to which men from the older states flocked in search of fortune and adventure. The whole country was an open cattle range, and the broad prairies stretched for hundreds of miles. Mr. Farmer, with hundreds of other pioneers, even after the reconstruction days following the Civil War, had an abiding faith in the Lone Star State and that faith has never been shaken, not to say near destroyed, for the state is an empire and the city of Houston is a great metropolis, with even greater things in the way of progress yet to come. Genial, companionable, unselfish, kind, Mr. Farmer's life has been delicately interwoven into the fabric of the good fellowship of Houston, where he is loved and esteemed by the entire citizenship. His mature experience, wise counsel, sterling qualities of character and high ideals have always been an inspiration to his children and his friends.

**C**ONSTANTINE JANKE, for a decade and a half a factor in musical instrument manufacturing activities at Houston, is one of the real few experts in the manufacture and repair of musical instruments in the Lone Star State, and his reputation in this field has made him a figure of more than local prominence. Mr. Janke is proprietor of the Southern Piano and Organ Company, a business he established in Houston around 1908. Mr. Janke repairs and rebuilds pianos and organs of all types, including pipe organs, church organs, and other instruments, and his business is one of the largest of its kind in Texas. He also manufactures special musical instruments, and has himself designed a number of instruments unusual in quality, and of exceptional attractiveness. Mr. Janke is a real artist in this field, and handles work that comes to him from all over the state and adjoining territory. His business is located at Washington and Yale Avenues, where he has installed the special equipment necessary to turn out the highest type of work, and has every facility for all kinds of musical instrument repair and manufacturing work.

Constantine Janke was born in Germany in 1856, son of one of the well known musicians and artists of that country. As a young man he spent two years in the United States, at New Orleans, but returned to his native country, and married Miss Matilda Kost, the mother of Constantine Janke. Both parents died in their native country. As a boy Mr. Janke attended the schools of Germany, living the usual life of the German schoolboy until he entered the piano factory of Kapps & Son, in Germany, where he learned the musical instrument manufacturing business under this well known creator of fine pianos. When he was twenty-one years of age he came to New York, and after one year in the Steinway factory there came to Texas and Galveston, for his health. In a small way he began in the piano and organ manufacturing business, and with advancing years the business grew until it represented an investment of one hundred thousand dollars. Then came the Galveston storm, and Mr. Janke lost his wife, and the business into the building of which he had put so many years. Broken in spirit, and with his fortune swept away, he came to Houston and began again, in a small way, to rebuild his business. Several years later he organized the Southern Piano and Organ Company, which he has since operated, and which is a large and prosperous business. Mr. Janke is regarded as one of the greatest authorities on the manufacture of pianos and organs in the state, and is a real inventor in this field. He has designed many instruments, which if manufactured in commercial quantities, and placed on the market, would make him a great fortune, and bring him fame that would be nation wide.

Mr. Janke was married the first time at Galveston, in 1884, to Miss Matilda Kleinecke, a native of Germany, who was brought to Houston as a small child. She was lost during the Galveston storm of 1900. By this marriage there is one child surviving, Albert Janke, who is married, and has one son, Albert Janke, Jr. Mr. Janke was married the second time at Houston, in 1905, to Miss Elizabeth Steiger, four children, Elizabeth, Paul, associated with his father in business; Edwin, and Al-



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*Thos. Dreyling*



fred, having been born to the couple. Mr. Janke is a man of quiet and retiring habits, and is a true artist in his field. His musical instruments have a quality that is suggestive of Steinway, and which is peculiarly Mr. Janke's own. In the entire field of the manufacture of musical instruments, Mr. Janke is an authority, and his opinion is valued by musicians and music instrument dealers of the city, as coming from one qualified to speak the final word.



**THEODORE DREYLING**, former business man and well known contractor, has been closely identified with the commercial interests of Houston for nearly half a century, having come to this city in 1880. For twenty-nine years, covering the period from 1885 until 1914, he was in the grocery business and established a widespread reputation for fair dealing and a consistent desire to afford his patrons the best of service and the highest quality of foods. During the years he engaged in the grocery business Mr. Dreyling catered to the best trade and numbered among his customers many of the leading families of Houston. He recalls with vivid interest many of the experiences of his early days in the retail grocery business and how he struggled to obtain a foothold among the commercial interests of a new and strange land.

Mr. Dreyling is a native of Germany and was born in the Fatherland in 1856. He is a son of Joseph and Katherine Dreyling, both members of well known families in Germany. He was given a liberal education in the best public and private schools of his native land, and, coming to America in 1880, was far better equipped for his new duties in a strange land than the average immigrant.

Upon landing in America Mr. Dreyling came directly to Houston, which has been his home constantly since that time. Five years after reaching here he engaged in the grocery business and also had a large contracting and building business to which he gave most of his time and effort. Many of the earlier buildings in Houston were erected under his supervision and his ability as a financier brought about the construction of numerous buildings, whose construction was in a sense made possible by his faith in the city and belief in its certain future growth and prosperity.

For two years Mr. Dreyling served as County Commissioner of Harris County and had charge of a great deal of important public work during his tenure of office. He also served the city of Houston for some years as Secretary of the City Democratic Executive Committee.

In 1883 Mr. Dreyling was married at Houston to Miss Emma Dreyling, a daughter of Gustave and Trecia (Freeman) Dreyling, pioneer residents of the city, who came to Houston in 1856. They have their home at 1402 Pease Avenue and are the parents of four children, Mrs. Theresia Duffy, Mrs. Rosa Maladenka, Theodore and Albert.

In addition to looking after his extensive business interests, and, in later years the management of a number of pieces of valuable property, Mr. Dreyling has always found time to enter actively into the social and civic life of the city of Houston. He is a member of the Houston Sangerbund Club and is Treasurer of the Sharks Benevolent Club and Secretary of Washington Cemetery. He is a splendid

type of public spirited citizen and a man possessed of unbounded faith in the future greatness of his adopted city.



**EO. J. ROBISCHUNG** is a prominent heating, plumbing and ventilating contractor of Houston. He is the sole proprietor of the establishment bearing his name, located at 1609 Congress Avenue, where he is engaged in the contracting business for heating, plumbing and Ventilating equipment, for all classes of buildings.

Mr. Robischung has installed this class of mechanical equipment in varied types of buildings, such as many of the representative office buildings and banks, hospitals and schools, churches and theatres, industrial buildings, factory buildings and power plants, apartment buildings and hotels, and hundreds of residences, some of which are the finest in Houston.

Geo. J. Robischung was the contractor for either the plumbing, heating or ventilating, and, in many instances, the contractor for these three combined branches in the Beatty Building, Southern Pacific office building, the Keystone Building, the First National Bank, the Second National Bank, and the South Texas Commercial National Bank. He has also installed the mechanical equipment in the St. Joseph's Infirmary, the Isis Theatre, Queen Theatre, the Oriental Textile Mills, the National Biscuit Company, the Bender Hotel and the Sam Houston Hotel, the First Methodist Church, the Young Women's Christian Association Building, and the Catholic Women's Club Building, and also the Senior High School, numerous smaller schools, the Houston Art Museum, and the Yette Apartments.


The magnitude of his business necessitates carrying a large stock of material and employing several experienced men. Only the latest and most efficient time and labor saving devices are used on his installations.

Mr. Robischung was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, in 1872. His parents, Joseph Robischung, and Maggie Robischung, were well-known citizens of Kalamazoo. Mr. Robischung's education was obtained in the Kalamazoo public and high schools. He entered the plumbing and heating business in Michigan as an apprentice, where he learned his trade thoroughly. He came to Texas and to Houston in 1900 and established his present business in 1902, which has grown steadily from the beginning.

He was married in 1908 to Miss Daisy Pierce, a member of a pioneer Harris County family. Mr. and Mrs. Robischung reside at 1602 Stuart Avenue.


He is active in the business life of the City, serving on the City Board to Regulate Plumbing ordinances and also on the examination board for Master Plumbers. In fraternal and social organizations Mr. Robischung holds membership in the B. P. O. E., the Houston Turnverein, the Kiwanis Club, and is chairman of the membership committee of the Southern zone for the Heating and Piping Contractors Association, a national organization. He has been closely connected with the commercial interests of the city for many years and expects Houston to continue its steady, consistent growth, and considers the future of this city to be of unlimited possibilities in business, buildings, and population, and, above all, as the future inland port by reason of the developments of Houston's great waterway to the sea.



 **JOHN CHARLES WILSON**, president of the City Bakery Company, Inc., at Houston, has been a resident of this city for nearly thirty years, and in addition to his business connections here has been active in civic affairs. The City Bakery Company was established in 1920, at which time Mr. Wilson opened up a bakery in the City Market, this plant now being known as No. 1. In 1924 the business was incorporated and a plant opened at 2806 Main Street, this plant being No. 3, Plant No. 2 is located at Galveston, and was opened a short time before the Main Street plant in Houston was put in operation. All three plants operated by the City Bakery Company are equipped with the most modern machinery and the highest standards are maintained, all bakery products being known and favored for their quality. Officers of the City Bakery Company, Inc., in addition to Mr. Wilson, are B. A. Platt, vice president, and E. C. Chinn, secretary and treasurer.

John Charles Wilson was born in Iowa, on the first of August, 1864. Mr. Wilson attended the schools of Kansas, his education, however, has been largely obtained in the school of experience, that college which has graduated so many of our successful men. He came to Houston in 1897 and engaged in railroad work for a time, later becoming a salesman, and still later establishing a grocery store which he operated until going into the bakery business.


Mr. Wilson was married at Red Bluff, California, in March, 1892, to Miss Sula Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Cooper, the father a native of Tennessee, the mother of Arkansas. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson reside in Houston at 308 Payne Street, and have one son, George E. Wilson, well known in business circles, who is active in his father's company. Mr. Wilson has always taken an active part in civic affairs, serving as alderman in 1904 and 1905, and was one of the men who helped change the form of civic government to the commission plan. He is a kindly and genial type of gentleman, beloved by all who know him, and one who finds pleasure in giving aid to young men who are getting a start in business.

 **E. DETERING** for four decades has taken an active part in the development of Houston, being one of the first to foresee in this city, through the advantages offered by the ship channel, a southwestern metropolis and from the first days of his identification with the life of this community, working toward that end. In 1895, after a merchandising experience in the city covering a period of fourteen years, Mr. Detering saw the economic need of a broom manufactory and established a small factory for the manufacture of brooms in connection with the grocery store he was operating. This factory made a prosperous showing and constant expansions were necessary, the present Houston Broom Factory, which is the outgrowth of the factory of 1895, establishing a record in industrial history. Mr. Detering is sole owner of the Houston Broom Factory, an enterprise which is housed in a modern factory building at 3028 Washington Avenue. Fifty dozen brooms per day, requiring the employment of eight operatives, is the output of the factory, which is the largest of its kind in the city.

Mr. Detering was born in Germany the twenty-first of May, 1862, son of Herman and Lina Detering, his father a furniture manufacturer and maker of wood work for house construction. Mr. Detering attended the schools of his native country. He came to America in 1881, coming direct to Houston, which has since been his home. He went to work shortly after arriving in the city for the old firm of Henke and Pillot, working for them until 1888, at which time he went in business for himself. He established at 3028 Washington Avenue, on the property he still occupies, a grocery store, which he operated until 1913, at which time he sold his grocery interests but not the property. In 1895 he started the broom factory in connection with the grocery store and still continues its operation.

As early as 1885 when Mr. Detering saw for the first time the ship channel when going by boat to a celebration at the San Jacinto battle grounds, he conceived the idea that this water way was going to be the determining factor in the progress and development of the city. Backing this theory, he purchased property along the channel whenever he could save the money to make these investments and has so continued to buy from time to time and is still in the market for ship channel property. He now owns one plot consisting of one hundred and sixty acres, with hundreds of feet in smaller tracts, fronting on the channel and running north to the railroad. Much of this property, especially the earlier purchases, has increased many times over the original value. He, true to his belief in the growth of the city, also made other real estate purchases, buying up outlying tracts of land, then at some distance from the city but which in the course of logical development became valuable residence property. These instances, resulting from his firm belief in the city's future, are indicative of the character of the man.

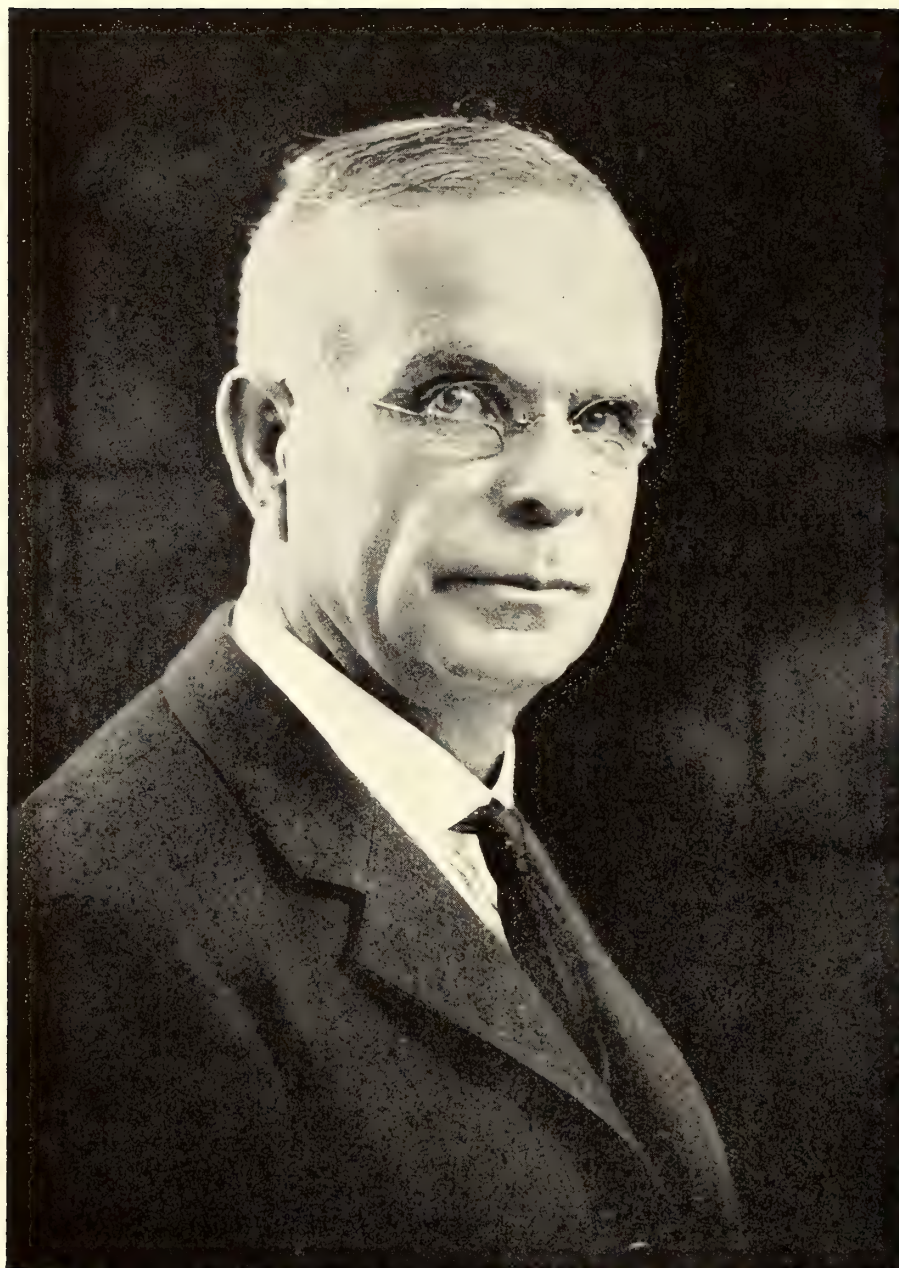
Mr. Detering was married at Houston, in 1898, to Miss Lina Stuer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Stuer, who came to Houston in the forties and were prominent landowners and farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Detering have a family of five children, Alma, Elsie, Herman, Carl and Lenore. They have for many years made their home at 1417 McGowan Street. Mr. Detering is an honorary member of the Houston Turnverein. He, with his family, attends the Evangelical Lutheran Church, which he actively supports. Mr. Detering is one of the most honored and esteemed residents of Houston, holding a place of highest integrity in the business world. His part in the general prosperity of his community has been no small one and he has throughout his residence here been active in all movements directed toward civic development.

 **ALLEN B. CLARK, Jr.**, Houston Texas, after leaving college in 1911, engaged in the insurance business and has been active in the various branches of this industry since that time. Mr. Clark is the owner of the Allan B. Clark, Jr., Inc. Agency and is the district agent for the Southern States Life Insurance Company, with offices at 801 Keystone Building. In looking over the southern states for a suitable location, Mr. Clark selected the south half of Texas as the most fertile field for his agency, with Houston as headquarters. He established the Houston office on October 1st,



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1923, and is doing a large volume of business. Mr. Clark began his career in the insurance business with the Mutual Life, Inc., of New York, and later was made agency supervisor of this company at Nashville, Tennessee. After a few years he was made supervisor of the New York City office and after a time there returned to Nashville, where he remained until coming to Texas and to Houston in 1923.

Mr. Clark was born at Nashville, Tennessee on July 5th, 1892. His father, Allan Battle Clark, also a native of Tennessee, was throughout his life engaged in the newspaper publishing business in his native state and is now the publisher of the Nashville Banner and is well known, not only in the newspaper circles of Tennessee, but in the business and financial circles as well. His mother was Miss Mary Baird Finch, a member of a prominent family of Kentucky. Both his parents are living now in Tennessee, where they are numbered among the state's most highly esteemed citizens. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Nashville, after which he entered a preparatory school, the Springfield Preparatory College of Nashville, and later attended the Vanderbilt University, where he specialized in engineering and accounting and on account of splitting his studies did not receive his degree from that institution.

Mr. Clark was married at Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 29th, 1914, to Miss Winnifred Daugherty, a native of Indianapolis and a member of a prominent family of that city. They have three children, Winnifred Martha, Marilyn Battle and Betty Jean. Mr. Clark is a member of the college fraternity, Phi Kappa Psi, the Houston Club, the Salesmanship Club of Houston and of the Life Underwriters Association, in all of which he takes an active interest. Although a comparatively recent addition to the insurance and business circles of Houston, Mr. Clark has made a host of friends here.



**H. JONES**, executive head of the Jones Construction Company, has for a decade been an active figure in the development and vast building activities of Houston. The Jones Construction Company are engaged in the building of homes and business property; they also buy the lots for same, finance all deals and look after the construction. These homes are then sold on the easy payment plan; 10% of the purchase price paid down and 1% per month on the balance, making approximately twelve years until the whole amount is paid on the property purchased; thereby making it easy for people of moderate means to own their own homes. This company pays cash for all materials, buy in large quantities, build close and take a small profit. In 1922 and 1923 the Jones Construction Company built approximately 100 houses, none of which cost less than \$4,000.00. They build mostly in Montrose district through preference. The Jones Construction Company is owned by the family—F. H. Jones, father; H. S. Jones, son, and E. H. Jones, a daughter, and they have aided greatly in the development of Houston and its additions.

Mr. Jones was born in England in 1867, and came to Galveston, Texas, with his parents when four years of age. His father, J. W. Jones, was for many years associated with P. J. Willis Bros., Groceries and Dry Goods. Mr. Jones often relates

to his friends how Galveston looked when he first saw it, merely a village on the island, and at the age of fifteen years his mother brought him to Houston, which at that time was a small settlement on the banks of the murky Buffalo Bayou, and among the things he saw in the bayou village that impressed him was the funeral of a prominent citizen, which he saw passing down Main Street, and it required the combined strength of six teams of oxen to pull the farm wagon which carried the coffin, through the deep mud. He also relates how as a young man he forded Buffalo Bayou many times and drove cattle across, and that if at that time anyone would have voiced the possibility of steamships coming up the bayou, they would have been adjudged crazy indeed. Mr. Jones' education was obtained in the public schools of Galveston, but his best knowledge has been secured in the University of Experience. Mr. Jones, with his brother, established a manufacturing and upholstering business in Galveston, and their business venture was a success in every way, and they prospered until the storm of 1900, when they, with many hundreds of others, saw the savings of a lifetime swept away. After the storm, Mr. Jones went to Austin, Texas, and engaged in the real estate business there, where he remained until coming to Houston in 1913.

Mr. Jones was married in Austin, February 8th, 1891, to Miss Helen Sinningson, a daughter of Henry Sinningson, who was one of the first settlers of Austin, and engaged in many battles with the Indians after settling there. He, with the Darcy families, built stout log houses, with loopholes from which to shoot, and these houses were the rallying places for the countryside when trouble with the Indians came. Mr. Sinningson was the first cigar and tobacco merchant in Austin. He was a great friend of John and Eugene Bremond, who were in business in Austin, and belong to one of the oldest and most esteemed families of Texas. When the Bremonds would make their trips to New York to buy goods, Mr. Sinningson would give them his money in gold with which to purchase supplies for his cigar and tobacco store. The route from Austin to New York was made on horseback from Austin to Morgans Point, which consumed eight days, thence by boat to New York, and the return trip the same. All goods were shipped in the same way and freighted overland to Austin by ox teams; this trip is now made by rail in eight hours. In fraternal organizations Mr. Jones is a member of the A. F. & A. M., I. O. O. F., and the Knights of Pythias. He is a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and takes an active interest in this organization. Mr. Jones takes an active interest in all matters having to do with the development and advancement of Houston, and the construction company which he heads has accomplished a great work in affording people of moderate means an opportunity to own their homes, and it is said of him that he never takes a home away from a purchaser who may in some way pay for it, with an extension of time, regardless of what time that may be. Mr. Jones delights to compare the early days to the present, and takes note of all developments, and to note by comparison the vast difference in the modern methods of living, with the many conveniences that these methods have given us.





**H. CAIN**, owner of the V. H. Cain Auto Supply Station, is one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, but has had an experience in several lines and since establishing his present business, has built up a splendid trade in his line. The V. H. Cain Auto Supply Station are dealers for the Firestone and Goodyear tires, auto supplies and accessories of all kinds, auto filling station, gasoline and oil, washing and greasing. The building which they occupy at 3218 Main Street was constructed especially for them, and they have one of the finest filling stations in Houston, with road service and employ five men in their establishment.

A native Texan and Houstonian, Mr. Cain was born February 11th, 1899. His father, H. C. Cain, a native of Mississippi, came to Texas thirty-four years ago and settled in Harris County, where for many years he has been a prominent farmer and dairy man, and is now one of the most successful oil men of this city, and has large holdings at Pierce Junction and other sections of South Texas. His mother was Miss Mary Frances Cochran, a member of a well known Mississippi family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston. Soon after finishing school in 1918, Mr. Cain started his business career as a clerk in the office of the ship yards at Beaumont, where he remained for about one year. He then entered the employ of the W. L. Pace Piano Company as a salesman and remained with this company but a short while, when he became an assistant to his father in looking after his holdings and interests in Pierce Junction, and continued in this until he entered his present business.

Mr. Cain was married at Batson, Texas, June 18th, 1919, to Miss Clara Allen, a native of the Lone Star State, and reared at Bryan, Texas. Her father, A. C. Allen is a well known business man of Hull, Texas, where he is part owner of the Hull Light Plant and two picture shows there. Mr. and Mrs. Cain reside at 1407 Woodrow Boulevard. In fraternal organizations, Mr. Cain holds membership in the Knights of Pythias and the Dokeys. Mr. Cain is enthusiastic as to the future of Houston, and although a very young man, he has entered into the spirit of the South Texas metropolis, and has succeeded in building up a splendid business in his line.



**FRANK D. TREADWAY**, a native Houstonian who has made rapid progress in the business world here, has for a number of years been a factor in the automobile business as one of the leading exponents of the auto supply trade. Mr. Treadway is president and general manager of the Ineeda Tire Company, Incorporated, established in 1917, and incorporated in 1924. This is one of the largest auto supply houses in the city and is the local distributor for Latex and Ranger tires and does an extensive wholesale and retail trade in auto supplies and accessories. The volume and extent of the stock carried makes the firm one of the most complete auto supply houses in Houston, and the demands of a large and exacting trade are easily met. Mr. Treadway, who is a business man of discernment, appreciates the value of progressive business methods, and makes service the keynote of the operation of the Ineeda Tire Company. He operates an auto tire service, sending cars out at

a moment's notice, either in the city, or on the roads of the county. The Ineeda Tire Company is located at 401 and 403 San Jacinto Street, where a modern building, affording eighty by forty-five feet of floor space, is occupied. Equipment enabling operatives to give the best service possible, and a force of six trained employees, are at the command of the customers.

Frank D. Treadway was born at Houston the fourth of April, 1876, son of Theodore C. Treadway, a native of Illinois, who came to Texas in the seventies, and after a number of years in this city, went to Little Rock, Arkansas, where he now resides. Mr. Treadway's mother, before her marriage Miss Mary F. Dwyer, was a native of Houston, but now makes her home in Little Rock. Mr. Treadway was educated in the Houston public schools, and later finishing his education, began as a boy in Mistrot Brothers Dry Goods Store, as cash boy. He remained with this firm until he became shipping clerk, then went to Little Rock for a short time, returning to Houston where he was again with Mistrot Brothers, this time as shoe salesman, remaining in this position for five years. This was followed by five years as salesman with the De Merrett Shoe Company and five and a half years as salesman with Gieseke Brothers. He then became a manufacturer's agent, handling silk hosiery, shirts and underwear for a period of two years, after which he operated a collection business, handling general collections for various firms, for a time. The following year he spent as city salesman for the Flaxman Wholesale Drygoods Company, after which he took charge of the credit department for the Houston Quick Tire Service, and had under his management the credits, collections and stock. Three years later he resigned this position to establish his own business, the Ineeda Tire Company, in a small way, gradually expanding to meet growing trade conditions, until the corporation is one of the largest firms specializing in auto supplies in the city.

Mr. Treadway was married at Houston, in 1918, to Miss Eunice Schleeter, a native of Houston, and sister of H. D. Schleeter, one of the most prominent auto men in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Treadway have an attractive home at 1200 Forward Street and take their part in the various social affairs of their community. Mr. Treadway is fraternally a Knight of Pythias and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He takes a real interest in civic development, and foresees in Houston one of the greatest cities of the state. Mr. Treadway has attained a commendable reputation as a business man and is well and favorably known to the automobile trade.



**L. MORGAN** is manager of the used car department for the Stodder Motor Company, distributors for Oakland and Pontiac cars, with show rooms located at 1121 Main Street. The used care department is located at 1017 Dallas Avenue. Mr. R. H. Stodder is president of the company and J. R. Reid general manager. The Oakland and Pontiac cars are products of the General Motors Corporation.

Mr. Morgan was formerly manager of the McKinney Avenue branch of the Edson Motor Company of Houston, and has been identified with automotive merchandising here for several years, and is well known in automobile trade circles.





V. H. Cain





*A. E. Lundell*

W. L. Morgan was born at West, Texas, on the second of April, 1896, son of the late W. W. Morgan, and Lou (Edens) Morgan, the former a native of Alabama, the latter of Texas.

Mr. Morgan attended the schools of West, Texas, and later spent some time in the drug business, operating a retail drug store at Leroy, Texas. During the World War he served the colors with the field artillery, and was in service for two years. He came to Houston in 1919, and went with the Anderson-Clayton Cotton Company, remaining with that firm until 1922, when he went with the Edson Motor Company.

Mr. Morgan was married at Abbott, Texas, the first of August, 1917, to Miss Emma May Westmoreland, daughter of the late E. D. Westmoreland and Callie Westmoreland, the former a native of Texas, the latter of Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan reside at 2109 Freeman Street, and have two children, W. L. Morgan, Jr., and Frank Donald Morgan.



**E. LUNDELL** of Houston is one of the best known automobile dealers in South Texas, where for almost a decade he has been actively engaged in the automobile business. Mr. Lundell is president and general manager of the Lundell Automobile Company, Inc., who are distributors for the Hudson, Essex and Rickenbacker automobiles. The company is conveniently located at 814 Louisiana, where they have built up a wonderful business handling these popular cars. Mr. C. W. Lundell is vice president and C. F. Yearly secretary, both well known in the business circles of Houston and South Texas.

A native Texan, Mr. Lundell was born at Austin September 11th, 1887. His father, Charles Lundell, also a native of the Lone Star State, was for many years prominently identified with the business interests of Taylor, Texas, and is now located at Lubbock, Texas, where he is a factor in the business circles of that West Texas city. His mother was Miss Hanna Leder, a native of Sweden, but was brought to the United States by her parents when an infant. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Taylor, Texas, after which he attended St. Edwards College, at Austin, Texas, for a number of years. Mr. Lundell came to Houston in 1915 and began in the automobile industry as a salesman, and later entered this business for himself at Texas City, but after a few years returned to Houston and again acted as salesman for a Houston firm until organizing the Lundell Automobile Company. The company first acted as distributors for the Velie automobile, and did much in making the Velie one of the popular cars sold in the South.

Mr. Lundell was married at Houston December 10th, 1912, to Miss Willie May Charping, a native of Georgia, where she was a member of a well known family, but was reared in Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Lundell reside at 519 Forest Avenue. Mr. Lundell is a member of the Red Roosters and takes an active interest in this organization. He is enthusiastic as to the future of Houston and believes that this city will soon lead the Southwest as a port and business center.



**LEWIS R. KIER**, for more than a decade associated with various industrial enterprises at Houston, has for a number of years been a factor in the automotive industry and is

well known to the trade. Mr. Kier is president of Kier-Nickles Garage Company, Inc., the leading garage in the city and the finest south of Chicago and the largest south of St. Louis. This business was established in 1920 and the firm has since built up an extensive trade, becoming recognized as experts in their line. The company moved into the new building at Texas and Louisiana the early part of 1925. There is 100,000 square feet of floor space in the building that cost \$300,000 and built and owned by R. S. Sterling. The building is three stories and basement, with a frame constructed of concrete reinforced by steel and walls of face brick. They have storage space for about 650 automobiles. The first floor is divided into a filling station, an accessory store, two mercantile establishments, facing on Louisiana Street, a battery service station and a ladies' rest room. The ladies' rest room is the most elaborate affair of its kind in the country, with special provisions for tourists. There is a fireplace, dressing rooms, divans, writing tables and every article needed in an establishment of this kind. The second floor is taken up as a storage space for automobiles exclusively. The third floor is divided into two large warerooms. One side of the third floor is a bonded warehouse for dealers and for customers who wish storage for a few days or weeks. The basement contains two greasing racks and three wash racks. The washing and polishing devices are of the latest improved styles and are equipped with compressed air attachments. A feature of the establishment is the ramps used in gaining access to the upper stories with automobiles. The ramp starts in the center of the first floor and extends, after the manner of a circular stairway, to the third floor. Cars may be driven on the ramp to the third floor without stopping, or driven off the ramp onto the second floor. A passenger elevator takes people to the floor where the car is parked or brings them from an upper to a lower floor. Mr. Kier is associated in the business with C. C. Nickles, secretary and treasurer, and Mr. Don Hall, vice president. A force of thirty-five employees are used in the business, all of whom are experts in their line.

Lewis R. Kier was born at St. Joseph, Missouri, the eighth of March, 1888, son of the late T. B. Kier, a resident of Missouri his entire life, and Julia (Sampson) Kier, who now makes her home at Houston. Mr. Kier was educated in the public schools of St. Joseph and after finishing his education went with the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, in the cable department, where he was a cable splicer for twelve years, eight of which he spent in St. Joseph. In 1910 he was transferred to Houston, remaining with the telephone company for four years. In 1914 he went with the Blackburn System Auto Company, remaining with them until 1919, when he went into the automobile business for himself, establishing his present business in 1920.

Mr. Kier was married at Plainview, Texas, the first of June, 1914, to Miss Beulah Hoyle, a native of that city. They make their home in Houston at 2607 Yupon Drive. Mr. Kier is a member of the Salesmanship, Kiwanis and Civitan Clubs and operates the official service station for the Motor League. He has the highest regard of his associates and is considered one of the best automotive men in the city.





**R. G. WARREN** has been identified with the automobile business at Houston since shortly after his arrival here in the latter part of 1919. He is vice president and treasurer of the Edson Motor Company, Inc., local distributors for Chevrolet cars, and has done much to promote the sale and popularity of this automobile. Mr. Warren has been steadily with the Edson organization since entering the automobile business, coming with the firm when it was known as Edson and Feray, in February, 1920, as bookkeeper. When the company was reorganized under the present firm name he became secretary-treasurer, and a little later was promoted to his present position. E. G. Edson is president of the company. The sales room of the Edson Company is at 1710 Main Street, and a complete service and parts department is operated in conjunction with the business.

R. G. Warren was born at Washington, D. C., the sixth of March, 1893, son of George A. Warren and Mary (Taggart) Warren. George A. Warren has spent half a century in the United States Army and is now stationed at Fort Sam Houston, at San Antonio, as chief clerk of the Signal Corps Supply Depot. Many years ago Mr. Warren, with Mr. Bell of telephone fame, ran the first telephone line from Washington, D. C., to Takoma Park, Maryland, a municipality of which Mr. Warren was mayor for seven years. Mrs. Warren was a native of Massachusetts. R. G. Warren was educated in the schools of Washington, D. C., and Omaha, Nebraska, and after finishing school became an accountant, a profession he followed until entering the automobile business.

Mr. Warren was married at Omaha, Nebraska, in 1913, to Miss Margaret Genevieve Mickel of Fort Dodge, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. Warren reside at 1205 Wrightwood Avenue, and have two children, Mary Alice and George LeRoy Warren. Mr. Warren is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus, and a member of the Lions and Salesmanship clubs.



**W. HALL** for upwards of three decades has been identified with commercial enterprises at Houston, and has recently become a factor in the auto rent service and garage business in this city, wherein he has attained a commendable reputation. Mr. Hall owns and operates the Four-Sevens Auto Service and Storage Company, a business which was established in 1916, and which he bought in 1920. At the time he took over the business he moved it into its present location, 1007 to 1011 Dallas Avenue. This modern building is well adapted for a business of this nature, affording as it does more than fifteen thousand square feet of floor space, and a location in the heart of a busy district. A fleet of twenty service cars, well kept up and in charge of competent drivers, offer patrons of this class of transportation a choice of either Cadillacs or Ford sedans. The storage department has capacity for sixty-five cars, and is efficiently managed to give the patrons the utmost service. Special washing and greasing racks provide a feature that is well patronized, and that meets the growing demand on the part of the auto owners for expert service in these lines. A repair department, with every facility for the best work, not only renders a much appreciated service to auto owners, but insure expert and prompt service for the fleet of

rent cars owned by the company. A modern filling station supplies gas and oil not only to the cars owned by the company, but to a long list of patrons who appreciate good service and the best oil and gas. Thirty-five employees assist Mr. Hall in keeping his service up to the high mark he has set for the Four-Sevens Auto Service and Storage Company, and this company, with its many completely organized departments, is easily the largest and finest garage in the city.

Mr. Hall is a native of Texas, and was born at Victoria, the eighth of July, 1869. His father, James J. Hall, came to Texas before the Civil War, and until his death was a prominent contractor and builder of his community. His mother, who before her marriage was Miss Elizabeth Dunlap, a native of Ohio, has since her husband's death made her home with her son, the subject of this sketch, in Houston. Mr. Hall was educated in the public schools of Cass County, and after finishing his education, came to Houston where he began working for a wholesale lumber company. From 1900 until 1915 he was secretary for the Big Tree Lumber Company, one of the large wholesale lumber companies of this city. In 1915 he resigned from this position and went in the automobile business, operating the Acme Auto Company, a popular rent car business of that time, for three years. He then became the owner of the Packard Auto Line, with offices at the Bender Hotel for two years, after which he bought the Four-Sevens Auto Service and Storage Company, which he still operates.

Mr. Hall was married twice, his first marriage, by which he had four children, J. L. Hall, of Houston; Hally Ruth, wife of Jesse Mosely; Libby Inez, wife of J. House Walker, and Chessley Hall, occurring at Valesco, Texas. He was married the second time at Galveston, the fourteenth of May, 1908, to Miss Fannie Mott Swain, and has four children by this marriage also, Fannie Elizabeth, Amoretta Swain, W. W., Junior, and Lytle Lockwood Hall. The family reside at 1522 Kane Avenue. Mr. Hall has taken a real interest in the development of his city, and has for many years given special attention to raising the standards governing the auto rent business. He has won the highest regard of his fellow citizens and has many friends at Houston who are glad to hear of his successes in the business world.



**W. PRICE** has, since 1920, been identified with the business interests of Houston, where he owns and operates Price's Garage, which is one of the most complete automobile garages in Texas. The Price's Garage is located at 610 Rusk Avenue, and is open to the public during twenty-four hours each day. This splendid garage has 25,000 square feet of floor space, with no posts in the building, and has a storage capacity for two hundred and fifty cars. Mr. Price is dealer for the United States and Firestone Tires. He does auto repairs of all kinds, and has a complete automobile machine shop, also auto storage battery department, and carries a full and complete line of automobile accessories, gas and oil. Mr. Price has a well-organized corps of assistants, his automobile mechanics are the best to be found, and his business has grown rapidly since it was established.



*R. G. Mann*





*W. Eidelbach*

Mr. Price was born in Michigan in 1868. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Michigan. He later attended College, where he studied for two years for an M. D. degree, but did not finish the prescribed course.

Mr. Price has traveled extensively, having spent many years in travel as a salesman throughout the United States, Cuba and Mexico. Later, he went to Oklahoma and engaged in the real estate business and contracting, where he remained for three years and was successful. He then went to Colorado, where he was superintendent of construction of the Lincoln Highway, and, after spending two years in this position, he came to Houston and entered the automobile rent service business, which he continued until entering his present business in 1920. In addition to owning and operating the Price's Garage, Mr. Price is a member of the well-known firm of The Price, Thomas, Garford Company, who are the distributors for the Garford Trucks.

Mr. Price was married in Dallas, October 24th, 1908, to Miss Edith Bryant, a native of Kansas, where she was a member of a well-known family. Mr. and Mrs. Price reside at 3222 La Branch Street. Mr. Price is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Temple Lodge No. 4, of Houston. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite body of that Order to the 32nd degree in Galveston, and the 18th degree in Houston. He also holds membership in the B. P. O. E., and is active in this organization. Mr. Price is optimistic as to the future of Houston and believes the time is near at hand when it will become the leading city of the entire Southwest.



**MARK EIDELBACH**, veteran automotive engineer of Houston, and associated with automotive affairs for more than two decades, has been privileged to watch the development of the automobile business from its infancy until it has become one of the most important industries of the country. Mr. Eidelbach is a member of the firm of the United Motor Co., one of the highest class auto motor machine shops in Houston, specializing in regrinding cylinders and overhauling automobile motors. The plant of the United Motor Co., located at 5415 Harrisburg Boulevard, is conceded to be the best equipped in Houston, and in quality of work turned out also is at the head of the list. The plant was built in 1924 on property owned by the firm and is fifty by one hundred feet in dimensions. Mr. Eidelbach is associated with J. N. Johnson, an expert automotive engineer. A corps of seven expert mechanics assist the two members of the firm in maintaining the high standards which have been set for the United Motor Company. Mr. J. N. Johnson for over twenty years has been active in the mechanical end of the automobile business. For ten years he was with Arthur Burton and also with other leading men in this line. Speaking of his partner, Mr. Eidelbach said, "Mr. Johnson is the best mechanic I have ever known, and I doubt if there is a better one anywhere."

Mark Eidelbach was born in Fayette County, Texas, in 1884, the son of A. Eidelbach, a pioneer Texan. Mr. Eidelbach received his education in the schools of Fayette County, and A. and M. College, where he studied engineering 1900 and 1901. He began his business career as an automobile mechanic at Wharton, Texas, in 1903, coming to Houston one

year later. Mr. Eidelbach is now the oldest automobile mechanic in Houston, and began in the shops here in the pioneer automobile days. He was with G. W. Harkins for many years, and was later associated with other of the early automobile men of the city. In 1915 he became associated with J. N. Johnson, and in 1919 they established the United Motor Company, a business that has maintained the highest standards, both in workmanship and service. An automobile repair business headed by two such men as Johnson and Eidelbach is hard to equal.

Mr. Eidelbach was married at Houston, in 1921, to Miss Maxine Ischar, a native of Texas. They reside at 1112 Welch Street, and are active in various social and civic affairs. Mr. Eidelbach is a member of the A. and M. Club, Houston Yacht Club, Chamber of Commerce, the Masonic and Elks Lodges. Messrs. Eidelbach and Johnson are known over Texas as two of the most expert automobile engineers in the State, and are given credit for having done much for the advancement of the standards in the automotive industry.



**GEORGE TURNBULL OBERWETTER**, for two decades one of Houston's most progressive citizens, is a factor in the automobile business here, and has won the highest esteem of his fellow citizens for his various activities of an industrial or civic nature. Until recently, Mr. Oberwetter operated one of the finest and best equipped garages in Houston. The most of his life has been spent in the automotive industry, operating garages or serving the leading automobile companies. Today he is considered an expert in his field.

Mr. Oberwetter was born at Waco, in 1886, the son of E. R. Oberwetter, a native of the Lone Star State, and Eva Turnbull Oberwetter, also a native Texas, and both of whom now make their home at Houston. Mr. Oberwetter was educated in the public schools of Waco and Corsicana, and after leaving school, went into a bakery shop and spent four years learning the baker's trade, with the Collins Street Bakery, at Corsicana. He came to Houston in 1906 and went with the Southern Pacific Railroad, in the mechanical department, and was with that line two years. He then went with A. C. Burton, well known to the automotive trade, and was with him for the ensuing two years. In 1910 he went with William M. Rice, and for four years had charge of his cars, during that time making two trips to Europe, and four to the New England states, touring with Mr. Rice. In 1914 Mr. Oberwetter went with the Overland Houston Company, as superintendent of Service, and in 1918 left that firm to open his own shop. He began in a small way, making a record for the high standard work in his shop. For a time he was with the Union Motors, Inc. as service director, and then later he went with the Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Oberwetter was married at Houston the thirtieth of August, 1916, to Miss Ouida Valentin, a native of Houston, and the daughter of A. T. Valentin, for many years a resident of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Oberwetter live at 101 Morris Street, and have two children, Ouida Dorothy, and Marie. Mr. Oberwetter has won the highest esteem of the business men of the city, his record being commendable in all lines, and he is regarded as one of the progressive automobile men of Houston.



**J**OHN MARTIN WERNER, one of Houston's native sons, who has achieved success in the business world here, has for the past several years been allied with the automotive industry, and has outlined a program of expansion that makes him a real factor in the commercial life here. Mr. Werner engages in a high class automobile painting and trimming business. The firm was established in 1916, in a small way, and with no capital, and operated along successful lines until the beginning of the World War, at which time Mr. Werner temporarily went out of business to serve his country. Returning to Houston the business was resumed, and has met with a remarkable period of growth since that time. The plant, one of the best equipped in Houston, has twelve expert employees, and does only the highest class of paint work, auto top building, upholstery, fender and body building. Mr. Werner has given careful study to every phase of his business and is an authority on this line of automobile work. He supervises all work handled in his shop and no small measure of his success has been due to the high standards he has set for all the work done here. The business occupies a well located, completely equipped, and spacious building on Capitol Avenue, and maintains the offices and work rooms here.

John Martin Werner is a native of Houston, where his birth occurred on the twenty-second of December, 1888. His father, T. Werner, and his mother, Bertha Hirsh Werner, were also natives of this city, and both families took a prominent part in the development of the city. Mr. T. Werner, who has now retired, was for many years a merchant of this city. Mrs. Werner's death occurred in 1905. Mr. Werner attended the public schools of Houston, and later St. Edward's College, of Austin. After leaving school he was in the employ of the city of Houston for six years, and during this time proved himself one of the most efficient men in his office. He inaugurated the plan of sending each man's salary to him each pay day, thus saving the city thousands of dollars annually, as a result of the saving in time heretofore spent in each employe coming to the City Hall for his pay envelope. Leaving the city he went in business for himself, establishing in a small way the business that has developed into the present firm. His capital when he started this venture was just a hundred dollars, eighty-five of which was used in renting a building. Mr. Werner's success was instantaneous, and the business began a period of growth which resulted in the recent removal of the business to the fine new quarters on Capitol Avenue.

In October, 1917, Mr. Werner entered the army, and was sent to Camp Travis, San Antonio, with the Eighteenth Division, and with the Nintieth Division, where he held various positions, most of the time acting as Mess Sergeant in charge of feeding the new men as they arrived, and in feeding troop trains. He was discharged November 22, 1918, as Sergeant, and returned to Houston, resuming the business he had established previous to his enlistment.

Mr. Werner was married at San Antonio, the fifteenth of November, 1918, to Miss Mozelle McCollum, daughter of J. H. McCollum, well known undertaker of that city, whose death occurred in 1923. Mr. and Mrs. Werner live at 4411 Mount Vernon

Avenue, and have one child, John Martin, Junior. Mr. Werner has taken an active part in the civic development of his city, and much that he has done in a business way has been of real benefit to the industrial life here. He is progressive, awake to the future of the city, and is building a business that will serve the community through the years to come, as it does today.

**G**EORGE L. HARRIS is well known in the real estate and oil circles of South Texas where, prior to 1922, he devoted his entire time to these two industries, in both of which he was very successful. Mr. Harris is the owner of George L. Harris and Company, dealers in auto tires and accessories, and carry a complete line of auto supplies. The George L. Harris and Company are dealers for the Miller and Cooper tires, and are manufacturers of the IXL battery. This firm also maintains a tire repair department and is one of the largest supply houses in Houston. Mr. Harris came to Houston in 1918 and established his present business in 1922, which has had a remarkable growth, and now employs six people in the different departments. The George L. Harris and Company are located at 1100 Main Street, Houston.

Mr. Harris was born in Howell County, Missouri, in 1867. His father, a native of Kentucky, removed to Texas and settled in Grayson County when Mr. Harris was a small boy and died shortly after coming to the Lone Star State. His mother was Miss Lucy Willis, a native of Missouri, and she also died after the family had removed to Texas. His education was obtained in the public schools of Grayson County.

Mr. Harris began his business career in Grayson County in the agricultural business on a large scale, and was successful. In 1891 he removed to Elgin, Kansas, and engaged in the mercantile business and also in the agricultural line there. In 1911, he came back to Texas and located in Brazoria County, where he engaged in the real estate business, and later added the oil industry to his already established real estate business, and was very active in leasing and development work in South Texas. In 1918, Mr. Harris, who had been very successful in his ventures in Brazoria County, removed to Houston and continued in the oil business, and although he has the George L. Harris Company, he is still interested in the oil industry, in which field he is known as a careful operator. As an evidence of his faith in the future of Houston, Mr. Harris has purchased the magnificent country home, "Bon Air" of Colonel R. M. Johnson, which is one of the most beautiful of the many country estates in the vicinity of Houston, and consists of twelve and one-half acres of ground, which have been carefully laid out and improved.

Mr. Harris was married at Elgin, Kansas, December 12th, 1906, to Miss Mary E. Slaughter, a native of Kansas and a daughter of H. E. Slaughter, for many years a well known citizen of that state. They have two children, Dixie, fifteen years of age, and Mary George, aged nine years. Mr. Harris is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in the Angleton, Texas, lodge. He is interested in all matters having to do with the civic improvement, advancement and progress of Houston and gives of his time and his means to further any measure for the good of the city or of South Texas.



John M Werner





E. C. Beard

**C. BEARD**, vice-president and general manager of the Houston branch of the Beard & Stone Electric Company, although a resident of Houston but a short time has entered actively into the commercial world here, and has established one of the largest automotive electrical houses in the Southwest. The Beard & Stone Electric Company was established at Waco in 1914, and has since maintained a large automotive electrical supply house there. In 1922, to meet the trade demands of their rapidly increasing business in the Houston territory, it was decided to establish a branch here, Mr. Beard coming to Houston in July, 1922, at which time he opened the house on San Jacinto Street, at Lamar Avenue. Some 6600 square feet of floor space is occupied by the Houston establishment and fifty people are employed by the company. A complete line of automotive electrical supplies are carried, and all classes of electrical repairs are made by expert electricians in the company shops. The Beard & Stone Electric Company is also distributor for Gabriel Auto Snubbers, selling this popular snubber over their trade territory, which includes some thirty-five counties in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. Six salesmen travel this territory and in addition to the Gabriel Snubbers, carry a complete line of automobile electrical supplies. C. A. Stone is president of the Beard & Stone Electric Company, and manager of the Waco house; E. C. Beard is vice-president and manager of the Houston house, and J. R. Davis of Waco is secretary and treasurer.

E. C. Beard was born at Waco, the twenty-third of July, 1892, son of the late W. L. Beard and Mrs. W. L. Beard. Mr. Beard, Sr., a native of Tennessee, came to Texas in 1885, and was a resident of the state until his death. E. C. Beard attended the public schools of Waco, graduating from the Waco High School in 1910. He began in the automobile business at Waco in 1910, and in 1914 entered the automotive electrical business, with Mr. Stone, operating the Waco house until 1922, when he came to Houston to establish the branch here.

Mr. Beard was married at Waco, in January, 1914, to Miss Eula Holder. Mr. and Mrs. Beard have two children, Marguriete and Doris Beard, and reside in Houston at 4515 Woodside Avenue. Mr. Beard is a Mason, and a member of the Royal Arch, both in Waco and is also a member of the Lions Club of Houston. Since coming to Houston to establish his home and business headquarters he has taken a deep interest in the civic accomplishments of the city.

**ROY BAKER**, for more than two decades associated with commercial and industrial activities in the Lone Star State, since coming to Houston several years ago, has taken an active part in the business life of Houston. Mr. Baker is probably best known as the proprietor of the De Luxe Filling Station, which he built and opened in May, 1922, operating same until going with the International Harvester Company of America in charge of the road machinery, with offices in the Mason Building.

Roy Baker was born in Vernon County, Missouri, the ninth of March, 1877. His father, the late E. E. Baker, was a Presbyterian minister, who followed his son to Texas in 1901. His mother, also deceased,

was prior to her marriage Miss Martha Richmond, a native of Missouri. Mr. Baker attended the public schools of Vernon County, later attending the Missouri State Normal for two years. He taught school in Missouri until 1902, in which year he came to Williamson County, Texas, remaining there until 1903, when he went to Oldham County, where he was a ranchman for eighteen years. His ranch was located about forty miles from Amarillo, and he was one of the pioneers in that part of the Panhandle, and one of the most successful cowmen of that section. In June, 1922, he came to Houston as representative of the J. I. Case Plow Works, and a little later, for the Bowser Pump Company. While acting in the latter capacity he got an insight into the wonderful opportunity offered in the automobile filling station field, which led him to build the De Luxe Filling Station.

Mr. Baker was married at Falls River, Kansas, the twenty-fourth of December, 1905, to Miss Susie Pearl Ivy, a native of Kansas and the daughter of J. H. Ivy, who is a resident of Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Baker live at 2820 Brazos Street, and have one child, Maurice. Mr. Baker is a Mason, Texhoma Lodge, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, and a member of India Temple in Oklahoma. He has become known as one of the most progressive citizens of Houston, and his activities along commercial lines have had good results.



**P. SULLIVAN** has for the past twelve years been associated with the Automobile industry of Houston and Harris County, and the establishment at 1423 Fannin Street bearing his name is the popular headquarters for automobile purchasers in the city. Mr. Sullivan is the distributor of the Peerless automobiles for twenty-eight counties, and is also the dealer for the Velie car. He is the sole owner of the Sullivan Peerless Company establishment, which occupies a space of 25x75 feet on Fannin Street, used as a sales room, and fifty by one hundred and twenty-five feet on Bell Street for service and storage. He has eleven experienced men in his employ. This business was established in 1912 and has been under the ownership and management of Mr. Sullivan ever since, during which time there has been an enormous increase in the sales of the cars handled.

A native of Georgia, Mr. Sullivan was born in Atlanta in 1887. His father, J. W. Sullivan, also a Georgian, has been in the hardware business all his life. He came to Houston in 1890 and is now retired from active business pursuits. His mother was Miss L. E. Peden, a member of a well known Georgia family. Mr. Sullivan's education was obtained in the public schools of Houston.

Mr. Sullivan started in the automobile business in 1911 as a representative of the Overland Company, and since that time he has continued in this line. Mr. Sullivan was married in Houston in 1907 to Miss Lytle Grymes, a native of Houston and a member of a pioneer Texas family. They have two children, Cleveland and Harris. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan reside at 2915 Louisiana Street. Mr. Sullivan is a member of the B. P. O. E. of Houston. He is recognized as one of the most progressive automobile men in the Southwest, and has made a name among business associates for his straight-forward methods and keenness of judgment.



**D**ELOSS ATCHISON is conceded to be one of the best posted men in Houston on South Texas land values and his long experience in this line coupled with his discriminating judgment has caused the business interests of the city who have come in contact with his work to regard him as an expert in this line. Mr. Atchison has been a resident of Houston since 1907 and during this entire time has been engaged in real estate and land development work and also the development of prospective oil fields. The company he is connected with has extensive holdings in a number of South Texas counties, a considerable portion of it being in the vicinity of oil development work that is being watched with a great deal of interest.

Mr. Atchison is the Texas manager for the South Texas Development Company, with offices in the First National Bank Building, a corporation having its headquarters in Albany, New York. Arthur L. Andrews of Albany is president of the company which is financed with Eastern capital and has a permit for the transaction of business in Texas. Mr. Atchison has been connected with the company for sixteen years and during the past three years or more has been in charge of its affairs in Texas.

Included in the holdings of the South Texas Development Company are lands in Harris, Montgomery, Grimes, Brazoria, Waller and Matagorda Counties. The company owns no improved lands and has undertaken no development work but has important holdings three miles south of developments at Pierce Junction, where indications are said to be extremely promising, and also near Mustang Mound and Blue Ridge. The company is holding this land for development and is now beginning to receive inquiries from Northern investors concerning its holdings.

Mr. Atchison is a native of Newcastle, Indiana, and comes from an old Indiana family which was prominent in that section for many years. His father, H. J. Atchison, removed to Kansas when his son was thirteen years of age.

After attending the public schools of Indiana and Kansas, Mr. Atchison began his business career and was in the banking business at Wellington, Kansas, for five years before making his present connection. For fourteen years he was an accountant for the South Texas Development Company before receiving his promotion to the position of manager.

On November 29th, 1906, Mr. Atchison was married at Kansas City to Miss Anna Gilmour, who was reared in Missouri. Her parents died during her infancy. Mr. and Mrs. Atchison have one son, Charles, sixteen years of age.

Mr. Atchison is a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Ancient Order of United Workmen, at Wellington, Kansas. He has never regretted removing to Houston and is a firm believer in the city's future growth and prosperity.

**J**OHAN C. PENN, SR., well known real estate man, is senior member of the firm of Penn and Penn, real estate dealers of Houston with offices in the Lumberman's Building. John C. Penn, Jr. is the other member of the firm and has been engaged with his father in the general real estate business and development of suburban properties for several years.

Mr. Penn is a strong believer in development of

the Houston Ship channel and believes the city will grow that way. The firm is now handling Pasadena Addition and specializing on building lots on this tract. An extensive business is being done in handling downtown business property and through their connections they finance homes for clients.

The first finished addition to the city of Houston, Avondale, was put on by Mr. Penn, who organized the syndicate known as the Greater Houston Improvement Company, which purchased the tract of thirty acres at a price of four thousand dollars per acre. This section, at that time considered very far out, is now in the heart of the very best residence district of Houston.

Mr. Penn is a native of Texas and was born at San Felipe, the old capital of Texas, in Austin County, in October, 1862. His parents were Robert and Sarah (Allen) Penn and during his boyhood he attended private schools at San Felipe and Austin and Georgetown. At the age of fourteen, his father's family moved to Austin to live and his first business venture was in the grocery business at Georgetown. In 1886 he entered the real estate business at Georgetown and later added a farm loan department and handled real estate and farm loans for ten years. Even at that time, Mr. Penn states, he believed Houston would become a great city and he now predicts that by the end of the present decade it will have attained a population of five hundred thousand people.

Mr. Penn was married at Ennis, Texas, to Miss Anna F. White, formerly of Aransas Pass and member of an old Texas family. They have three children, John C., Jr., associated with his father in business, and two daughters, Mrs. Milton Schwab and Miss Bessie, a teacher in the schools at Houston. Another son, Robert F., was drowned in the ship channel in March, 1922.

John C. Penn, Jr. was educated in private schools of Houston and at Staunton Military Academy. During the World War he served overseas with the American Expeditionary Forces as first lieutenant and engaged in business with his father after receiving his discharge from the army. He is twenty-six years of age and unmarried. His brother, Robert F. Penn, who lost his life in the Houston ship channel, was also an overseas veteran and served as a captain in Company B of the Thirty-sixth Division.

The Penn Realty Firm is spreading the doctrine of "Own your own home" and through its liberal policy toward its clients, has made possible the start toward this desired end for many young couples of Houston who are developing into substantial citizens and home owners.

**W**ILLIAM N. BLAKESLEY, farmer and fruit grower, has achieved a degree of success which does not always come to those who spend a life time in tilling the soil. However, during a residence of more than two decades at Pasadena, one of the thriving and prosperous towns located near Houston on the ship channel, Mr. Blakesley has acquired a comfortable fortune in rent houses, farm lands and town property and during this time has come to be recognized as one of the leaders in civic and commercial activity in this community.

Mr. Blakesley removed to Pasadena in 1901 and during all this time has engaged in farming and



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fruit growing. He has a great deal of land rented to farmers and fruit growers. He also owns some property near the ship channel.

A native of Wisconsin, Mr. Blakesley was born at Black River Falls on December 19, 1871. He is a son of William A. and Mary J. (Persons) Blakesley and was educated in the public schools of Wisconsin. His father was engaged in the lumber business at Black River Falls for many years.

The early life of Mr. Blakesley was spent in farming and stock raising in Wisconsin and in 1886 he removed to Nebraska where he continued to farm for eight years. Coming to Texas in 1894, he located at Deep Water, where he continued to reside until his removal to Pasadena in 1901.

In 1896 Mr. Blakesley was married at Deep Water to Miss Irma Parks, daughter of C. E. Parks, farmer and dairy man, who died in 1920. Mr. and Mrs. Blakesley are the parents of six children, Ethel, 26; Elson, 24; Myrtle, 20; Ralph, 16; Ruby, 14 and Irma, 12.

Mr. Blakesley is one of the most progressive farmers to be found in South Texas. He has always been a close student of agricultural problems and has done much to improve farming conditions in South Texas. No small portion of his success has come from the fact that he has always held a keen interest in the welfare of his tenants, all of whom appreciate his helpful and loyal co-operation.

In community life Mr. Blakesley has always stood for the things that were elevating and uplifting and has been active in every movement that was for the advancement of the interests of the community as a whole. Possessing a nature that is wholly devoid of selfishness, he has given freely of his time and money to the various civic enterprises that have tended to place Pasadena in the front rank of the fast growing towns of Harris County.



**HESS LAIRD**, for a number of years associated with the real estate business at Houston, has taken an active part in the development of the city, and is representative of the modern type of realtor who is a true city builder. Mr. Laird first began dealing in real estate in 1918, and since that time has consummated many sales, concentrating his attention largely to property in Magnolia Park, Central Park, Engel Addition, and Manchester, on the ship channel. He sold for the Magnolia Park Land Company, on a commission basis, more than a million dollars worth of property, and has made a good showing in all the additions he has been interested in. He also sells ready built homes on a commission basis, acting as the agent for builders, and has made a success of this class of real estate brokerage. Mr. Laird has his offices at 6911 Harrisburg Boulevard. He makes many personal investments in real estate and has business property on Harrisburg Boulevard and other property on Avenues H and J in Central Park, and in other parts of the city. He also holds land in West Texas, which he purchased for a dollar and a half an acre, and on which he has refused fifty dollars an acre.

Chess Laird was born at Birmingham, Alabama, the twenty-ninth of August, 1884. At the age of nine years he was left alone, and came to Texas by himself, his education thereafter being along practical lines and pursued alone. During his boyhood and early manhood, he worked as a cow hand,

and at breaking horses for driving, during these years riding in every cow state in the union. He later went with The Texas Company, at Taylor, Texas, working for two years as driver, and for eight years as manager at Harrisburg, following this with a period with the railroads. During the World War he worked for one year in the ship yards, and then came to Houston, entering the real estate business, in which he is now engaged.

Mr. Laird was married at Houston, Texas, the twenty-sixth of May, 1917, to Miss Lena Bridgeman, a native of Louisiana, and the daughter of Charles Bridgeman, who at one time owned the town of Haynesville, in that state. Mr. and Mrs. Laird make their home at 6516 Avenue H, Central Park, Houston, and have two children, Dorothy Maye, and Chess, Junior. Mr. Laird is a Mason, Blue Lodge 494, Alabama, Corbin Hill. Since coming to Houston he has taken a deep interest in all civic activities, and is especially interested in the development of East End. Mr. Laird is typical of the man reared to the cattle industry, firm in his belief that a man's word is as good as his bond, and his name in the business world at Houston has ever had associated with it an integrity that is one of his greatest assets.



**FRANK WILLBORG** has for many years been identified with the boiler-making and sheet-metal industries at Houston. For the past seven years Mr. Willborg has been the owner of the Willborg Boiler and Sheet Iron Works, which he established in February, 1916, and which has since met with rapid expansion. The factory operates along the most progressive and approved lines, manufacturing stacks, tanks and sheet iron work of every description. They give special attention to boiler repairs, build all kinds of sheet iron tanks, irrigation pipes, welding, and also handle much sawmill repair work, and also new work. They have a shop equipped with the most modern machinery, with complete and ample stock for all work, operating twenty employees, and owning their own railroad tracks. The business occupies a modern building, situated on an acre of ground at 2300 Nance Street. This property is leased by Mr. Willborg.

Mr. Willborg was born at Hempstead, Texas, in 1874, son of John and Christine Willborg. The elder Mr. Willborg was engaged as railroad car repair superintendent at that place. At the age of 12 Mr. Frank Willborg started in his present line of business. He commenced his apprenticeship in 1887 and completed it in 1892. For the first eighteen months he earned 45 cents a day and for the remainder of the time earned seventy-five cents a day. After completing his apprenticeship he entered the service of the Southern Pacific Railroad, where he remained until 1895, when he went with the Taft Boiler and Sheet Iron Works, where he remained until 1916, when he organized his present business known as the Willborg Boiler and Sheet Iron Works. Mr. Willborg's long training is responsible to a great degree for his present success in this work.

Mr. Willborg was married at Houston, Texas, in 1895, to Miss Susie Kemper. They make their home at 2318 Crockett Street, and have five children: Carl, Ollie, Frankie, Susie Mae and Emerick. The family attend the Baptist Church. Mr. Willborg is a Praetorian, and a Mason, Knight Templar, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine.



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**B**YRON F. WILLIAMS is the owner of the Auto Garage and Filling Station bearing his name at 1518-20 Travis Street, and although one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, he has succeeded in building up a profitable business. Mr. Williams established this business in September, 1922, and he has storage facilities, does repairs of every kind, gives efficient and courteous service, and does carburetor adjusting, which makes his establishment one of the most complete of its kind in Houston. Mr. Williams carries a full line of tires, tubes and accessories, and does all kinds of auto repairing and employs only expert mechanics.

A native Texan, Mr. Williams was born at Rising Star, Eastland County, on January 24, 1898. His father, Charles Williams, died when Mr. Williams was two years of age. His mother was Miss Frances Sarah Pope (now deceased) and reared the children, and resided in Houston from 1903 to the time of her death. His education was obtained in the public schools of Houston, which he left before graduation in order to enter the automobile supply house of the Hawkins Auto Supply Company, where he was first employed in the accessories department, and later was in the mechanical department of this firm, where he remained until entering the army on July 14, 1917. Mr. Williams was assigned to the 117th Supply Train of the 42nd Division (Rainbow Division) and as a Corporal went to France with this famous division and remained with them during all the time spent in France. He returned to America and was discharged on May 13, 1919, when he returned to Houston, and when the Gulf Coast Tire and Repair Company was opened in July of that year, he was made Manager of this company, where he remained until July, 1922, when he opened his present splendid garage and filling station, where his business has grown rapidly.

Mr. Williams was married in Houston on February 24, 1920, to Miss Sophia Lillian Feser, a native Houstonian and a member of a prominent family of the South Texas Metropolis. Mr. and Mrs. Williams reside at 2004 La Branch Street. Mr. Williams is a member of the B. P. O. E., and the American Legion, the City and County Club, in all of which he takes an active interest. Mr. Williams has great faith in the future of Houston and believes that with thirty feet of water in the channel, the bonds for which have been issued, will give Houston a great harbor, and as a result, will become a great city.

**C**LARENCE K. BATTERSON, who has been active in the automobile industry at Houston for a decade, and for several years the progressive operator of one of the finest tire and filling stations in the city, is one of the younger business men whose personal record entitles recognition. Mr. Batterson is president and manager of the Batterson Truck Tire Company, distributors for the Goodrich line of tires, including Silvertown cords, heavy duty cords and balloon cords, in addition to the truck tire line. The company handles a complete line of accessories, and the road service is as efficient as can be made. Mr. Batterson, although a young man, might be termed a pioneer in this line, having been identified in this field of business in Houston for the past eleven years. He began business in a small way, with the

Quick Tire Service, at Fannin Street and Texas Avenue, in 1912. His business grew rapidly, and he later formed the Batterson-Crawford Tire Company, and was instrumental in having a modern building erected at Main and Calhoun. The partnership of Batterson and Crawford was dissolved, and in February, 1923, he removed to his present location. This move is in line with his gradual expansion and development in this field of activity, and his continued success is assured.

Clarence K. Batterson was born at Galveston, Texas, the twenty-seventh of August, 1894. His father, C. T. Batterson, a native of that city and who spent many years there, is now in business in Houston. His mother, before her marriage Miss Clara K. Walkarte, is a native of Galveston. Mr. Batterson began his education in the public schools of his native city, and later attended school in Fort Worth and Houston, finishing in the last named city. After leaving school, he went with the Quick Tire Service, in 1912, and was with that firm until entering the army. At the entrance of the United States in the World War he enlisted in the air service, in the wireless department, and was at Ellington Field, Houston, throughout the period of his enlistment. He was discharged in 1919, and went back to the Quick Tire Service for a short while prior to going into business for himself, later establishing the partnership with Mr. Crawford.

Mr. Batterson was married at Houston, the second of June, 1920, to Miss Gladys Couch, a native of Galveston. Mr. and Mrs. Batterson have an attractive home at 209 West Twenty-first Street and are the parents of two children, Vernon Clarence, and Thomas Charles. Mr. Batterson is a Blue Lodge Mason, member of Holland Lodge, No. 1; a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is widely known among automotive men of the state, who regard him as a real service man, thoroughly competent, and equipped to operate a business of the highest type.

**C**LAUDE KAVANAUGH, oil operator, has spent practically his entire life in Houston and has grown up in the center of activities of the great coastal oil fields of South Texas. He has been engaged in the oil business for several years and while still a young man has achieved success and is popular among members of the oil fraternity in this part of the state.

Mr. Kavanaugh is president of the Rio Grande Petroleum Corporation with offices at 1610 Second National Bank Building. His company is operating in the Aviator's field in the Laredo district and has five successful completions there with production aggregating 160 barrels per day and one successful gas well. The operation and management of the company is under the direction of Mr. Kavanaugh.

A native of Texas, Mr. Kavanaugh was born at Waco on September 25, 1890, a son of N. J. and Nettie (Reed) Kavanaugh. His father for thirty years was engaged in the oil well supply business with headquarters at Beaumont and Houston. He is now retired and living in Houston.

Mr. Kavanaugh received his education in the public schools at Waco and Houston and the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, which he attended for two years. He became interested in the oil business in the fall of 1915 and during the past



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ten years has acquired a fund of experience which will enable him to achieve greater success.

On June 6, 1915, Mr. Kavanaugh was married at Houston to Miss Harriette Houck, native of Wisconsin. They have three children, Don Lee, Nelson and Peggie. The family home is at 1911 Norfolk Street.

Mr. Kavanaugh is a man of executive ability and is well versed in the details of the oil business, particularly in regard to exploration and production. He is a member of the American Petroleum Institute, the Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association and the Glenbrook Country Club.



**F. O. FULLER** represents one of the most honored and prominent names in the Southeast Texas bar, and although but recently come to Houston, he has dignified the profession by two decades of practice in the Lone Star State. Mr. Fuller is senior member of the firm of Fuller and Fuller, a legal firm composed of himself, and his son, E. E. Fuller, one of the most promising of the younger lawyers of the city. The firm has offices in the Zindler Building, and handles a general legal practice. Mr. Fuller came to Houston in 1920, and has built up a large and lucrative practice in this city. Prior to coming to Houston he had been engaged in practice in San Jacinto County, at Cold Springs, for many years, and served as county attorney for San Jacinto from 1904 until 1906. He was a member of the House of Representatives of the 30th, 31st, 33rd, 34th and 35th State Legislatures, from San Jacinto County, and was speaker of the house of the 35th Legislature. During the time he was in the legislature, Mr. Fuller impressed his influence on much of the important legislation enacted.

Mr. Fuller was born at Melrose, Texas, the second of November, 1873, the son of B. F. Fuller, a native of Alabama, who later came to this state, and Josephine Green Fuller, the daughter of James E. Green, a sturdy pioneer who came to Texas in 1838, in the days of the republic. Mr. Fuller was educated in the public schools of Nacogdoches, later attending the Southern Normal University in Tennessee, where he took his A. B. Degree in 1903. He had previously taken his LL. B. Degree, from the same institution, in 1901, and was admitted to the Bar at Cold Springs. Mr. Fuller engaged in pedagogic work at intervals from 1894 until 1904, when he became county attorney of San Jacinto County, since when he has been active in his profession.

Mr. Fuller was married in San Augustine County, the twenty-eighth of April, 1895, to Miss Lizzie Holt, daughter of an early pioneer family, who came to Texas in the early thirties. Mr. and Mrs. Fuller reside in Houston at 2220 Rutland Street, and have five children, E. E. Fuller, and Misses Pearl, Earline, Frankie and Mary. E. E. Fuller was born the twenty-fifth of December, 1898 at Huntsville, Texas, and educated in the public schools and the Law School of Lebanon, Tennessee, where the LL.B. Degree was conferred on him in 1920. He has since been associated with his father as a member of the firm of Fuller and Fuller. During the World War he served with the Texas National Guards, Jake Wolters Cavalry. F. O. Fuller is a member of the Bar association, and is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Mt. Moriah, No. 31, Cold Springs, Texas, Galveston Consistory, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine

at Houston. He belongs to the Baptist Church. During the World War Mr. Fuller was chairman of the Council of Defense in San Jacinto County, and was commissioned captain, U. S. A., Judge Advocates Department, in October, 1918, and was discharged in December, 1918. He was a member of the corps of two hundred attorneys organized to go to Europe for special work, but on account of the signing of the Armistice, in November, they were not sent. Mr. Fuller is now a captain in the O. R. C., U. S. A.



**FRANK W. SHEPHERD**, for a number of years one of the leading representatives of the cleaning and dyeing industry at Houston, operates one of the largest cleaning and dyeing establishments in the entire Southwest. The Pantitorium, of which Mr. Shepherd is manager, is one of the best equipped cleaning and dyeing works in the South, and has many special installations facilitating the rendering of the highest possible service and satisfaction to their many patrons. Mr. Shepherd has been active in this business for more than a decade, and few men in the business have enjoyed a greater measure of success than he. The plant in its present state of expansion occupies a modern building, on Washington Avenue, corner Melnar. Here they have large copper vats for silk dyeing, large wood vats for wool dyeing, with special equipment enabling them to handle any dyeing work, regardless of delicacy of fabric, that comes into the plant. They also have a well equipped cleaning department, with a special gasoline still, insuring absolute purity of all cleaning fluids used, and also have a gasoline separator to filter the gasoline after it has been used. Adequate precautions are taken to insure absolute safety, and the gasoline is handled under the most careful conditions. Modern extractors are used to remove the gasoline from the clothes after they have been treated to the gasoline bath, and tumblers used to remove all odor of gasoline from them. Finishing rooms are all modernly equipped with both electric irons and steam presses and insure perfection of all work turned out. The Pantitorium caters to both a retail and wholesale trade, and in addition to a large number of patrons, handles most of the work for the smaller cleaning and dyeing companies of Houston and the surrounding territory. The firm employs thirty expert cleaners and dyers in the plant. H. M. Shepherd is assistant manager, and with Frank W. Shepherd, operates the Shepherd Laundries Company, who, in addition to the Pantitorium also operate the Beaumont Laundry, at Beaumont, and the Alamo Palace Cleaners at San Antonio.

Mr. Shepherd was born at Houston, in 1887, son of T. W. Shepherd, now deceased, who came to the United States as a young man and was one of the pioneer oil men and laundry-owners of the city, and Eva Shepherd, a native of England. Mr. Shepherd was educated in the public schools of Houston and after finishing his education entered his present business.

Mr. Shepherd was married at Beaumont, Texas, the first of March, 1908, to Miss Anna Hobner, a native of Baltimore, Maryland. They have one son, Frank Hobner, and make their home at 1415 Sul Ross Street. Mr. Shepherd is a member of the National Master Cleaners and Dyers Association and the Laundry-owners National Association.



**P**EMILE J. SCULLY, during his period of residence at Houston, has attained a commendable reputation in the community for his activity in mercantile circles, and is one of the most progressive and best known druggists in the city. Mr. Scully is proprietor of the Travis Street Pharmacy, located at 506 Travis Street. This is one of the leading drug stores in the city, centrally located, where prescriptions are filled by experts. In addition to this, trained employees are in charge of the other departments found in modern downtown drug stores. Mr. Scully is peculiarly suited for his calling, for he is not only a pharmacist of high standing but he also has that valuable personality that is kindly and cordial and rapidly makes friends with those with whom he deals. Kind treatment and good service at fair prices makes permanent customers at the Travis Street Pharmacy.

Mr. Scully was born in New York City, in 1893, the son of Michael Scully, an engineer of New Orleans. He was educated in private schools and colleges, taking his A. B. degree from a Catholic college in 1908. In 1909 he graduated in pharmacy, and until 1911 was in New Orleans, with various drug stores in that city. The six intervening years, from 1911 until 1917, he spent in various cities of the United States in the drug business, in that year coming to Houston, where he became associated with the Bennett Drug Store, later the Scanlan Pharmacy. Later he went with the Interurban Pharmacy, and still later with the Court House Pharmacy, first as clerk, and in a short time as Secretary and Treasurer. Leaving this organization he bought the store that is now known as the Travis Street Pharmacy, where he has been successful in building up a fine business and where courtesy and service are the dominant spirit.

Mr. Scully was married at New Orleans, Louisiana, the thirtieth of September, 1918, to Miss Elsie Cecil Stamma, a native of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Scully have two children—Elsie Virgin, born September the seventh, 1919, and Anna Flora, born the twenty-second of October, 1921. Mr. Scully is an Elk, a member of Lodge No. 151, at Houston. He has taken an active part in civic development, and is greatly interested in all that concerns the advancement of Houston. In mercantile and drug circles he is considered a druggist with the executive ability to establish a big business and is a leader in drug activities.

**A**NTHONY A. BERGER, whose life in Houston for the past three decades has brought him in close touch with industrial activities, has taken an active part in industrial development, and is a manufacturer of wire and iron works. Mr. Berger is President and General Manager of A. A. Berger and Company, one of the largest manufacturers of wire and iron works in South Texas, and which he established in Houston in 1893, shortly after his arrival in the city. This business, begun in a small way, has met with constant expansion, as the rapid growth of the city and the reputation of the company in the manufacturing world has necessitated, and now holds a place of leadership with like manufacturing enterprises in the State. The plant is located at 310 Preston Avenue, and a force of twenty operatives are

engaged in the manufacture of the various products put out by the plant. These products include the following iron specialties: Anchor rods, brackets, elevator cabs and doors, ladders and fire escapes, fences, flag poles, drive gates, window guards, grills, wickets, grave hooks, toilet partitions, balcony railings, stairs, turnstiles and pipe railing, and also the following wire specialties: Arches for vines, cages for banks, baskets of various kinds, doors, elevator guards and enclosures, lawn and cemetery fences, fire place fenders, floral designs, pipe gates, screen door grills, guards for windows, skylights and machinery guards, partitions for offices, banks and tool rooms, signs, screens for sand, gravel and coal, and trellis for roses and cemetery lots. These products are distributed widely over South Texas, and the firm handles a large amount of contracting business in this line. A. A. Berger is president and General Manager, Herman Weber, Vice-President and Superintendent of Manufacturing, and Henry E. Henrichsen, Secretary and Treasurer.

Anthony A. Berger was born at Detroit, Michigan, the eleventh of November, 1866, the son of the late William Berger, a resident of Ohio for many years. Mr. Berger was educated in the public schools of Detroit, and after leaving school learned his present business at Detroit. He then went to Milwaukee, where he spent one year, and from there to Minneapolis and St. Paul, where he remained more than three years, prior to coming to Houston, in 1893, to engage in his present business.

Mr. Berger was married at Houston, in 1901, to Miss Mary Bonewitz. Mr. and Mrs. Berger make their home at 804 Boulevard, Heights, and have five children, Wilhelm, Dorothy, Charles, Marie and William. Mr. Berger is one of the substantial manufacturers of Houston, and the many years he has spent in industrial activities here have resulted in a business of which Houston is justly proud, and which has given him a reputation as a manufacturer of products of lasting quality.

**E**W. KENWORTHY has been a resident of Houston since 1918, where he has been actively engaged in developing additions to the city. His office is at 315 West Building. Mr. Kenworthy came to Houston for the first time in 1917 and returned in 1918 to become a permanent resident. He developed the Pine Lawn Addition and sold same out in 1923. This addition consisted of one hundred and sixty-two lots, and was residence property only. All sidewalks, sewerage, water, and shell streets were put in before being offered for sale. This property includes Sixteenth and Seventeenth Streets, Wilkin Avenue and Eighteenth Street from Houston Heights to Studewood Boulevard. These lots were sold on the easy payment plan and are now being built up with high grade homes, most of which are of brick. Great care was exercised in selling Pine Lawn to a selected class of people with the result that it should develop into the best and prettiest residence section north of Buffalo Bayou. The class of homes being erected there will safeguard and enhance values for the entire surrounding district for many years to come.

Mr. Kenworthy was born in Omaha, Nebraska, on August 13th, 1893. His father, Winfield Scott Kenworthy, has for many years been prominent as a live stock man in Omaha and Nebraska and



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is a member of the same family as General Winfield Scott. The Kenworthy family came to America in 1657 and settled in Pennsylvania. His mother was Miss Clara Brownell, and was a lineal descendent of the same family as George Washington. Her grandmother, America Nance, was the third America Nance in the Ball family. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Omaha, and he later attended Omaha University. Soon after leaving college, Mr. Kenworthy entered the real estate business, which he continued for some time along the usual lines and then turned his attention to developing townsites and additions to cities, in which he has met with unusual success. He developed additions in Casper, Wyoming, Chadion, Nebraska, and Omaha, Nebraska, and in other states before locating in Houston, Texas, where he has been active in development work. Mr. Kenworthy is a member of the Masonic fraternity, with membership in St. John's Lodge at Omaha, Nebraska. His family are of the Episcopal faith.

**R**ALPH E. PARKS has been dominant figure in the financial and commercial life of the thriving and prosperous town of Pasadena for more than twenty years and is regarded by his fellow townsmen as its leader in practically all matters pertaining to its growth and development. A resident here for more than two decades has brought Mr. Parks in intimate touch with the personal and financial life of most of the town's inhabitants and his unselfish interest in the welfare of his fellow townsmen has endeared him to old and young alike.

Mr. Parks is president of the Pasadena State Bank, a strong and growing institution. This is the only bank in Pasadena and it has enjoyed a splendid growth since its organization in 1919. Other officers of the institution are J. M. Jackson, vice president, and A. R. Cruse, cashier. The bank has played an especially important part in financing the berry and fruit crops of the farmers surrounding Pasadena.

Coming to Pasadena in 1901, Mr. Parks has engaged in fruit growing and general farming, in addition to his activity in financial affairs. Besides considerable business property, he owns a great deal of farm land around Pasadena, on which he raises strawberries, oranges, figs and general farm crops.

Mr. Parks is a native of New York State and was born at Courtland on December 2, 1870, a son of Calvin E. and Carrie (Fuller) Parks. His father was a well known farmer and land owner and Mr. Parks spent his boyhood days on a farm. He attended the public schools and high school at De Ruyter, New York, and after finishing high school, took a commercial course at a business college. After that he taught school for two years and then was employed in the railroad office for two years.

Coming to Texas in 1894, Mr. Parks located at Deep Water where he engaged in general farming until 1901, when he removed to Pasadena, where he has lived since that time. He has made extensive purchases of farm lands and has been engaged in various lines of activity in an indirect way.

Mr. Parks is quiet and unassuming and a conservative type of banker and business man whose worth to a community can not be estimated. He has been identified with every movement for the devel-

opment and betterment of Pasadena and surrounding community and much of the prosperity of this locality can be directly traced to his influence. He has never sought leadership or in any manner sought to place himself at the head of movements of a civic, political or commercial nature. The town of Pasadena was incorporated January, 1924, and Mr. Parks was elected its first mayor.

Mr. Parks is unmarried and is wholly devoted to his financial and farming interests. He is a Mason, a member of the Scottish Rite bodies and of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. His church affiliation is with the Baptist denomination. A big man, capable of occupying a position of leadership in a much larger sphere of activity, Mr. Parks has been content to live his life among the people of Pasadena who know and appreciate his sterling worth and who have never been slow in according to him the measure of appreciation that is rightfully and justly his.

**C**HRIS MING of Houston, Texas, has throughout his life had a decided liking for the theatrical and amusement business, and in June, 1921, formed the Chris Ming Production Company, with headquarters in this city. Mr. Ming is a partner and the active Manager of this company, with offices located at 808 Texas Avenue. Associated with him, but inactive in the management, are Messrs. W. T. Glass and Charles Skains, both well known in the business circles of Houston. The purpose of the Chris Ming Production Company is promoting superior home talent in putting on shows of various kinds and minstrels for fraternal organizations in all portions of the United States. This organization put on the Salesmanship Club show in Houston, which was a huge success and sold tickets to the amount of \$11,000.00. This organization has put on the Policeman's Ball and Minstrels here for the past two years and each year sold more than \$10,000.00 in tickets. In 1924, the Policeman's Ball was such a great success that hundreds could not be seated on the night of the performance, and it was decided to repeat the production on the following night for the cattlemen, who were holding their convention in Houston, and more than eighteen thousand people saw the performance on these two days, and it was proclaimed one of the greatest successes ever attained by home talent. This organization has also put on the Shrine show for the past three seasons, and many others. The Chris Ming Production Company carry a large and complete stock of theatrical supplies, costumes and everything for the stage, and all kinds of stage equipment. Mr. Ming began his business career in the clothing business at Springfield, Missouri, which he sold in order to enter the World War. He was in the Air Service branch of the army, and attended the first Ground School at Austin, Texas, after which he was sent to Souther Field, Georgia. While at this field he received a commission as Second Lieutenant, after which he was sent to Ellington Field at Houston, and was discharged here after the signing of the Armistice. He then went on the road, putting on amateur shows for clubs, lodges and all other organizations for an Eastern concern. He continued in this work for two years, and then entered the business for himself in Houston, where he has met with phenomenal success in his chosen field.





**T**HORNTON C. MORROW, for a number of years identified with industrial activities at Houston, and for the past several years an enthusiastic representative of the automobile repair business, has taken an active part in the development of this business, and an interest in constructive civic affairs. Mr. Morrow operates his business under his own name, as the T. C. Morrow garage, which he established in January, 1922, as a general auto garage. Mr. Morrow is himself an expert mechanical engineer, and the equipment in his plant easily makes it one of the finest in the city that is open twenty-four hours every day. He specializes in work on the better cars, drawing his patronage largely from owners of high-priced automobiles, and also has a department devoted to giving service to the different makes of trucks. A modern system of washing and greasing makes possible the highest type of work in this line, and special equipment is provided enabling operatives to do first class work in a minimum of time and expense. A storage department, with capacity for fifty cars, is a popular feature with auto owners desiring downtown storage for their cars. Skilled auto electricians correct starting, lighting and ignition troubles, and a complete machine shop, with adequate equipment and thoroughly experienced operatives make a specialty of auto machine work, as well as handling all classes of general machine work, including the re-conditioning and rebuilding of heavy duty gas and oil engines, as well as most modern equipment for cylinder and crankshaft regrinding, oxy-acetylene welding and cutting and airplane repairs. The plant, a modern building, at 1220 San Jacinto street and comprising some twenty-two thousand square feet of floor space, employs twenty expert automobile mechanics and machinists, trained in repair work, and is one of the largest and most successful plants in the city.

Thornton C. Morrow was born at Bushnell, Illinois, the twelfth of March, 1895, son of Dr. W. J. Morrow, a native of Maryland, and Mary Morrow, of Illinois. Dr. Morrow came to Houston in 1904, and has since been one of the leading dentists in this city, with offices in the Carter Building, and he has an extensive and lucrative practice. Mr. Morrow attended the public schools of Houston, later studying electrical engineering for a good many years during his spare time. He began his business career with the Southern Pacific Railway, in the Motive Power Department, and spent eight months there. He then went with the Houston Armature Works, spending nearly a year there, after which he went to Itasca, where he spent six months in a garage. Returning to Houston he went with the Mosehart-Keller Auto Company, and was for the ensuing five and a half years with that company, in all departments, including the manufacturing, repair and sales departments.

At the entrance of the United States in the World War Mr. Morrow entered the air service as a private, at Ellington Field, Houston, in the Motor Machine Shop. In October, 1918, he was commissioned Second Lieutenant, and transferred to Love field at Dallas, as Assistant Engineer Officer, remaining there until his discharge in March, 1919. He returned to Houston and until May, 1920, was with the Thomas Air Craft Company, and built the hangar on Bellaire road, and bought the ships for the

company. He was then with Captain Drexel, in charge of his Nash Service Department, until 1921, when he organized the Morrow Company, Incorporated, a general repair, garage, storage and washing business. He sold his interest in this company in 1922 and went into business for himself, and has since been a factor in the auto repair business at Houston.

Mr. Morrow was married at Houston, the thirtieth of June, 1915, to Miss Maida Davis, daughter of L. Alger Davis, for many years a resident of this section of the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow make their home at 1816 Francis avenue, and have one child, Thornton C. Morrow, Junior. Mr. Morrow is Vice-President of the Houston Auto Trade Association and a member of the American Technical Society and the American Legion. He is one of the most progressive young men in his city, naturally interested in the mechanics of the automotive business, and his success in this line promises well for his future.



**A.** PIDGEON, although a comparatively recent addition to the business fraternity of Houston, has entered into the spirit of the South Texas metropolis and has succeeded in building up a profitable business. Mr. Pidgeon is the owner of Pidgeon's Auto Service, formerly known as the League Electric Company, located at 1212 Polk Avenue, which he established during the latter part of 1921. Pidgeon's Auto Service is the Southeast Texas distributor for Philco Batteries, and also repair and rebuild old batteries. They are dealers for the Longwear cord tires, and do a general garage business, with gas and oil filling station, and carry a complete line of automobile accessories of all kinds. He has one of the most complete establishments of its kind in the city, giving "complete auto service under one roof" and his business is growing daily.

Mr. Pidgeon was born in Boston, Massachusetts, on May 23rd, 1893. His father, H. W. Pidgeon, was born in Canada, but has resided in Chicago for many years, where he is a well known manufacturer of musical instruments, and the Pidgeon family is prominent in Chicago. His mother (deceased) was Miss Nellie Lawrence, a native of Boston, Massachusetts, where she was a member of an old Massachusetts family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Chicago, after which he attended the Lane Technical High School for a number of years. After leaving school, Mr. Pidgeon was for several years associated with his father, and later went with the Chicago and Alton Railroad as a draftsman. In 1916, he came to Texas with the First Illinois Infantry, of the Illinois National Guard, and was stationed at San Antonio for three months. He then returned to Chicago and through a newspaper friend who knew of the vast opportunities in Texas, was prevailed upon to come to Houston, where he entered the engineering department of the Texas Company, and remained with this oil company for six years, when he resigned in order to establish his present business.

Mr. Pidgeon was married in Houston, August 28th, 1920, to Miss Margaret Sontag, a native of Houston and a daughter of H. Sontag, who for many years has been a resident of Houston and is well known in the business circles of the city. They have one daughter, Nellie Ann Pidgeon. Mr. Pid-



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geon is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Olympia Lodge No. 864 of Chicago, and of the Washington Chapter in the same city, and of the Chicago Commandery No. 19, and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine, of Houston. He is optimistic as to the future of Houston and believes that this city has everything in her favor to become in a few years the leader of the Southwest.



**EARL T. McMILLIAN**, native Houstonian, and one of the most progressive of the younger representatives of the automotive industry, has since his advent into the business world become a factor in the automobile business. Mr. McMillian is connected with the A. C. Burton Company, distributors of the popular Hudson and Essex cars, and Mr. McMillian has been active in placing a great many of these cars in the hands of pleased owners. He has had a great deal of experience in the different lines of the auto industry. In 1922 Mr. McMillian established the Earl McMillian Tire Company, and auto supply house which he conducted successfully until making his present connection.

Mr. McMillian was born in Houston on the eighth day of September, 1898. His father, V. O. McMillian, a native of Huntsville, and a resident of that city for many years, came to Houston and was in business here a number of years prior to going to San Antonio, where he now resides. His mother, before her marriage, Miss Laura Lieck, was a native of Houston, and a member of one of the pioneer families of this city. Mr. McMillian was educated in the schools of Houston, and after finishing school went with E. A. Peden, of the Peden Iron and Steel Company, remaining with that organization for three years. He then spent a year with the Barden Electric Company, after which he was for a time with the Bob Stadler Auto Supply Company. He remained with Mr. Stadler for seven years and was his first and only employee, for a time on the road, and later in charge of city sales and on the inside. He then went in business for himself, organizing the company in which he was active at the time of going with his present company.

Mr. McMillian was married at Houston, the seventeenth of September, 1919, to Miss Eva Parker, a native of Houston, and the daughter of J. B. Parker, a resident of this city for many years. Mr. and Mrs. McMillian make their home at 4502 Conner Avenue and have one child, Earl T., Jr. Mr. McMillian is a Mason, member of Gray Lodge No. 329, thirty-second degree, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. Mr. McMillian takes an active and progressive interest in civic development, and as a business man has made a record creditable in all lines, and is regarded as one of the coming men in the automotive industry.



**THEODORE BRADLOW**, one of the pioneers in the automobile business, has, since coming to Houston several years ago, been a factor in automobile activities in this city, and is the local representative for the well known and popular Chevrolet. Mr. Bradlow is vice-president and general manager of the Edson Motor Company, Incorporated, a firm established a number of years ago, and reorganized and incorporated the twenty-fifth of April, 1923, as successors of the Edson-Feray Motor Company. The Edson Motor

Company operates a complete Chevrolet agency, and occupies the most beautiful automobile building in the city, at 2300 Main Street. This modern building affords a floor space of one hundred and seventy-five by one hundred and fifty feet, and is planned to give each department of the business ample quarters. The sales rooms are handsomely appointed and designed to show the models to the best advantage. A parts department, with a full line of parts, and the shops and service departments, where Chevrolet service, no small factor in Chevrolet popularity, may be had, completes the establishment, and makes it one of the most attractive in the city. A force of thirty-five employees are in the various departments of the Edson Motor Company. The officers, other than Mr. Bradlow, the vice-president and general manager, are E. G. Edson, of Beaumont, Texas, President, and R. G. Warren, Secretary and Treasurer.

Theodore Bradlow was born at Birkenhead, England, in 1884, his parents moving to the United States in 1888, where he first attended school in New York, and later in England, to which country his parents removed. He began in the automobile business almost a decade and a half ago, starting with the Chevrolet Company, in the factory at Atlanta, Georgia. In 1912 he became salesman for the Chevrolet Motor Company and in 1916 he was appointed manager of the local branch in Atlanta where he remained until he came to Houston to become vice-president and general manager of the Edson Motor Company, and has since made his home in this city, at 215 Hathaway.



**G. MOFFAT** of Houston is well and favorably known in automobile circles of Southwest Texas, where he is numbered among the pioneers of this great industry. He has witnessed the development of the automobile and has been in the midst of the business during this period and today is considered an authority in his chosen field. As sales representative of the Snelling Motors Company he is in an enviable position to render his many friends and acquaintances a service covering their automobile transportation needs.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Moffat was born in Pittsburgh in 1882. His father, J. M. Moffat (deceased), also a Pennsylvanian, was widely known throughout the state as a distributor of sewing machines. His mother was Miss Jennette Hutchinson, a member of a well known Pennsylvania family. Mr. Moffat's education was obtained in the public schools of Pittsburgh.

Mr. Moffat studied and prepared himself for electrical engineering work and in 1902 he entered the wide field of his chosen profession. He has traveled extensively, doing engineering work in almost every country on the globe. In 1908 he decided to settle down, and he began work in Colorado in the different branches of the automobile industry, and in 1910 came to Houston, and since that time has been engaged in the automobile business. Mr. Moffat was married at New Orleans in 1912 to Mrs. Mary Zapalac, a native of the Lone Star State. They have one child, Clarence Garfield, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Moffat reside at 808 Woodrow. Mr. Moffat is a recognized authority on automobiles, having spent fifteen years in the business, devoting to it much thought and intensive study.



**JESSE JUDSON FELDER** of Navasota, Texas, is a pioneer in the financial and business life of Grimes County, having located in this city soon after the close of the Civil War, and engaged in the mercantile business here at that time. Mr. Felder is vice president of the Citizens National Bank of Navasota, and is the organizer of this institution which has been operating since 1900, and has been a thrifty, growing bank since its organization. He was not active in this bank during the early years of its operations, but of late years has been active in its management, and has had an important part in shaping the destinies of this institution. The bank owns the bank building, which is located on one of the principal corners of the city, and during 1924, improved this building to the extent that makes it one of the finest bank buildings in this portion of the state. He is the owner of some property in Navasota, the greater portion of which he purchased many years ago, besides some acreage property which he made into city lots and sold some of it. He had a part in the development of this city. Mr. Felder gave one hundred lots to this city, in order to bring about a bond issue of \$15,000.00, which made possible the building of a manual training high school, named Victoria Felder Manual Training School. The building is now finished and is also used as a high school.

Many years ago, realizing the need of another railroad, and particularly one that would enter a hitherto undeveloped region of fine farming country, he was a leader in the movement to get the International and Great Northern Railroad to build their line from Navasota to Madisonville. This railroad has proved of considerable value to this city, besides making for the development of this country through which it runs, and affording a market for the farm products on the line between these two points. Madisonville, one of the oldest towns in this portion of the state, had been without railroad facilities up to the time of the building of this line and the citizenship of this town considerably benefited by this railroad. Mr. Felder has been interested in educational matters and a worker for more schools and better schools for his city and community. He was prompted in the organization of The Citizens National Bank, through a need for another institution of this kind for his city. The capital stock of this bank is \$100,000.00 with a surplus of \$50,000.00. Other officers of this bank are: W. S. Craig, president, and W. T. Taliaferro, cashier. Mr. Felder is a veteran of the Civil War, and served in the infantry of the Fourth Regulars of South Carolina, and served throughout this conflict from 1861. He was for a greater portion of the time under General Forrest, and later served under General Sull Ross, who later became one of the greatest governors the Lone Star State ever had. Mr. Felder, during his service, saw much action in practically all parts of the South. After the close of the war, he came to Chapel Hill, Texas, and engaged in the mercantile business, but remained there for only a short time when he removed to Navasota and first engaged in the mercantile business with his uncle, M. M. Felder, and this partnership lasted for a period of two years when he sold his interest in this establishment and remained in this city.

Mr. Felder was born in Lawrence County, South

Carolina, on January 29th, 1839. His father, Rev. Carlos Felder, was one of the Baptist ministers of his day, and received into his churches by immersion more than three thousand members, and was born in South Carolina. His mother, Mrs. Mildred Felder, was also a member of the Baptist Church. Both parents lived to a ripe old age—his father dying at the age of eighty-three years and his mother attained the age of ninety-seven years. His education was obtained at the Shirley Institute of his native state—South Carolina.

Mr. Felder was married at Union, South Carolina, in 1858, to Miss Victoria Briggs, a daughter of Jesse Briggs, of South Carolina. He is a member of the Baptist Church. Since locating in Navasota more than fifty-eight years ago, Mr. Felder has had the good of his city and community at heart, and has worked for the improvement and advancement of both. He has been identified with the social, civic and commercial life of this city.

**WALTER BLAKE WESSON** has been a resident of Navasota, Texas, for thirty-five years, and during this period has been active in the business life of this city and of Grimes County. Mr. Wesson is vice president of the Schumacher Oil Works of Navasota, which was established in 1873, and is the oldest plant of its kind in Texas. The Schumacher Oil Works was founded by Henry Schumacher, one of the builders of Navasota, who died here in 1901. The plant, which occupies five city blocks and has a capacity of seventy-five tons of cotton seed per day, makes oil hulls, meal, cake, linters, etc., from the cotton seed. Four presses are used in this plant, and from thirty-five to fifty people are employed in its operation during the busy season. Other officers of the Schumacher Oil Works of Navasota are: E. H. Terrell, president; Ward Templeman, secretary and treasurer, and R. A. Horlock, manager. Prior to his association with the Schumacher Oil Works, Mr. Wesson had been throughout his business career engaged in the mercantile business, which he started in Navasota as a very young man, and worked for several years for others. In 1894 he engaged in the general mercantile business here for himself, as part owner of the George F. Wood and Company, and continued under this firm name for two years, when he sold his interest in this establishment and engaged in business alone, under the name of W. B. Wesson. For six years he continued in this business, and at the death of Mr. Schumacher, in 1901, he came with this company. Mr. Wesson became associated with the Schumacher Oil Works largely on account of the remaining family interests, as he is the first one outside of the immediate family to own interest in the company. Mr. Wesson is keenly interested in the civic matters of his city and during the aldermanic form of government served for several years as alderman, and for fifteen years has been a member of the School Board.

A native Texan, Mr. Wesson was born in Washington County on January 27th, 1866. His father, James M. Wesson, came to Galveston, Texas, in 1837, and was among the pioneers of the Island City. His mother, Nannie (Byrd) Wesson, was born in Washington County, Texas. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Navasota, after which he became a student of Soule University, Chapel Hill, Texas.



Mr. Wesson was married at Navasota on January 1st, 1896, to Miss Ada Schumacher, a daughter of Henry Schumacher, who came to Galveston, Texas, in 1850, from Europe. In 1856, he removed to Grimes County, where, prior to organizing the Schumacher Oil Works, he was engaged in the lumber business and manufactured sash, doors, blinds, etc. Mr. and Mrs. Wesson have one son—Henry Schumacher Wesson. Mr. Wesson is a member of the Navasota Chamber of Commerce and the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, in both of which he takes an active interest. He is a member of the Methodist Church and has been superintendent of the Sunday School of this denomination here for more than eighteen years. In the midst of his private work, Mr. Wesson finds time and opportunity to assist every worthy cause for the good of his city.



**WARD TEMPLEMAN**, of Navasota, Texas, has been engaged in the merchandising business here all his life, and is widely known in the business circles of Texas as one of the leading merchants of the state. Mr. Templeman is the owner of the R. B. Templeman and Son establishment of this city, dealers in ladies' ready-to-wear, men's clothing, groceries and farm implements, and is the largest and finest store of its kind in Navasota. A large and complete stock is carried, with a valuation of \$150,000.00 and this store occupies a beautiful and commodious two-story brick building which is one of the finest buildings in Grimes County. The stock of ladies' wear carried by this firm would be a credit to stores in towns many times the size of Navasota. The firm of R. B. Templeman and Son are large cotton factors, and are engaged in buying, selling and exporting cotton on a large scale. In addition to his large mercantile store, Mr. Templeman is interested in many of the city's business institutions, and while he has confined the greater part of his investments and business interests to Navasota and Grimes County, he has many interests in other portions of the state. Mr. Templeman began his business career in his father's store here as a boy, and has learned every detail in connection with its operation. Among the various institutions with which Mr. Templeman is associated here are: President of the Navasota Compress Company, president of the Navasota Telephone Company, secretary-treasurer of the Schumacher Oil Works, which is one of the largest mills in Texas for cotton seed products, and many others. He is vice president of the Houston Production Company and is an officer and director in many other business projects which are located in other sections of Texas. He is also a large land owner and extensive farmer, owning many thousands of acres of land in Grimes and other counties of Texas. He has under cultivation more than 2500 acres in cotton alone, and owns more than two thousand head of cattle, many of which are high-bred stock. Mr. Templeman has always been active in the civic matters of his city, and his heart interests are for the good of Navasota and her people. For sixteen years he served as alderman of Navasota, and after the city adopted the commission form of government he was one of the first commissioners.

A native of Navasota, Texas, Mr. Templeman was born on April 18th, 1869. His father, R. B. Templeman (deceased), was associated with the

growth and industrial development of Navasota since 1860. In 1865, following the close of the Civil War, he came to Navasota and opened the business establishment, small at that time, but which grew into the immense business establishment known throughout the state as R. B. Templeman and Son. His son, the subject of this sketch, joining him in very early manhood. He was an ex-Confederate soldier, with the rank of major, and was known as Major Templeman, and best known as a liberal, helpful man, who befriended all mankind, regardless of color or religion, but who did not advertise his many charities. He was a contributor to and helper of all worthy civic and business enterprises, and remained actively aligned with the best interests of his city until his death. Major Templeman was born in Dunfermline, Scotland, on June 24th, 1830. Stories of America and its possibilities stirred the imagination of young Templeman, and at the age of sixteen he set out for America. After landing in New York, Boston appealed to him and he spent one year there. He answered an advertisement for a young man to work in a Texas store, secured the position and came with his employer from New York to Palestine, Texas. There he served as a clerk for three years, when, with a partner, he opened an establishment known as Elson and Templeman. Eight years later they removed their store to Navasota, in order to take advantage of the boom created there by the building of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad through that town, and in order to have better shipping facilities. The business, which was established in 1865, was on the site which now is occupied with the handsome brick building, which is the home of R. B. Templeman and Son. Major Templeman was married on June 4th, 1868, to Miss Annie Hunter of Brownsville, Tennessee. Mrs. Templeman died in December, 1880. Major Templeman was a member of the Presbyterian Church. It would be hard to name an enterprise in Navasota in which he was not or had not at some time been interested. In addition to his mercantile establishment, he was interested in the cotton compresses, cotton seed oil mills, numerous gins, mills, banks, telephone company, and had numerous Brazos and Navasota river bottom holdings in the form of splendid plantations. He had been a part and parcel of the growth of South Texas from the wilds of pre-Civil War days to its present state of high development. The love and respect of the thousands who knew him in life constitutes a splendid tribute to the success of his labors. Mr. Ward Templeman's education was obtained in the public schools of Navasota, after which he attended Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, and later became a student of Eastman Business College of New York.

Mr. Templeman was married at Navasota in 1896, to Miss Annie Foster, a daughter of W. J. Foster of Navasota, a pioneer settler, large land owner and extensive farmer. Mr. Templeman is past president of the Navasota Chamber of Commerce and is active in this organization. He is a director in the Kiwanis Club, and a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Navasota Fishing Club. Mr. Templeman is one of the leaders of Navasota in the business and social circles, and is regarded as one of this city's most progressive and highly esteemed citizens, ever ready to contribute his material aid and time toward the upbuilding of his beloved city.



**C**HARLES EDGAR HENRY of Navasota, Texas, is well known in the financial circles of Texas, and also as an educator, having spent his entire life in these two fields of activity. Mr. Henry is cashier of the First National Bank of this city, and has been associated with this institution since 1898, and has had an important part in the success achieved by this bank. He was first in the capacity of bookkeeper, and in 1900 was made assistant cashier and in 1916 became cashier, and has continued in this office since that time. The First National Bank of Navasota, was chartered on March 11th, 1890, with a capital stock of \$50,000.00 and in 1910 had a surplus of \$100,000.00 and the capital was increased at that time from the surplus. The capital stock is now \$100,000.00, with a surplus of \$200,000.00. The original capital stock of this bank has been paid back seven times. Other officers of the First National Bank of Navasota are: Tom M. Owen, president, and E. H. Terrell and Ewing Norwood, vice presidents. In addition to his banking interests, Mr. Henry is vice president of the Norwood Investment Company of this city, which has a capital stock of \$60,000.00 and is doing a splendid business. This company is a subsidiary of the First National Bank and is engaged in handling paper and loans which the bank can not handle. Other officers of the Norwood Investment Company are: Ewing Norwood, president, and one of the organizers; Shields Norwood, secretary and treasurer. This company was organized in 1907 and are doing a thriving business, which has gradually increased since its organization. Mr. Henry started his career in the business world as a school teacher, and continued in this work for some time, before he engaged in the banking business. He has been steadily engaged in the banking business since he entered this field of activity, and is an untiring worker for the good of the institutions with which he is associated and also for the growth and advancement of his city. Mr. Henry, since engaging in the banking business, has not lost sight of educational matters, and for more than eighteen years has been a member of the school board of Navasota and is now the president of this organization, and is an ardent worker in educational matters.

A native Texan, Mr. Henry was born in Robertson County on August 22nd, 1870. His parents, William Henry and Sarah Henry, were well known and highly esteemed farmers of Brazos County. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Brazos County, after which he attended business college, and still later entered the high school at Bryan, Texas, and graduated from that institution in the class of 1890.

Mr. Henry was married at Roans Prairie, Texas, in 1896, to Miss Ebbie Walker, a member of a well known Grimes County family. They have two children, Mattie Pearl, and Charles Edgebert Henry, Jr., who is a student of the A. and M. College of Texas. Mr. Henry has been identified with the business and social life of Navasota since locating here, and is a director and treasurer of the Navasota Chamber of Commerce, and is past treasurer and a director in the Kiwanis Club, and a director in the Navasota Country Club. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias and is past chancellor of this organization. Mr. Henry is a member of the Pres-

byterian Church and is an elder in the local church and clerk of the session of this denomination. For a period of more than twenty-three years he has been president of the Sunday School of the Presbyterian Church and is active in all church work. Mr. Henry is regarded as one of the most progressive citizens of Navasota, and has always taken an active interest in the civic improvement of this city. He is ambitious for his institutions and Navasota and is a constant worker for the good of both.

**R**OBERT L. RENICK of Navasota, Texas, has been cashier of the Farmers State Guaranty Bank of this city since this bank was organized in 1913 and has had much to do with the success of this institution. The capital stock of this bank is \$50,000.00 and at the close of business on December 31st, 1923, had a surplus fund of \$20,500.00 and net undivided profits of \$967.57, with deposits at that time of \$317,150.12. Prior to becoming associated with the Farmers State Guaranty Bank, Mr. Renick was for several years associated in an official capacity with other banks in Texas and also organized one strong institution in the state. He started his career in the business world as an engineer with the C. A. Sims Company of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and remained with this company for one year when he went with the First National Bank at Greencastle, Indiana, and remained with this institution for one year. He then came to Texas and for one year was with the Merchants National Bank of Houston. He then went to Cold Springs, Texas, where he organized the San Jacinto State Bank, and remained as cashier of this institution for a period of five years. He then came here and accepted the position which he now holds, and where he is regarded as one of the leaders in the banking circles of this portion of the state. The Farmers State Guaranty Bank is doing a splendid business, and is growing rapidly, and is destined to become one of the leading financial institutions of Grimes County.

Mr. Renick was born at Greencastle, Indiana, on October 25th, 1886. His father, Henry S. Renick, also a native of Greencastle, was for many years engaged in the mercantile business there and was well known throughout the state, and was also a member of a prominent Indiana family. His education was obtained at De Pauw University, and received from this institution both the A. B. and B. S. Degrees.

Mr. Renick was married at Houston, Texas, in 1911, to Miss Sadie C. Bridges, a native Texan and a daughter of Don Bridges, well known in the lumber and business circles of Texas where for many years he was associated with the Kirby Lumber Company. They have one son, Robert L. Renick, Jr. Mr. Renick is a member of the Scottish Rite body of the Masonic fraternity and is a Shriner of El Mina Temple, Galveston. He is also a member of the Navasota Chamber of Commerce and is a director in this organization, in which he has always taken an active interest. He holds membership in the Kiwanis club and all the social and civic organizations of this city, where he is regarded as one of the most progressive and public spirited citizens. Mr. Renick never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for Navasota and believes that this portion of the country, surrounded by the finest farming lands in the entire state, is entering on an era of great prosperity in all lines.





**HENRY LA FAYETTE LEWIS**, attorney at law of Navasota, Texas, has for many years been engaged in the practice of his profession in this city, and during this period he has been identified with many of the most important cases which have come before the courts here. Mr. Lewis is engaged in a general practice of law, and is regarded as one of the leading attorneys of this portion of the state. In addition to his large private practice, he is attorney for both the Southern Pacific Railroad and the Santa Fe Railroad in this district. Mr. Lewis was admitted to the bar on June 14th, 1899, when he established his home and office in Navasota, where his broad views and grasp of public affairs gradually became known to the public, and in 1901 he was elected to the office of city attorney here. He held this office until 1904. Twelve years later he was elected to the office of Mayor, and served for four years as the executive head of this city, and his regime was one of great accomplishments, among which was the installation of a modern sewer system and disposal plant. He has always taken an active part in the politics of his city, county and state and for a period of fourteen years served as chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee. Mr. Lewis has been the recipient of many offices of honor and trust at the hands of his fellow men, and in 1920, was elected to the state senate, and served in the 37th and 38th Legislative bodies with distinction to himself and his constituents. He was re-elected in 1924 without opposition and drew a four-year term. Mr. Lewis is also engaged in farming and stock raising. He is an advocate of better cattle and better farming methods in order to produce the maximum crops on the minimum acreage.

Mr. Lewis was born at Eufala, Alabama, on December 3rd, 1868, but was brought to Texas, by his parents when three months old. His father, Benjamin Griffin Lewis, was throughout his life engaged in farming. His mother was Miss Amarintha Rogers, a member of a well known Alabama family. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Grimes County, after which he became a student of the Sam Houston Teachers College of Huntsville, Texas. Later he entered the University of Texas, where he was graduated with the LL. B. Degree. He then went to Tulane University, for a post-graduate course. Mr. Lewis was married at Navasota on April 12th, 1904, to Miss Ella C. Cox, a native of Georgia and a daughter of a prominent lumberman of Central Texas. She is a graduate of Willis College, Montgomery County, Texas. They have one son, H. L. Lewis, Jr., twenty years of age. Mr. Lewis is a member of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic fraternity, and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston. He has for many years been prominent in the Masonic circles of his community and state. He is a member also of the Knights of Pythias and the I. O. O. F., in both of which he takes an active interest. He holds membership in the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Navasota Chamber of Commerce and takes a keen interest in the workings of this organization. He has identified himself with the civic, commercial, religious, political, and educational life of his city and community and his interests are varied and many. He has shown his faith in Grimes County and Navasota by his invest-

ment interests here. Mr. Lewis is a staunch and consistent member of the Baptist Church, and is president of the board of deacons of the First Baptist Church of Navasota and is active in all church work. He is teacher of the Men's Bible Class, and has been associated with this organization for many years and has always been interested in this laudable work. Mr. Lewis is an ardent worker for the good of his city, state and people and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for Navasota, where he is regarded as one of this city's most progressive and public spirited citizens.



**JOE N. BAYLOR** of Navasota, Texas, has for many years been engaged in the lumber business here and is well known in the lumber circles of South Texas. Mr. Baylor has charge of the Baylor Lumber Company of Navasota, which is a branch of the Spencer-Sauer Lumber Company of Houston, in which Mr. Baylor is a large stockholder. The Baylor Lumber Company operate a retail lumber yard and sell sash doors, and all kinds of building materials, also paint, lime, cement, etc. This company has a splendid location and carry a large and complete stock, and are doing a large volume of business. In addition to his lumber business, Mr. Baylor has since 1915 had the agency here for Buick cars. The business had grown to such proportions, that in 1919, Mr. Baylor took a partner in the business, which is now known as the Baylor-Dawson Buick Company. This firm sells Buick automobiles, with a large and complete service and parts department, and own and operate a large gasoline and oil station in connection with this business. This firm is doing a large automobile business in this portion of the state. Mr. Baylor was in charge of his father's farm here when thirteen years of age, and at the age of eighteen he had complete charge of his father's farm and cattle interests, and had also started in these fields of activity for himself. In 1895, he engaged in the lumber business here, and conducted same until 1903, when he disposed of his lumber interests and removed to Yoakum, Texas, on account of his wife's health. After residing in Yoakum for a period of five years, he returned here, and in 1912, opened up this retail lumber business, which he has conducted since that time. Mr. Baylor has always owned and operated farms, and owns in fee more than two thousand acres of fine farm land in Grimes County, which he has cultivated by tenants, making cotton the main crop. He also has at all times raised cattle, and owns more than five hundred head of good grade animals now, besides hogs and other farm stock.

A native of Navasota, Texas, Mr. Baylor was born on January 2nd, 1868, and is living now on the lot where he was born. His father, Dr. J. N. Baylor, came to Texas in 1856 and removed to Navasota in 1863, and served throughout the Civil War as a brigadier surgeon in the Confederate Army. His mother, Mrs. Margaret J. Baylor, is now living in Navasota at the age of eighty-seven years, and is the second oldest person now residing in this city. His education was obtained in the public schools of Navasota, which he left at an early age in order to engage in farm work.

Mr. Baylor was married at Navasota in 1898, to Miss May White, a daughter of Dave White, who came to Grimes County in 1840, where he became



a pioneer farmer and stock raiser, which he followed throughout his life. Mr. Baylor is a member of the Navasota Chamber of Commerce, and is a director of this organization. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church and has been an elder of this church for more than two decades. Mr. Baylor has always been an enthusiastic booster for Navasota, and gives liberally of his time and means to further any project for the progress and advancement of his city.



**HENRY NAUL SANDALL** of Navasota, Texas, is well known in the railroad circles of Texas, having been engaged in this line of work since 1907. Mr. Sandall is the joint freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, the International and Great Northern and the Santa Fe railroads here. He has entire supervision of the freight and passenger business of these three railroads in this district, and Navasota being located in one of the most prosperous sections of the state, the business in and out of this point is heavy during the entire year. Mr. Sandall owns and operates his farm, containing about five hundred acres in Grimes County, and also raises cattle and hogs, and is enthusiastic on the subject of farming, and is an advocate of modern farming methods. He is a leader in the civic affairs of this city, and deserves much credit for the active part he has taken in these matters and aided constantly, until all civic projects which have been undertaken have been brought to a successful termination. Mr. Sandall started his business career in the cattle business and later was engaged in a retail grain store at Roans Prairie, which he operated until coming to Navasota. He first entered the employ of the International and Great Northern Railroad here, and has been associated with this railroad since that time, and later became the joint agent of the three railroads entering this city, which he has successfully handled.

A native Texan, Mr. Sandall was born at Roans Prairie, Grimes County, on February 26th, 1889. His father, Henry Sandall, was throughout his life one of the leading farmers of Grimes County and one of the most highly esteemed citizens of this portion of the state. His mother was Miss Mattie Lindley, a member of a prominent Texas family. His education was obtained at Huntsville, Texas, and later he attended a business college at San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Sandall was married at Navasota in 1911 to Miss Annie Dunham Greenwood, a daughter of Frank B. Greenwood, one of the most prominent lawyers of this part of Texas, and served for some time as state senator from Grimes and contiguous counties, and is well remembered for the work he accomplished in this law making body of the Lone Star State. They have one son, Junior, ten years of age. Mr. Sandall is a member of the York Rite body of the Masonic fraternity and is a member of the Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston. He is also a member of the Navasota Chamber of Commerce and is a director in this organization. He holds membership in the Knights of Pythias and is a director in the Kiwanis Club of this city. In the midst of his private work Mr. Sandall finds opportunity to give his time and assistance to all movements of a public nature, having to do with the

advancement and betterment of his city. He is a leader in all affairs of this city, and is a constant worker, never losing an opportunity to speak a good word for his city and county, where he is popular in all circles, and is recognized as one of the most progressive citizens of Navasota and Grimes County.



**LUTHER GAMBRELL ANDREWS**, Navasota, Texas, began his career as an educator when nineteen years of age, and has continued in this laudable work since that time. Mr. Andrews is superintendent of the Navasota public schools, and the schools here are of a character which reflects the spirit of the superintendent having the welfare of the schools at heart. There are in this city three white schools and one for the colored youth which are conducted on a plane of higher education which has placed Navasota in the front rank among the progressive educational cities of its size in the country. There are enrolled in the two ward schools, four hundred pupils and in the high school two hundred under the able tutelage of a corps of thirty teachers, selected for their ability and fitness to fill these responsible positions. There are five hundred negro pupils in the negro school. In the school library, which is one of the largest and best in the state are seven thousand volumes, which all pupils have access to. The large manual training school which is operated in connection with the public schools, is modern and complete in every detail. Mr. Andrews came to Navasota in 1912 as teacher of languages, and was later made principal of the high school. He continued in this position until he entered the army of the World War. He enlisted in August, 1918, and was assigned to the signal corps and was sent to Camp Vail, New Jersey. He later went to Yale University to attend the Officer's Training School there, where he remained for four months and was discharged in December, 1918.

Mr. Andrews was born at Corinth, Mississippi, on August 7th, 1888. His father, W. J. Andrews, was for many years engaged in the general mercantile business at that place and was well known in the business circles of Mississippi. He later removed to Brownwood, Texas, in 1893, and the subject of this sketch attended the public and high schools of Brownwood, where his preliminary education was obtained. He later became a student of Howard Payne College at Brownwood, and still later attended the University of Texas for a period of two years and graduated from that institution with the A. B. Degree, after which he began teaching.

Since coming to Navasota, Mr. Andrews has not only identified himself with the educational life of the city, but with the business and social life as well. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce and takes an interest in this organization, and is a director in the Young Men's Progressive League. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M., being a member of the York Rite. He also holds membership in the American Legion and the Kiwanis Club. Mr. Andrews has done much toward the development of educational interest in Navasota and Grimes County, and is popular in all circles, where he is regarded as one of the leaders in his profession and one of the most progressive citizens of this portion of the Lone Star State.



**S. FELDER**, whose activities for more than a quarter of a century have identified him with Huntsville, is one of the leading merchants here and also has various other interests in local business enterprises. Mr. Felder is a member of the firm of the Felder Dry Goods Company, which was established in Huntsville in August, 1898, by Mr. Felder, as the Meacham Dry Goods Company. Five years later the business name was changed to Felder and Henderson, continuing under that name from 1903 until 1906, at which time Mr. Felder took over the entire interest, running the business alone until 1916, when he took in his sons, J. C. Felder and Victor H. Felder, as his partners. Mr. Meacham, who Mr. Felder backed in starting the store, is now one of the leading merchants of Fort Worth and well known in merchandising circles throughout the state. The Felder Dry Goods Company is one of the largest dry goods stores at Huntsville, with eight complete departments, including shoes and ready-to-wear, and employs a force of ten salespeople. Mr. Felder is also vice president of the Huntsville State Bank and president and director of the Huntsville Cotton Oil Company, and also has various other business interests here.

S. S. Felder was born in South Carolina the eleventh of November, 1858, the son of C. C. Felder and Mildred (Corley) Felder. The elder Mr. Felder, a native of South Carolina, came to Texas in 1865, locating first in Washington County, later going to Galveston and still later to Montgomery County, where his death occurred at the age of ninety years. He was a Baptist minister. Mrs. Felder, a native of Georgia, died at San Antonio. S. S. Felder was educated in the schools of Washington County, later attending school at Galveston. He then began work on boats out of Galveston doing a coastwise trade and later became captain of a line of schooners and owner of a number of boats doing coastwise trade. In 1880, on account of ill health, he left the water and began to travel over Texas, with a photographer as his partner, and from him learned the photographer's business. He came to Walker County in 1882, locating at Huntsville, where he opened a photographic studio, and also went in the real estate business. In this latter line he made a big success, buying and selling lands and city property and taking an active part in development work of that day. During this time he built a store building in Huntsville, and being unable to lease it advantageously at that time made the decision to back Mr. Meacham in opening a dry goods store. This he did, five years later taking over the store himself, Mr. Meacham going to Fort Worth.

Mr. Felder was married in Washington County, Texas, the fourth of February, 1884, to Miss Simmie Girtman, a native of Louisiana, who came to Texas with her parents as a small child. Mr. and Mrs. Felder have three children—Norma, widow of the late C. B. Henderson, and who has two children, Norma and Ruth Henderson; Victor H. Felder, with his father in the firm, and who is married and has one child, Norma Katherine Felder; and J. C. Felder, also with the firm, and who is married and has one child, Jack Girtman Felder. Mr. Felder has always taken a deep interest in the development of Huntsville, investing his money in such a way as to help build up the town, and has been a real civic leader.

**THOMAS BRYANT TERRELL**, of Navasota, Texas, has had an experience in the mercantile business which extends over a period of fifteen years, during which time he has served in every capacity of this business up to manager and owner. Mr. Terrell is the owner of one-half interest in the E. H. Terrell and Company store of this city, and has been manager of this establishment since 1915. E. H. Terrell and Company was organized about thirty years ago by Mr. A. P. Terrell, which he successfully conducted until his death in 1915. This firm name continued until January, 1918, when the subject of this sketch purchased one-half interest in the business and the firm name became E. H. Terrell and Company. This is a general store, with a full and complete line of dry goods, men's and women's clothing of all kinds, groceries and farm implements of all kinds. The store is splendidly located, and the large stock is valued at \$75,000.00, making it the second largest store of Navasota. Ten experienced people are employed in the operation of this establishment. Mr. Terrell started his career as a young man on the farm near Navasota, and remained in this line of activity until 1909, when he engaged in the general mercantile business here. After two years in this business, he removed to Houston. After one year spent in that South Texas city, he returned to Navasota and entered the employ of the A. P. Terrell general merchandising store here.

A native of Navasota, Texas, Mr. Terrell was born on March 13th, 1888. His parents, R. J. Terrell and Lillian (Bauguss) Terrell, were among the pioneer settlers of Grimes County, where they were engaged in farming and were large land owners. His parents were among the best known citizens of this portion of the state, having resided here for more than sixty-five years. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Navasota.

Mr. Terrell was married at Navasota in 1912, to Miss Mary Kennedy, a daughter of Mrs. Lydia Kennedy, a well known resident of Grimes County. Mr. Terrell is a member of the York Rite body of the Masonic fraternity, and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple of Houston. He is also a member of the Navasota Chamber of Commerce and the local Kiwanis Club, in both of which he takes an active interest. He is a member of the Methodist Church. Mr. Terrell is one of the leaders in the business circles of Navasota, and is progressive in all his business methods, making an effort at all times to keep up-to-date with his business, in which he has succeeded admirably. He is optimistic as to the future of Navasota and Grimes County, and he believes that this portion of the state is entering into an era of great business prosperity in all lines. With the improved methods of farming and dairying which is now becoming general in this part of Texas, the future is bright for every enterprise here.


**UY HAMILTON WINFREE**, who is well known in Harris County and South Texas for his financial and business affairs, was for several years identified with local banking activities at Goose Creek. Mr. Winfree served as active vice president of the Guaranty State Bank of Goose Creek for several years. He came with this institution in 1919, and became vice president in 1923. During this period he was the youngest active banker in this part of Harris County. He



was also associated with the Guaranty State Bank at Barber's Hill. Retiring from his connections in Goose Creek Mr. Winfree went to California and later to Mexico.

Guy Hamilton Winfree was born at Barber's Hill, the thirteenth of August, 1896, son of E. H. and Elizabeth Hunt Winfree, his father a banker, land owner and business man of that city for many years. After finishing the schools at Barber's Hill, Mr. Winfree took a business course at Houston, after which he spent two years in a furniture store in that city. In May, 1916, he volunteered for border duty, with the Houston Light Guards, and spent twelve months on the border. He was then transferred to Galveston, in the infantry, and later to Corpus Christi, Freeport, Fort Worth and Springfield, where he was transferred to the ordinance department, as non-commissioned officer, and returned to Fort Worth. He sailed from New York City in July, 1918, for France, and took part in the fighting at the Argonne front for twenty-two days, during which time he escaped without being either sick or wounded. He was returned from the front and made instructor on the Browning automatic and machine guns, and in June, 1919, was returned to the states, receiving his discharge at Fort Worth soon afterward. He then spent six months in college, later going to the oil fields at Barber's Hill, for the Gulf Coast Oil Company. After a few months there he came to Goose Creek, with the Guaranty State Bank.

Mr. Winfree was married at Houston in 1920, to Miss Alice Bond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bond of Bay City. Mr. Winfree is a Mason, both York and Scottish Rites, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He is a member of the American Legion and takes a deep interest in the various activities of the legion, especially in aiding the disabled veterans of the World War. Mr. Winfree has made many friends in the business world of South Texas and is highly regarded by all who know him.

UDGE W. N. WILLIAMS, who has during his residence at Houston been called upon to fill several positions of public nature, has spent many years in Harris County, and is known as a man of broad business and public experience. Judge Williams recently completed a term as Justice of Peace of Harris County, Precinct Number One, Place Number One, an office to which he was elected in November, 1922, and which he entered the following January. In this office he demonstrated a soundness of judgment and a never failing interest in the duties involved, that won him many friends.

Judge Williams was born at Harrisburg, Harris County, the twenty-seventh of January, 1880. His father, Tom Williams, one of the pioneers of Harris County, came here as a young man and was a cattleman until his death. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Elizabeth Moore, was also a member of a prominent pioneer family. Judge Williams attended the public schools of Harrisburg, later taking a business course at the Massey Business College. Until he was twenty-two years old he worked on various ranches, both in Harris County, and in Indian Territory, after which he spent four years with the Southern Pacific Railway, in the car department. Eight years he served as city street

superintendent at Houston, under Mayors Campbell, Hutchinson and Amerman. He then ran for City Street and Bridge Commissioner, in a race with fourteen, coming out second place. Two years as a contractor for road construction work followed, at the close of which he was elected Justice of Peace in Precinct Number One, Place Number One. Since leaving this office he has devoted his attention to his personal affairs and is engaged in the automobile business.

Judge Williams was married at Hempstead, Texas, the twenty-fifth of December, 1904, to Miss Artilia Pike, a native of that city. Judge and Mrs. Williams have one daughter, Jewel, wife of Valdemar Frederick, representative of the Peden Iron and Steel Company, at Mexia, and whose marriage occurred the thirtieth of June, 1923. The family home in Houston is at 3001 North Main Street, and is the seat of a pleasant hospitality. Judge Williams has many friends, both in political, business and social circles, and has the highest regard of all who know him.



ERNEST SCHWENKE, since his arrival at Houston many years ago, has been identified with the floral and nursery business, and is a recognized specialist on mushroom culture and in many lines of seed growing and breeding. Mr. Schwenke is general manager of the Brazos Greenhouses, one of the finest and best known nurseries in the city. This company has ten thousand square feet under glass, and raises fine cut flowers and blooming plants, all kinds of shrubbery and potted plants. They have special stock of lillies, chrysanthemums and poinsettias, giving careful attention to producing the finest strains of these well known favorites. The Brazos Greenhouses also make a specialty of cut flowers, their trade in this line being extensive, and including all kinds of cut flowers, raised in their own nurseries. They have three city delivery cars and employ fifteen expert men in the business. The location of the greenhouses, at 2520 Main Street, is excellent for this business, and the property, owned by the company, is equipped to give the best results in flower raising.

Mr. Schwenke has made a life study of truck growing, and is a specialist on raising mushrooms, flower seed and garden seeds, being considered an authority in many lines of flower and seed growing and breeding.

Mr. Schwenke was born in Germany, in 1884, son of Albert and Dorothy Schwenke, his father one of the leading florists in Germany. He was educated in his native country, attending college, where he specialized in languages. He speaks fluently Latin, French, German and English. Mr. Schwenke spent one year in the German army, qualifying for commissioned officer, and as a result of special courses reducing his period of service three years. He later came to the United States and has been located at Houston since this time, engaged in the floral business.

Mr. Schwenke was married at Houston in 1910, to Miss Emma Hablitzel, daughter of John Hablitzel, founder of the Texas Table Company, and for many years identified with industrial activities at Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Schwenke have one son, Ernest Junior.





**E. WOOD** has had a wide, varied and successful business career, and as President of The Real Estate Trust Company is playing an important part in the growth and development of Houston. This business was founded in March, 1925, and has a One Hundred Thousand Dollar capital fully paid. It is engaged in a general real estate business and has departments devoted to bonds, mortgages, loans and investments. It does a trust business without banking privileges. The company developed Houston Sub-Urban Estates that is about sold out. The officers of the company are, the subject of this sketch, President; Lee Singletary, Vice President, and Edmond S. Wood, Secretary-Treasurer. Attractive offices are located on the ground floor of the Cotton Exchange Building, corner of Prairie Avenue and Caroline Street.

A native Texan, Mr. Wood was born in McClellan County. His father, Edmond S. Wood, has for many years been active in the business circles of Houston. His mother was Miss Laura Slavens, a native of Kentucky. His early education was obtained in the public schools in various portions of the State and later he became a student of the University of Texas.

After finishing college, Mr. Wood started his business career with the Grace Steamship Company of New York, and remained with this company in New York for a period of ten years, starting as traveling salesman, later department manager. He then went to the West Indies where he remained for several years and returned to Houston in 1921 and entered the real estate business, specializing in subdivisions, and with his father opened up Ridgewood. In 1922 he took over the management of the Logan Candy Company, in which he was active until organizing his present company. The Wood home is located at 103 Morris Street. Mr. Wood is a member of the Masonic Lodge, Phi Gamma Delta College Fraternity and takes an active interest in the business, social and general community life of Houston, where he is regarded as one of the city's progressive citizens.



**CORNELIOUS J. OLLRE** for almost two decades has been connected with the fire department of Houston, winning frequent and well deserved promotions in this department, and is the recently appointed chief of the Houston fire department. Mr. Ollre was appointed temporary chief in December, 1922, and January 1st, 1923, was appointed chief of the Houston fire department, an office which he has since held. This fire department, regarded as one of the best organized in the Lone Star State, has done some exceptional work, and, under the direction of Chief Ollre, has made additional improvements and has had added some new equipment. All equipment in use is of the best and most modern type, and every facility for fighting fires, of any class, has been installed. A force of two hundred and thirty-six firemen is maintained, and these men, each loyal and ready to do his full duty and more, are the pride of Chief Ollre. Sixteen fine fire stations are maintained, giving Houston adequate fire protection, and located to provide each district with readily available equipment. Chief Ollre makes his headquarters at the Central Fire Station, making frequent visits of inspection to each station, as well as making a point

of seeing the men in action frequently. Under his direction, these men have on many occasions prevented serious catastrophies, and Houston may well point to this department with pride.

Cornelious J. Ollre was born at Houston the fifth of April, 1884, son of L. Ollre, who came here in the early sixties and lived here until his death, and Mary Weisen Ollre, also deceased. Mr. Ollre was educated in the public schools of Houston, and after leaving school played professional baseball in 1905, 1906, and 1907, in the Cotton State League, the Gulf Coast League and the Texas League. He was a fine all around player and won many honors for his teams during this time. In 1908 he joined the Houston fire department with the intention of making fire fighting his career. Until 1912 he was fireman, and in that year was made captain of station number eight, remaining at that station from June, 1912, until June, 1919, when he was appointed assistant fire chief, then temporary fire chief, to fill an unexpired term, and then, in January, 1923, was appointed chief of the Houston Fire Department.

Mr. Ollre was married at Houston in February, 1915, to Mrs. Kittie Dresser Longstreath, a widow. They make their home at 2903 Franklin Avenue. Chief Ollre may be characterized as one of those men, who, choosing fire fighting as their life's vocation, form the backbone of any fire department, and are sure to win recognition. During his many years with the department he has always been personally popular with his men, and there is not a man on the force today who would not gladly volunteer for any duty at the request of his chief.



**LAWRENCE A. MORSE**, a native of Houston, and one of the younger, progressive business men of the city, has been actively engaged in the undertaking business here since 1915, and for the past several years has operated one of the most up-to-date funeral directing establishments in the city. Mr. Morse owns and operates the firm of Morse Company, Undertakers, which he established the fifteenth of August, 1921. He is well located at 1203 Milam Street, at the corner of Dallas Avenue, where he has a well equipped building with all modern facilities. Mr. Morse conducts a funeral home, with an embalming room, and is prepared to handle his business in a manner in keeping with the highest professional standards. He has six trained assistants, eight motor cars, a motor hearse of the best make, and two carefully fitted motor ambulances on duty twenty-four hours a day.

Lawrence A. Morse was born at Houston the eighteenth of August, 1897, son of Henry D. Morse, also a native Houstonian, and in the real estate business here for years, and Willie Hensen Morse, whose birthplace was also Houston. Mr. Morse was educated in the public schools of his native city, and after finishing his education went with the Wall & Stabe Undertaking Company, in 1915, remaining with this firm until 1921, at which time he had become manager. In that year he resigned this position to establish his own business, which he has since operated.

Mr. Morse was married at Houston the first of July, 1919, to Miss Willie Mae Wade, a native of the Lone Star State, who was reared at Houston. They live at 1203 Milam Street. Mr. Morse is a Mason, Reagan Lodge No. 1037, A. F. and A. M.





**OLIVER LEWIS**, although numbered among the younger business men of Houston, Texas, is the executive head of one of the leading establishments of its kind of the Southwest. As president of the Oliver Lewis Company, Inc., Funeral Directors and Embalmers, which was established here on May 1st, 1926, he has provided Houston with one of the best equipped mortuaries of the entire country. He has spent his entire business life in the several branches of the undertaking industry. It was during his service in the World War that he decided to make this business his life work and at that time started to plan a modern establishment to eclipse anything of the kind in this city and the Oliver Lewis Company, Inc., is the realization of these plans. No expense has been spared in this beautiful funeral chapel, equipped with facilities for rendering the best possible service, and with arrangements and furnishings that produce a refined and restful atmosphere. While serving the soldiers in France, where he was connected with hospital work, and particularly during the flu epidemic, he was studying the needs of his profession and the most advanced methods of practicing it. Mr. Lewis' first experience in undertaking work was as supply officer at the Evacuation Hospital at Coblenz, Germany, with the American Army of Occupation. After receiving his discharge he returned to Houston and became associated with the undertaking firm of Settegast-Kopf Company and remained with the organization until he started the present business for himself and associates. Other officers of the Oliver Lewis Company, Inc., are: Mrs. M. B. Settegast, vice president, and Binz J. Settegast, secretary and treasurer.

A native son of Houston, Texas, Mr. Lewis was born on February 24th, 1895. His father, C. W. Lewis (now deceased), was a native of Pennsylvania and a member of a well known family of that State. His mother, Mrs. Sophia (Settegast) Lewis, a native of Houston, Texas, was a member of one of this city's most prominent families, who have figured in making this city the wonderful metropolis of the Southwest. His early education was obtained in the schools of Houston, after which he became a student of the Virginia Military Institute, graduating from that institution in the class of 1915, later taking a post-graduate course at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He is also a graduate of the Dallas School of Embalming.

Mr. Lewis was married at Houston, Texas, on December 19th, 1917, to Miss Anna Mary Polk of Houston, Texas, and a daughter of Edwin Polk, a native of Evansville, Indiana, but now a well known resident of Houston. Her mother, Mrs. Annie Lee (Stowers) Polk, also a native of Indiana, was a member of a prominent family of that State. They have two children, Samuel Oliver and William Gardner, both of whom are at home with parents. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis reside at 1007 Willard Avenue. Mr. Lewis is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and is also a Shriner of this order. He holds membership in the American Business Club and various other fraternal, commercial and social organizations here, in all of which he takes an active interest. His church affiliation is with the Episcopal denomination, this being the religious belief of his forbears. Mr. Lewis, as chief executive of the Oliver

Lewis Company, Inc., is justly proud of the modern establishment, which represents the realization of his professional ideals, and Houston is proud of her native son, with the initiative to provide her with the wonderful funeral house, which is the last word in the mortuary world.



**TOM C. GOODSON** was appointed to the office of superintendent of the Houston Police Department January 11th, 1923, where for many years prior to the appointment to this important position, he was a member of the Houston Police Department, and had served in practically every branch of this service, where he made a record that has never been surpassed in the annals of the Houston Police Department.

There are two hundred and nine men in the Police Department of Houston, with twenty-six detectives and sixteen motorcycle officers, and the patrolmen in this service work eight hours per day and the detectives serve twelve hours. The Police Department are quartered on the third and fourth floors of the splendid, new city jail, where they have well equipped offices, all modern conveniences and contrivances to be found in a latter day police department. Mr. Goodson has one of the best organized police departments in the South, and the following well known Houston men are his able assistants: R. J. Martin, assistant superintendent; George Iiams, captain of police; J. J. Kuykendall, captain of traffic department; W. F. Kessler, chief of detectives; and Tom Shelly, captain of detectives.

A native Texan, Mr. Goodson was born in Montgomery, March 24th, 1887. His father, Thomas J. Goodson (deceased) also a native of the Lone Star State, was engaged in farming in Montgomery County during all his life. His mother (now deceased) was Miss Hester Winnie May, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Montgomery County, and in 1908, at the age of nineteen years, he came to Houston, and later went to Mart, Texas, where he served an apprenticeship in the railroad machine shops at that place. He then returned to Houston and for a time was employed in various blacksmith shops of the city, and in 1911 was appointed on the police department, and for one and one-half years he was police officer No. 1, and he then entered the detective department, and remained in this department until he was appointed superintendent of the Police Department of Houston. While in the detective department, Mr. Goodson made a wonderful record, and during this period he paid particular attention to pickpockets, swindlers, bunko men and thieves, and in handling this gentry, Mr. Goodson did not use kid gloves, and established a record that few men have ever attained. Mr. Goodson is the possessor of a magnificent diamond-studded gold badge given to him on March 16th, 1923, by friends and business men of Houston in appreciation of his great service. Mr. Goodson is a member of the B. P. O. E., chief of Police Association, and the Houston Turnverein. He resides at the Cotton Hotel. Mr. Goodson is regarded by the citizens of Houston as one of the best officers the city has ever had, absolutely without fear, when any duty was to be done, and since his regime began, this department has been reorganized and is now considered one of the best in the Southwest.



**H**ERBERT C. MAY for a score of years has been identified with the printing industry at Houston, attaining therein an enviable reputation and for a decade operating one of the most modern printeries in the city. Mr. May owns the Herbert C. May Printing Company, which he established in 1913, beginning in a small way and gradually expanding as business conditions warranted. In 1919 he built a new business home, a beautiful little brick building with two thousand square feet of floor space, at 814 Milam Street, just at the edge of the business district. This building has been made very attractive by the use of flowers and shrubs around the walls and gives a pleasant atmosphere to the place. The Herbert C. May Printing Company specializes in the better class of printing and advertising matter of the best type. They have an excellent patronage and employ twelve experienced men in the office. Mr. May is the exclusive owner of the business.

Mr. May was born in the southern part of Mississippi, in 1884, son of David R. May, a native of Ireland who came to America as a young man. He was educated in the public schools of Mississippi and attended the Mississippi A. and M. College for two years. While still attending school, he began to work in printing shops and in 1905 came to Houston, where he worked in various shops until 1909, when he went in business for himself in a partnership shop. In 1913 he established the Herbert C. May Printing Company, which he has since operated.

Mr. May was married at Houston, in 1913, to Miss Ida Emery, a native of the Lone Star State. They have one son, Herbert C. May, Junior, and live at 116 West Hathaway Street. Mr. May is a charter member and the first secretary of the Houston Advertising Club and is state vice chairman of the Near East Relief. Fraternally he is a Mason, Holland Lodge, No. 1.

**A**D. FOREMAN came to Houston in 1911 and since that time has been engaged in the real estate business here. He is the owner of A. D. Foreman and Company, with offices in the Second National Bank Building. In addition to doing a general real estate business the A. D. Foreman and Company are the managers and exclusive agents for the West University Place addition, which is an exclusive residence section, located near Rice Institute. This addition consists of five hundred acres, and has city conveniences. West University Place is owned by the Houston West End Realty Company, of which Ben W. Hooper, ex-governor of Tennessee, and at present chairman of the U. S. R. R. Labor Board, is the president; in fact the company is entirely composed of Tennessee people. They have spent \$200,000.00 in improvements on West University Place. This addition is divided in to extra large homesites, with building restrictions, wide avenues that are graded and shelled, concrete sidewalks, city water and electricity making it one of the most desirable suburban residence sections in Houston.

Mr. Foreman was born in Ohio in 1873. His father, J. A. Foreman, was a well known Presbyterian Minister of Ohio. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Nashville, Tennessee, his parents having removed to Nashville when he was a boy and he was reared in that city. Mr. Foreman started his business career when eighteen years

of age on the road as a traveling representatives out of Louisville, Kentucky, and remained in this traveling position for five years. He afterwards was engaged in the manufacturing business in Nashville, and manufactured a line of trunks and leather goods, which was sold at retail at the factory. He was engaged after disposing of this business, in real estate in Nashville for five years, before coming to Houston in 1911.

Mr. Foreman was married in Nashville, December 16th, 1895, to Miss Grace Adams, a member of a prominent Tennessee family. Her father, W. S. Adams, was a member of one of the oldest families in the State of Tennessee, and before the war was a wealthy land and slave owner. The Civil War broke him up and he afterwards became a minister. They have three children—Louise, Celeste and A. D. Foreman, Jr. Mr. Foreman is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in the Blue Lodge of Houston. He also is a member of the Houston Real Estate Board, Houston Civic Council, and is a staunch and consistent member of the Baptist Church. He is vice president of the Baptist Laymen's Union of Texas; he is a Moderator of the Union Baptist Association; has been for ten years a Deacon of the First Baptist Church, and was for five years superintendent of the Sunday School of that church. He is interested in all matters having to do with the civic improvements, progress and advancement of Houston, which he believes is soon to become the leading city of the Southwest.

**L**EO M. LEVY, a native of Houston, and one of the most progressive of the younger business men, has been associated with mercantile operations during his business career in the city, and is attaining a commendable reputation for the capable manner in which he has launched and managed one of the most up-to-date ladies ready-to-wear stores in the city. Mr. Levy is the Vice-President and Treasurer of the Dollahite-Levy Company, Inc., Ladies' Ready-to-Wear and Millinery Store, of which he is one of the organizers, and which has since been one of the largely patronized stores of the city, building up an extensive clientele among the elite. Mr. Levy has an exclusive line of millinery and ladies ready-to-wear, making a specialty of new and charming garments for milady, creating an atmosphere of quietness and refinement that is one of his greatest business assets. He has chosen his fixtures and fittings with care and the store arrangement accomplished with the idea of affording a suitable background for the display of fine clothing. Mr. Levy has an excellent location, at 801 Main Street, and employing fifteen competent and trained employees.

Mr. Levy was born at Waco, the twenty-seventh of September, 1894, son of I. S. and Carrie Landman Levy. His father, now deceased, was a native of Houston, and was connected with Levy Brothers Dry Goods Company of this city, also directing his energies to the welfare of his city. His mother is also a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. Levy was educated in the Houston Public Schools, and after his graduation went to Riverview Military Academy, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he took the straight course. Returning home he entered Levy Bros. Dry Goods Co. store, in 1912, working through all departments, and was in the ladies' ready-to-wear at the time of the entrance of the United States in the



world war. He enlisted in the Thirty-sixth Division, One hundred and forty-third Infantry, Texas National Guard, and went to France with this famous division that took such a well-known part in winning the war. Enlisting as a private Mr. Levy was commissioned Second Lieutenant in May, 1918, and First Lieutenant in November of the same year, while in service in France. After the armistice he was discharged, the twenty-seventh day of April, 1919, and came back to his home. He spent the ensuing two years in the ready-to-wear department of Levy Brothers, and then resigned this position to enter business for himself.

Mr. Levy was married in Beaumont, the sixth of December, 1920, to Miss Selma Roos, daughter of Henry Roos, pioneer merchant of that city. They make their home at 1401 Sul Ross Avenue. Mr. Levy takes a keen interest in civic development, and is a member of the various clubs devoted to this interest. Fraternally he is an Elk.



**E. NORTON**, owner of the Norton Realty Company, came to Houston in 1909 and a year later established his present business, which has had a continuous growth since that time. The Norton Realty Company is a personal firm devoted to mortgage loans. Mr. Norton represents the Deming Investment Company of Oswego, Kansas, which has their Texas headquarters in Dallas. He makes farm and city loans without fees or commissions, and owns and deals in his own property; also has oil leases in Harris and Walker Counties and some production at West Columbia, Texas. He is president of the Liberty Heights Land and Investment Company, which owns the Liberty Heights Addition, located in East Houston. This addition was started in 1918, land was purchased and houses were built at cost, not contracted, and were sold to purchasers at actual cost of construction. Thirty houses were built and disposed of in this way, being of first class building materials, splendid construction, well built, and finished inside and outside, and are really beautiful residences. Building and Loan Associations and lumber companies will loan money to build in this addition, where the restrictions are not severe, but no shacks can be built, and no colored owners allowed.

Mr. Norton was born at Durand, Illinois, April 29th, 1876. His father, Oscar Norton (deceased since 1920) was a well known business man of Illinois. His parents came to Texas after they were seventy years of age and settled on a ranch in Colorado County. His mother, Mrs. Jane Norton, is now residing in Los Angeles, California, at the age of seventy-nine years. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Illinois, and later he attended Beloit College Academy at Beloit, Wisconsin. After leaving college Mr. Norton remained for two years on the ranch with his parents in Colorado County, and was before coming to Houston, for eleven years a sales manager in Harvard, Illinois, with a large manufacturing concern.

Mr. Norton was married at Harvard, Illinois, July 4th, 1899, to Miss Nella B. Barbour, a member of a well known Illinois family. They have three children—Barbara, twelve years of age; L. E. Norton, Jr., aged ten years, and Sylvia Joy, an infant; all of the Norton children were born in Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Norton reside at 3306 Crawford Street.

Mr. Norton is a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis Club. He is a member of the First Methodist Church. Mr. Norton is also president of the Music Council of Houston, organized for the purpose of promoting the best interest of music. Since coming to Houston he has been active in the business, social and general community life of the city, and gives liberally of his time to all projects tending to its welfare and advancement. He expects Houston to continue its steady, consistent growth and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines.



**JOSEPH WEINGARTEN** has for more than two decades been associated with merchandising activities at Houston, and as an executive of one of the largest department grocery corporations in the city has taken an active part in the development of the self-service system. Mr. Weingarten is President and General Manager of J. Weingarten, Incorporated, a firm established in 1902 by Mr. Weingarten and his father, Harris Weingarten. At that time a small store on Congress Avenue was opened, and with the passing of the years business conditions have from time to time demanded expansion until now there are under the direction of the corporation three of the largest department grocery stores in Houston. These stores, one at 1502, 1504 and 1506 Main Street, opened in 1912, another at 1009 Texas Avenue, opened in 1920, and the third, at the corner of Washington and Preston Avenues, opened in 1923, form an organization that ranks the J. Weingarten stores among the big merchandising ventures of the city. The three stores total thirty thousand square feet of floor space and have a force of more than one hundred employees. In 1919 the self-service plan was adopted, and since that time one of the best functioning self-service systems in this territory has been developed. The stores offer many advantages to patrons, and are the most extensively patronized in the city. The officers of J. Weingarten, Incorporated, are: Joseph Weingarten, President and General Manager, Sidney Meyer, Vice-President, Abe Weingarten, Secretary, and Solomon Weingarten, Treasurer.

Joseph Weingarten was born in Galacia, Austria, the eighth of October, 1884, son of Harris Weingarten, and Belle Weingarten. The family came to the United States in 1887, and after spending several years at Richmond, Texas, came to Houston, where the elder Mr. Weingarten was actively associated with the merchandising business until his retirement. Mr. Weingarten was educated in the public schools of Richmond and Houston, later attending the Massie Business College. After finishing his education he took a position in the business world, but two weeks were sufficient to convince him that he should be in business for himself. With his father he established the store that was the forerunner of the present Weingarten stores, on Congress Avenue.

Mr. Weingarten was married at Houston, the sixth of May, 1923, to Miss Malvina Kessler, a native of Europe, who has only been in Houston a short time. Mr. Weingarten is regarded as a business man of sound principles, and in addition to his interest in the J. Weingarten corporation, owns and controls the Nut Crystal Company, whose business is the manufacture and distribution of the famous Nut Crystal Fruit Cakes.



**G**EORGE A. MARTIN has been a foremost figure in the Humble oil field since this field first sprang into prominence and has become known as one of the largest independent operators in this section. Mr. Martin is a member of the firm of Cezeaux and Martin, of which firm Phil Cezeaux, also a pioneer oil operator of Texas, is the other member. The firm was organized in 1919, since which time it has been actively engaged in production at Humble, owning eight producing wells in this field. A force of ten employees is maintained, all of whom are expert operators and pioneers in the oil business. Mr. Martin came to Humble in 1908, since which time he has drilled upward of one hundred wells in this field, and has had great success as a driller and operator. He has also engaged in operations at Brownwood, where he was active in 1920, and Burkburnett, where he operated in 1920 and 1921. Mr. Martin came to Texas in 1902, at the time of the boom at Spindle Top, and has been active in the oil industry since that time.

George A. Martin was born in Clarke County, Missouri, the second of August, 1882, the son of Andrew Jackson Martin and Lucy A. (Strosnider) Martin. Andrew Jackson Martin, a native of Missouri, and engaged in the real estate business in that State, and as a livestock buyer and shipper for many years, retired in his late years and came to Humble, where his death occurred. Mrs. Martin, also a native of Missouri, is deceased. George A. Martin received his education in the public schools of Clark County, Missouri, and lived there until 1902, when as a young man he came to Texas, going to Spindle Top at the time of the opening of that field. Since then he has operated in many of the fields, and is one of the best known drilling contractors in this section.

Mr. Martin was married at Batson, Texas, the twenty-eighth of February, 1906, to Miss Elsie Catherine Holloway, a native of Arkansas, who came to Texas at an early age and was reared in this State. Mr. and Mrs. Martin have one child, Lloyd Martin, and reside on the Houston road, a short distance out of Humble. Mr. Martin is a thirty-second degree Scottish Rite Mason, Knight Templar, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine.

**P.** VON ARX of Houston, Texas, has for more than ten years been prominently identified with the real estate industry of this city and has had a share in the development which has taken place here during this time. Mr. Von Arx is the President of the Englewood Place Company, Inc., which was organized in October, 1924. This is a Texas corporation dealing in city and farm properties, and is one of the largest concerns of its kind of Houston. The Vice President and Secretary of the Englewood Place Company, Inc., is Mr. F. B. Lander. The offices of this company are located at 429 West Building.

A native of Missouri, Mr. Von Arx was born at Swiss on December 4th, 1874. His father, J. Von Arx, a native of Switzerland, although advanced in years, is still active and for many years has been a resident of the United States. His mother, Mrs. Mary (Shreman) Von Arx, a native of Missouri, was a member of a well known family of that State. His early education was obtained in the schools of

his native State, after which he attended the Northern Illinois Normal and Business College.

While Mr. Von Arx was for many years active in the real estate industry in various sections of the country prior to locating in Houston, his first work after leaving school was in the railroad service. He entered the employ of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway in a very modest position and remained with this railroad for twenty-four years, during which he worked himself up to the position of General Agent of this line of road. After leaving the service of the railroad Mr. Von Arx went West to the Dakotas, where he engaged in the real estate business, later going to Wisconsin and still later to California, where he still continued in the real estate industry. He then came to Texas, first locating at Dallas, where he became associated with the Cabel Saving System to Banks, remaining in this position until he came to Houston and engaged in the real estate business, where he has met with signal success.

Mr. Von Arx was married at Brookings, South Dakota, on June 23rd, 1905, to Miss Gertrude Rexford, a daughter of Homer Rexford, a native of Canada, and who is well known in the business circles of Quebec. Her mother, Mrs. Retta Rexford, was a native of Janesville, Wisconsin, and a member of a prominent family of that city. They have one child—Ruth Rexford—who is a student of Sophia Newcomb College of New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. and Mrs. Von Arx reside at 418 West Alabama Avenue. Mr. Von Arx is a member of the B. P. O. E., the A. F. and A. M., the Moose, the Houston Chamber of Commerce and other fraternal and commercial organizations of Houston, in all of which he takes a keen interest.



**A.** HORLOCK, manager of the H. Schumacher Oil Works, and pioneer oil mill man of Texas, has spent a half century at Nava-sota, engaged in oil mill operation, and there is no man in Texas today more familiar with every phase of the development of this important industry. Mr. Horlock has been connected with the Schumacher Oil Works since the organization of that plant in 1873, receiving his training under the late H. Schumacher, founder of the first oil mill to be established in Texas, and a man whose name will ever be linked with the history of this industry. Mr. Horlock has held every position in a cotton seed oil mill, and in his present position as manager, an office he has held for many years, he brings this practical knowledge to bear in a way that enhances the smooth functioning of the mill. The H. Schumacher Oil Works is not only one of the oldest cotton seed oil mills in Texas, but is one of the largest, and since the death of the founder has been operated by a group of men who are well known in oil mill circles as progressive business men. These men are, E. H. Terrell, president; W. B. Wesson, vice president, and W. B. Templeton, secretary and treasurer.

R. A. Horlock was born at Mobile, Alabama, the fifth of January, 1849, son of John Horlock, and Lucette Barley Horlock, the father of London, England, the mother from Pennsylvania. When the Civil War came Mr. Horlock, then but a boy, enlisted in the Confederate Army, and his education was completed as a soldier, enduring hardship and



danger, rather than in the colleges of that day. During the last year and a half of the war he ran the blockade, a particularly hazardous service, and many times over, proved his bravery and daring. After the close of the struggle he came to Texas, engaging in the hide and wool business at Galveston from 1867 until 1870, after which he came to Navasota, where he has since made his home, and three years later entering the oil mill business, with the H. Schumacher Oil Works, with the operation of which he has since been identified.

Mr. Horlock was married at Navasota, to Miss Ellan Lyon, of Evansville, and after her death to Miss Agnes Mason White of Vicksburg, Mississippi. He has ten children, two: R. W. and Emma, by his first wife, and eight: Agnes, Effie, Ida, Nan, Iscah, Arthur, Gladys, and Edwin, by his second wife. Mr. Horlock is an Elk, and a Knight of Pythias, and a senior warden of the Navasota Episcopal Church. He is one of the outstanding figures in the oil mill business in Texas, and is known and honored by every oil mill man in the state.



**JOHN THOMAS BROWNE** is well known in the financial and political circles of Houston, where he has lived for the past seventy-three years. Coming here in 1853 when the city was but a small village along the bayou, he has proven himself to be one of the most substantial and public-spirited citizens, and has done much to make of it the city it is today. While retired from business, Mr. Browne is interested in all progressive movements and in the further growth of his adopted city.

A native of Ireland, Mr. Browne was born in County Limerick on March 23rd, 1845. His father, Michael Browne (deceased), and his mother, Winifred (Hennessey) Browne, were also natives of Ireland. Coming to Texas in 1852 he attended the public schools here, but his school days were short and his vast store of practical knowledge was mostly gained in the school of experience. His first work was for the H. & T. C. Railroad, for whom he worked for several years. Leaving the railroad he entered the grocery business under the firm name of Browne & Bollfrass, doing both wholesale and retail business. He continued in this business for twenty-two years. This firm built the structure on the corner of Preston and Milam that is standing today, and Mr. Browne personally owns the building at this time, as well as other real estate in Houston. In 1888 he was induced to enter politics, being elected Alderman. He served the term, but would not accept a second term. Two years later he was elected Mayor of Houston, serving the city faithfully for two terms. At the expiration of this time he represented Harris County three terms in the Legislature. During the war he was a member of the Confederate Army and is now a member of the United Confederate Veterans.

Mr. Browne was married at Houston, Texas, on September 13th, 1871, to Miss Mary Jane Bergin of New Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. Browne was the daughter of Michael and Jane (Crabb) Bergin, the father a native of Ireland and the mother a native of England. Mr. and Mrs. Browne are the parents of twelve children: Jno. M., of the Browne Commission Company; Thomas W., City Assessor and Col-

lector; Frank B., engineer on the Southern Pacific Railroad; Mary Elizabeth, now Mrs. M. E. Lyons; Winifred Gertrude, Jane, now Mrs. Chas. Glass; Margaret, now Mrs. Margaret Richter; Nessie, now Mrs. Jas. J. Garvey, and Catherine, now Mrs. A. H. Rickert, all of Houston. Three sons are deceased. The family home is at 3311 Lyons Avenue. Mr. Browne is a member of the Catholic Church and belongs to the Knights of Columbus Lodge.



**C. HUFF** is a pioneer in the lumber circles of Houston, where he has been engaged in the lumber business since 1894. Mr. Huff is President of the C. R. Cummings Lumber Company, and was one of the organizers of this company in 1903. He personally came with the company at that time as Secretary and Treasurer and in 1917 became President and principal owner. The C. R. Cummings Lumber Company carry a large and complete line of retail lumber and building supplies of all kinds, supplying everything used in the construction of a house except electrical supplies and plumbing. They also finance people in building homes. For many years Mr. Huff operated in the lumber industry in Beaumont and Galveston, Texas, but discontinued these plants in 1915.

Mr. Huff was born in Indiana, near Plymouth, Marshall County, February 7, 1862. His father, J. C. Huff, was engaged in the lumber business in both Indiana and Arkansas, and was a leader in this industry in the latter State. His mother was Miss Mary Ellen Fox, a member of a well known Indiana family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Logansport, Indiana. Mr. Huff was born and reared in an atmosphere of the lumber industry and in 1880, when eighteen years of age, he entered this business with his father, and looked after the walnut timber that was taken to his mill in Arkansas. He continued in this business until his father's death in 1885, when he engaged in the steamboat business on the Arkansas River and remained in this line of work until 1889. C. R. Cummings and Jesse N. Cummings, at that time were engaged in the sawmill and export business in Arkansas and he became associated with them in this branch of the lumber business in 1889, and in 1894 came to Houston with these people. He was first engaged as a bookkeeper, and remained in that capacity until Cummings Bros. Company was reorganized in 1898, and he became Secretary of the company at that time. He remained in the position of Secretary until 1903, when the C. R. Cummings Lumber Company was organized and then served as Secretary of both lumber companies until the C. R. Cummings Export Company discontinued business in 1916.

Mr. Huff resides at the Bristol Hotel and he now devotes his entire time to the C. R. Cummings Lumber Company. He has two daughters, Mrs. R. M. Diehl, whose husband, R. M. Diehl, is a well known contractor of Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Mrs. Ben F. Hendrix, whose husband, Ben F. Hendrix, is a traveling salesman, with headquarters at Fort Smith, Arkansas. Mr. Huff holds membership in the Houston Chamber of Commerce, the Lumberman's Club and the Houston Country Club. Mr. Huff is well liked by all classes of people in Houston, and he is held in high esteem by his many friends and acquaintances.





**M. HOLLAND**, Attorney-at-Law, of Houston, Texas, began the practice of law in this city in 1892 and continued his practice here until 1901, when he removed to Matagorda County, Texas. In 1918, he returned to Houston and again established his office here and practiced alone until his son received his degree from college and joined him in the practice of law here, and the name of the firm became Holland and Holland. The firm, which was formed in 1922, is composed of W. M. Holland and William M. Holland, with offices on the fourth floor of the Zindler Building, and are engaged in a general practice of Civil and Criminal Law. Mr. Holland was admitted to the bar of his native State (Kentucky) in 1888, but did not begin the practice of law there; instead he taught school for one year, and then came to Childress, Texas, where he began the practice of law. Later he was elected to the office of County Attorney of Childress County and served in this capacity for two terms, when he removed to Houston. After removing to this city, in 1892, Mr. Holland formed a partnership with W. G. Love under the firm name of Holland and Love, and continued in this partnership until his removal to Matagorda County in 1901. During the seventeen years spent in Matagorda County, Mr. Holland had several partnerships in the practice of law and at all times enjoyed a large practice. He has the distinction of being the first Mayor of Bay City, Texas, and much of the improvements in this prosperous little city today owe their beginning to the efforts of Mr. Holland. Mr. Holland has always taken an active interest in politics and has been the recipient of many positions of honor and trust at the hands of his fellow citizens. He served as a member of the 25th Legislature from Harris County in 1897, and fathered many bills for the good of the people while serving as a member of this body. In 1905, he was elected to the State Senate from Matagorda County, where he served the people with distinction and satisfaction to the extent that he was urged to again become a member of the first law-making body of the Lone Star State, but he refused all entreaties in order to again resume his private practice. In 1912, he was elected to the office of District Attorney of the 23rd District, and was re-elected to this important office, which he continued to hold until 1918, when he resigned in order to return to Houston and again practice law in this city. Another office of importance held by Mr. Holland was that of Assistant District Attorney under E. T. Branch.

A native of Kentucky, Mr. Holland was born at Birmingham, on January 27, 1862. His father, W. C. Holland (deceased), also a native of Kentucky, was engaged in farming in that State, where he was a widely known citizen. His mother (also deceased), was Miss Prenissie Dees, a member of a prominent Kentucky family. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native State and after leaving school and starting to work, he studied law in the law offices of well known lawyers of Benton, Kentucky, and continued his studies along this line until he was admitted to the bar.

Mr. Holland was married in Houston in 1897 to Miss Mussetta Sweeny, a native of Brazos County, Texas, where she was reared and was a daughter of John Sweeny, who was a large land owner of that portion of the State. Mr. Sweeny's large land

holdings dated back to their transfer to him from the Mexican Government and as time passed became quite valuable. They have three children, Catherine, William M. Holland, Jr., who is a graduate of the Bay City High School and also of the University of Texas, having graduated from the last named institution in the class of 1922 with the L. L. B. degree and immediately joined his father in his law practice; and Mussetta, at home with parents. Mr. and Mrs. Holland reside at 816 West Alabama Street. Mr. Holland is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Gray Lodge No. 329, of Houston, and has attained to the 32nd degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple. He is also a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Knights of Pythias, and has been a member of the latter organization for thirty-five years. He is a staunch and consistent member of the Methodist Church and has been affiliated with this denomination throughout his entire life, and is active in the work of this church. A scholar, gentleman, learned judge and conscientious in the affairs of his adopted city. His example as a counsellor, Mr. Holland has been very influential. He has been one of pride to the younger professional men of the Houston bar.



**ILTON P. IVEY**, Manager of the Houston Branch for the Southern Surety Company of Des Moines, Iowa, is well known in insurance circles in Texas, and is numbered among the progressive business men of the younger generation here. He started his business career in the railroad service in Houston and Galveston, being so employed from 1903 to 1913. He left the railroad service to begin his career in the insurance field at Galveston and went with the American Indemnity Company as Manager of the bond department. He remained in this position for three years, when he went to New Orleans for the New Amsterdam Casualty Company of New York, as Manager of the bond department, his territory extending over five States. He remained with this company for two years, when he returned to Houston in August, 1919, as Manager of the American Indemnity Company. In May, 1921, he became General Agent of the Southern Surety Company, and later Agency Director and Assistant State Manager, holding this position until April 1, 1924, when the branch office was opened.

A native Texan, Mr. Ivey was born at Hempstead on March 4, 1889. His father, Elijah B. Ivey, a native of North Carolina, came to Texas with his parents as a child and was reared near Hempstead. He continued to farm in Waller County until his death, and was one of the highly esteemed citizens of that county. His mother, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Kewley) Ivey was a native of Iowa, and she also was brought to Texas as a child, and was reared and educated in this State. She is now a resident of Houston. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston, after which he attended Massey Business College.

Mr. Ivey was married at Beaumont, Texas, on July 19, 1912, to Lelia Elizabeth Flynnne, a native of Brenham, Texas, and a member of a prominent Washington County family. Mr. and Mrs. Ivey reside at 3807 Travis Street. Mr. Ivey is a member of the A. F. and A. M., is a Knight Templar, is a member of Arabia Temple and Shrine Patrol. He



also holds membership in the Glen Brook Country and the Optimist's Clubs. He takes an active interest in all matters having to do with the civic improvement of Houston, and believes that this city will soon become the Metropolis of the Southwest. Although Mr. Ivey is a comparatively recent addition to the insurance circles of Houston and South Texas, he has entered into the spirit of his undertaking, and has had much to do with the success of the Southern Surety Company in this part of the State.



**THE FEDERAL LAND BANK**, of Houston, was organized the twenty-sixth of March, 1917, under Federal Charter, and as a part of the Federal Land Bank System. The Federal Land Bank System is the outgrowth of the Federal Farm Loan Act, approved July 17, 1916, and comprises a system of twelve banks, operating under the supervision of the Farnham Board at Washington, D. C. The system provides that each bank shall have an initial capital of at least seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and that the banks shall act as agencies through which credit is granted to co-operative farm and land associations whose members are land owners or prospective purchasers of land. These loans are made on an adequate value basis, the funds being obtained from paid in capital and bond issues secured by mortgages. They run not less than five, nor more than forty years and are gradually amortized by equal semi-annual payments which include a part of the principal as well as the interest.

These banks were established to meet the need of the farmer for long time credit, and since the bank at Houston was organized the advantages of this system have been demonstrated in a practical manner, the bank having been a factor in the development of the agricultural resources of the Lone Star State.

The Federal Land Bank of Houston is capitalized at \$5,900,000 and since its establishment has made loans to farmers in excess of \$130,000,000. The total assets of the bank are over \$120,000,000. The bank has made loans to over 45,000 farmers. The building occupied by the institution, located at the corner of Rusk and Caroline Streets, was purchased by the bank six and one-half years ago. The abstracts of title on file in connection with loans cost \$2,000,000. The bank employs over fifty people and has thirty appraisers. The officers are M. H. Gossett, President; R. D. Johnson, Treasurer, and John V. Van De Mark, Secretary. These, with S. A. Lindsey, F. E. Churchill, Rowan Mills and J. M. Neely, compose the board of seven under whose direction the bank is operated.

M. H. Gossett, President of the Federal Land Bank, is a native of the Lone Star State. He was born in Cherokee County, the third of February, 1859, son of J. P. Gossett, of South Carolina, and Sally Manuel Gossett, of Mississippi. Mr. Gossett was educated in the public schools of Henderson County, and after leaving school studied law at Athens, Texas, where he was admitted to the bar in November, 1880.

Shortly after being admitted to the bar Mr. Gossett opened his law office at Athens, where he tried his first case, and where he continued to practice for the ensuing seven years. He was elected County Attorney of Henderson County during this time. He then removed to Kaufman County, continuing to fol-

low this vocation, and serving two terms in the State Legislature from this county during the nineteen years of his residence there. Leaving Kaufman County, Mr. Gossett went to Dallas, where he spent eleven years, continuing his practice as an attorney, and becoming known as one of the foremost of the State. While in Dallas he was a member of the firm of Smith and Gossett. When the Federal Land Bank of Houston was organized Mr. Gossett was elected to the Presidency and has since made that city his home.

Mr. Gossett has a family of four children, a daughter, wife of Dr. William M. Anderson, of Dallas; a son, Garry Gossett, of Dallas, and two daughters, Katherine, wife of L. W. Kinnear, of Detroit, and Sarah, wife of L. E. Bruce, of Houston. Mr. Gossett makes his home at the Rice Hotel. He also belongs to the Houston Club, and is an active worker in the Chamber of Commerce. He attends the Methodist Church. He is a Mason, Commandery and Shrine.

R. Douglas Johnson, Treasurer of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, was born at Corsicana, Texas, the second of March, 1884, son of E. Wiley Johnson, a merchant and banker, who came to that city in 1866, from Tennessee, and Frances L. McMillan Johnson, a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. Johnson began his education in the public schools of his native city, and graduating from high school went to the University of Texas, and later to Eastman Business College, at Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Returning to Corsicana he went in the mercantile business, in which he engaged from 1906 to 1914. He then organized the Corsicana Trust Company, doing a farm loan and banking business, in which work he was engaged when appointed on the Directorate of the Federal Land Bank, succeeding Governor Hobby. He was appointed Treasurer in July, 1919. Mr. Johnson was married at Corsicana the twenty-fourth of November, 1904, to Miss Carrie Bess McConnico, of that city. They have three children, Katherine, Dorothy and Elva. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson make their home in Houston, at 4595 Caroline Blvd. They attend the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Johnson belongs to the University Club, Kappa Alpha fraternity, the Rotary Club, and fraternally is a Woodman of the World, a Mason and a Shriner.

John V. Van De Mark, Secretary of the Federal Land Bank of Houston, was born at Clyde, Kansas, the fifth of January, 1884, son of Charles W. Van De Mark, a lawyer and banker of that city, and Addie Stevens Van De Mark. Mr. Van De Mark was educated in the public schools of his native city, later attending Washburn College, from which institution he received the A. B. degree in 1906. The same year he came to Houston, where he went into the business of real estate and mortgage investments. He was President of the Homestead Company and Secretary of the Glen Park Company. In March, 1921, Mr. Van De Mark became Secretary and Director of the Federal Land Bank of Houston.

Mr. Van De Mark was married on August 15, 1923, to Miss McEly B. Scott, of Columbus, Georgia. He is a member of the University Club and the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity. He was Treasurer of the Republican State Executive Committee for six years. He is an executor of the estate of H. F. MacGregor, a well known Texan. Mr. Van De Mark makes his home at 4608 Caroline Street, and attends the Presbyterian Church.



**UNDERWOOD NAZRO.** One of the outstanding men of the Petroleum Industry today is Underwood Nazro, of Houston. He is vice-president of the Gulf Production Company, Gulf Pipe Line Company, Gulf Refining Company of Louisiana, and the Mexican Gulf Oil Company. As active official in these various companies he plays an important part in the development and progress of these companies in the Southwest.

Mr. Nazro was born in Kentucky, and served his apprenticeship in the oil business in West Virginia. He came to Spindletop in the early days of this field, where he became a successful independent operator. He was one of the organizers of the Unity Oil Company, which had considerable production at Spindletop. For many years he has been with the Gulf Company, and is recognized as one of the best informed oil men and executives in the Southwest.

He is a member of various civic and social organizations, and is married and has two children.

**PHIL STILLMAN,** for upwards of twenty years actively identified with banking affairs at Houston, is one of the founders of the Seaport National Bank at Houston, Texas, and has held an executive position in this strong financial institutions since its organization. Mr. Stillman is Active Vice-President of the Seaport National Bank, established in September, 1924, as a new institution, with a capitalization of \$250,000 and a paid-in surplus of \$25,000. The Seaport National Bank occupies a most modern and up-to-date banking house at the corner of Main and Prairie Avenue, and had, as its officers and directors, a group of active business men and financiers of Houston, whose sterling integrity inspires confidence in the institution with which they are affiliated. The officers of the Seaport National Bank are: W. S. Myers, chairman of the board, and president, and the founder of Myers-Spalti Mfg. Company, the largest furniture manufacturers in the Southwest; Phil Stillman, subject of this sketch, Active Vice-President; S. J. Westheimer, Vice President, retired capitalist; E. T. Reinhart, prominent merchandise broker, Vice President; W. H. Hogue, Vice-President; W. E. Fain, owner of the Texas Warehouses of Houston, Texas, Vice-President, and W. A. Smith, cashier, who, for the past twenty-five years has been actively identified in banking circles and well known as a former national bank examiner of this district. The directory, in addition to the above mentioned, includes Allen Hannay, lawyer; Jonas Levy, retired; B. W. Warren, of the Warren Company; W. O. Wood, of Jno. R. Young and Company; and Jake Alexander, of the Alexander Grocery Company, of La Grange, Texas, and Alfred Alexander of F. Fontanills Cotton Exports.

Mr. Phil Stillman was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., on the twenty-second of September, 1891, son of B. Stillman, of New York City. He was educated in the public schools of Brooklyn, N. Y., coming to Houston as a boy, in 1905. After one year with different firms, Mr. Stillman went to the Houston National Exchange Bank as errand boy, and, during the following eighteen years, was promoted through each department of the bank, learning through practical experience each detail of the banking business. In 1915 Mr. Stillman attended the

night law school of Judge Townes in Houston, Texas, and, after a two-year night course, was admitted to the Texas Bar in 1916, spending one year in the practice of law, after which he resumed his banking career with the Houston National Bank as Assistant Cashier, remaining with that institution until the twelfth of September, 1924, when he resigned to organize the Seaport National Bank of Houston, of which he is Active Vice-President.

Mr. Stillman was married on the sixteenth of November, 1913, to Miss Anna Burger, of Galveston, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Stillman reside at 1650 Richmond Avenue, and have two children, Sybilla Ray Stillman, and Mildred Joyce Stillman.



**B. HINES,** one of the best known insurance men of Texas, and an expert in questions concerning adjustments, has made his headquarters at Houston for a number of years, making adjustments for the various insurance companies doing business in the Southwest. Mr. Hines is Assistant General Manager, and Manager of the Houston Division of the Southwestern Adjustment Company, a firm established in 1920 for the purpose of making adjustments for insurance companies, and now looking after this work for most of the companies of the United States. The Southwestern Adjustment Company, with offices in Houston, San Antonio, Brownwood, Waco, Dallas and Wichita Falls, Texas, in New Orleans, Louisiana, in Little Rock, Arkansas, and in Tulsa and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is the largest adjustment company in Texas, and has handled a very large volume of business since its establishment. The Houston office, of which Mr. Hines is Manager, has offices in the Chronicle Building.

J. B. Hines was born at Tallahassee, Florida, the twenty-third of August, 1873, the son of J. T. Hines, a native of Georgia, who later went to Florida, still later, in 1881, coming to Texas, and has resided at Bryan for many years, and is now engaged in the transfer business, after many years spent in the railroad business. His mother was before her marriage, Miss Willie Bizzell, and is a native of Florida. J. B. Hines attended the public schools of Bryan, later taking a commercial course at Poughkeepsie, New York, attending Eastman College. He then returned to Bryan, beginning as bookkeeper for a local firm in 1890. In 1909 he entered the insurance business with Trezevant and Cochran, General Agents, of Dallas, as Special Agent working out of the Dallas office. Mr. Hines remained with this company from 1909 until 1916, when he came to Houston and with C. L. Tarlton opened an adjustment office here, as Tarlton and Hines. He operated this company until 1918, when he engaged in business alone, as J. B. Hines, and two years later established the adjustment company with which he has since been associated in an executive capacity.

Mr. Hines was married at Marlin, Texas, in February, 1899, to Miss Johnye Martin. Mr. and Mrs. Hines have one daughter, Bess, wife of Leo C. Tynan, of San Antonio, where he is engaged in the mercantile brokerage business, and who have one child, Leo C. Tynan, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Hines reside at 710 Kipling Avenue, in Houston. Mr. Hines is a Knight of Pythias and has many friends, both at Houston and over the State, who regard him as one of the leaders in the insurance business.



**J**AMES R. REID, JR., during his six years in Houston, has been connected with the shipping business, and has become one of the leading factors in his chosen work. Mr. Reid is local manager for John I. Hay, Foreign Freight Broker and Forwarding Agent, of New Orleans, La., with offices in the Cotton Exchange Building.

Mr. Reid started in the shipping and brokerage business at an early age, going with the Southern Express Company at Atlanta, Georgia, and being connected with this concern also in Birmingham, Alabama, and Columbia, South Carolina offices. Rounding out his business experience with a diversity of occupations, such as being affiliated with the Quick Results Advertising Company of Augusta, Georgia, as president, and with Alabama Power Company of Birmingham, Alabama, then with Arthur Tuft, Construction Engineer, of Atlanta, Georgia, and the Sloan and Company of Chattanooga, Tennessee—the last two, building materials and construction companies—he settled upon the shipping and brokerage business as the work he liked best.

Mr. Reid enlisted with Troop L, Second Squadron, Georgia Cavalry, otherwise known as the Governor's Horse Guards, and was discharged at El Paso, Texas, on the 22nd of March, 1917. After leaving the army he became connected with the E. P. and S. W. Railway, in their shipping department, and then became manager of the claim department of the Momsen-Dunnegan-Ryan Company, wholesale hardware jobbers at El Paso. During the World War Mr. Reid went into service in the Quartermaster's Machine Shop Repair Unit, at Fort Bliss, Texas. He was transferred to the Officer's Training School at Camp Pike, and was there during the remainder of the war, and was discharged at Camp Bowie on the 4th of February, 1919, returning to his position with the Momsen-Dunnegan-Ryan Company. In 1920, Mr. Reid went to Mexico for the Moctezuma Copper Company, which is located at Nacozari, in the state of Sonora, Mexico, and is a subsidiary of Phelps-Dodge Corporation of New York City.

Coming to Houston in 1921, and remembering his favorite work, Mr. Reid became affiliated with the I. and G. N. Railroad and then the Houston Belt and Terminal Railway, later becoming rate clerk back with the I. and G. N. Railroad, and in 1924 was transferred to the office of A. E. Buck, as assistant chief clerk. He remained in this position until M. P. and I. and G. N. and the Gulf Coast Lines consolidated and abolished this position. After a short time with the Southern Pacific Lines in their accounting department, Mr. Reid went with the Lykes Bros.-Ripley Steamship Company, and then with Luckenbach Steamship Company, where he remained until becoming local manager for John I. Hay.

Mr. James R. Reid, Jr., was born at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on the 8th of October, 1890, the son of James R. and Cornelia (Carlile) Reid, the former a native of Ohio, and the latter a native of Chattanooga. He was educated in the schools of Chattanooga.

Mr. Reid was united in marriage at El Paso, Texas, on the 26th of August, 1920, to Miss Lois McIntosh, the daughter of Campbell and Ethel (Cunningham) McIntosh, all native Texans. Mr. and Mrs. Reid reside at 406 McGowen Avenue.

The Traffic Club and the Thomas Dismuke Post No. 52, American Legion, claim Mr. Reid as a member, and of the last named he is the Finance Officer. Mr. Reid also is a commissioned officer in the organized Reserve Corps.

A young man who really knows the shipping and brokerage business, Mr. Reid has been in Houston during its greatest growth in this line, and has contributed a large part to its success.



**W**ILLIAM BENSON DAVIS of Houston, Texas, is the secretary and treasurer of the East Texas Oil Company of New Jersey, Inc., one of the pioneer oil organizations of the Lone Star State, having been active in oil development of Texas since 1902. This company, owned by Kountze Brothers of New York, owns interests and leases from Sabine Pass, Texas, up into Angelina County. The firm of Kountze Brothers built a railroad from Beaumont through Kountze, the county seat of Hardin County, to Rockland, Texas, later selling this line of railroad to the Southern Pacific Railway. The East Texas Oil Company of New Jersey drilled and produced oil in the Rockland district of Texas about 1904. Mr. Davis, with offices located at 118 Branard Avenue, Houston, Texas, looks after the interests for the East Texas Oil Company of New Jersey, including leasing and drilling operations. Other officers of this company are: A. F. Kountze, president, and H. D. Kountze, vice president, New York, both of whom are well known in financial circles not only in Texas, but throughout the United States. Messrs. Kountze Brothers were also pioneers in the development of the timber resources of the State. Mr. Davis has spent his entire business life associated with this firm. He first started with them in New York as a junior employee and came to Texas in September, 1921, since when he has been in charge of the affairs of the East Texas Oil Company of New Jersey in this territory.

A native of Maryland, Mr. Davis was born at Baltimore on February 20th, 1875. His father, John R. Davis (now deceased), was a native of Virginia. His mother, Mrs. Martha (Benson) Davis, was a member of a well known family of Richmond, Virginia. His education was obtained in the schools of Richmond, Virginia, attending school in the Old White House of the Confederacy. In 1897 he went to New York City and became a student of the New York University, pursuing a course of commerce, accounts and finance at this institution. He became associated with the present owners of the East Texas Oil Company of New Jersey in 1901, remaining with them until the present time.

Mr. Davis was married at New York City on November 20th, 1915, to Miss Helen Cruikshank, a native of New York and a daughter of Edward A. Cruikshank, well known business man of New York. Her mother, Mrs. Grace (Kintzing) Cruikshank was a member of a prominent family of Pennsylvania. They have one child, Eleanor Grace Davis. Mr. Davis is a member of the Maryland Society of New York and served this organization as treasurer for a period of eleven years. He is a member of the Presbyterian Church. Since locating in Houston, Texas, in 1921, Mr. Davis has been a consistent booster for this city, believing that the time is near at hand when it will be the metropolis of the South.





**A. McELROY**, secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Houston Building & Loan Association, is one of its original organizers, and has been identified with it since its inception. The Houston Building & Loan Association is strictly a Houston institution and officered by well known Houston men. Mr. I. B. McFarland is president, A. P. Todd, vice president; Dr. J. Allen Kyle, vice president; Mrs. E. L. Ladd, cashier, and R. P. Elledge, general attorney.

The association is a Mutual Building & Loan Association of Houston and for Houston, operating under the rigid State laws governing such associations. The authorized capital is \$50,000,000. Its offices are located centrally, at the corner of Main Street and McKinney Avenue. It is the first Mutual Building & Loan Association organized in Houston going actively in the field for business. The association has had a phenomenal growth. On April 1st, 1921, its assets were listed as nil; on March 1st, 1924, they were \$1,017,460.36, and July 1st, 1926, in excess of \$2,500,000.00. Carefully selected first mortgage loans on improved real estate properties and loans on stock of the association represent the security back of every dollar invested with the association. The management is conservative and operates strictly with the idea of serving and protecting to the utmost the interests of its patrons. In order that this may be done the Houston Building & Loan Association lends only on first mortgages on Houston real estate not to exceed 60 per cent of its value. A committee from its board of directors personally inspects the properties for every loan made. The association makes sure that fire and tornado insurance is in force, and that all taxes are paid. One per cent of the profits each year is placed in a contingent reserve fund. The accounts are regularly certified by the State Department of Banking and by certified public accountants. All funds invested and credited earnings can be withdrawn at any time subject to thirty days' notice. The shares of the Houston Building and Loan Association are, in the words of the United States Department of Commerce and Labor, "as nearly absolutely safe as can be."

In 1925 Mr. McElroy organized the Houston Life Insurance Association, that operates in conjunction with the Houston Building & Loan Association under authority and supervision of the State Insurance Department. It has no capital stock, being purely mutual in its plans. The officers are W. A. McElroy, president and general manager, and Mrs. E. L. Ladd, who is cashier of Houston Building & Loan Association, secretary and treasurer.

A native Texan, Mr. McElroy was born in Travis County, August 29th, 1882. His father, Thomas E. McElroy, came to Texas from Kentucky and was a large land owner, merchant and planter of Travis County. His mother was, prior to her marriage, Miss Ada Ellison, a member of a well known Georgia family. Mr. McElroy's education was obtained in the public and high schools of Buda, Texas. He began his business career in the postal service in 1898 and remained in this work until 1913. From 1913 to 1921 he was secretary of various chambers of commerce in different sections of Texas, coming to Houston during the latter year.

Mr. McElroy was married at Buda, Texas, in 1904, to Miss Cotta Killian, a daughter of Dr. W. F. Killian, a well known Travis County physician, who

came to Texas from Georgia. They have three children, Thomas Killian, Eugene Nolte, and Ethelbert. Mr. and Mrs. McElroy reside at 501 Richmond Road. In fraternal organizations Mr. McElroy is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and the I. O. O. F. Since coming to Houston Mr. McElroy has been identified with the business, social and general community life of the city, and is particularly interested in all agencies having for their object the civic improvement, progress and development of the South Texas Metropolis.



**GEORGE HAMMAN**, for upwards of a quarter of a century one of the vital forces of the progress of the city of Houston, and vice president of one of the largest financial institutions of the city, enjoys the highest esteem of his fellow citizens, his business and banking methods greatly affecting the industry of the city. Mr. Hamman came with the Union National Bank, then the Union Bank and Trust Company, in 1907, two years after the organization was effected, as vice president. In 1910 the bank was nationalized, and the name changed to Union National Bank, Mr. Hamman remaining vice president, which office he still holds. Prior to this he spent many years in the banking business, coming to Houston in 1897 from Calvert and a few months later entering the Planters and Mechanics National Bank as bookkeeper, a few years later becoming assistant cashier and in 1905 cashier, resigning this position two years later to assume the vice presidency of the Union National Bank.

The Union National Bank, one of the largest financial institutions at Houston, is capitalized at one million dollars, the total resources running over nineteen million. The bank is a member of the Federal Reserve System and has a surplus and undivided profits in excess of a million dollars. The officers are J. S. Rice, chairman of the board; R. M. Farrar, president; C. G. Pillot, George Hamman, H. B. Finch, B. B. Gilmer, and A. L. Carter, vice presidents; C. B. Dwyer, cashier; and the directors are Frank Andrews, R. H. Baker, J. S. Bonner, A. L. Bowers, R. E. Brooks, J. J. Carroll, A. L. Carter, C. L. Carter, W. T. Carter, Jr., George R. Christie, T. C. Dunn, R. M. Farrar, H. B. Finch, B. B. Gilmer, George Hamman, G. A. Kelley, Haskell Levy, Dr. Fred R. Lummis, C. L. Neuhaus, W. O. Neuhaus, C. G. Pillot, Norman W. Pillot, R. D. Randolph, J. W. Reynolds, J. S. Rice, W. M. Rice, H. C. Schumacher, J. J. Sweeney, and R. W. Wier.

George Hamman was born at Calvert, Texas, the eighteenth of April, 1874, son of William H. and Ella V. Loudermilk Hamman. His father came to Texas in 1858, and lived in Calvert during the Civil War. He was a lawyer and died in 1890. Mr. Hamman was educated in the Calvert public schools, and after finishing his education went into the banking business.

Mr. Hamman was married at Houston, the sixteenth of February, 1904, to Miss Josephine Milby, daughter of C. H. Milby, a native of the Lone Star State and born at Indianola. Mr. and Mrs. Hamman make their home at Harrisburg, Texas, six miles from Houston. Mr. Hamman takes an active interest in civic affairs and is a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He belongs to the Houston Club, and the Houston Country Club. He attends the Episcopal church.



**G**EORGE V. ROTAN was born at Waco, Texas, the 18th of July, 1886, son of Edward and Kate S. (McCall) Rotan. Edward Rotan is president of the First National Bank of Waco. George V. Rotan is a graduate of Yale, class of 1907. After leaving college he returned to his home city, Waco, and was with the Telephone Company for a time, later organizing the Bankers Trust Company, which he managed for seven years. During the war he served in the Air Service as captain, headquarters staff, located at Kelly Field, San Antonio. After receiving his discharge he came to Houston in 1919 and has since been a member of the firm of Neuhaus & Company.

Mr. Rotan was married at Waco, Texas, in 1909, to Miss Charlotte Padgitt, daughter of Mr. Tom Padgitt, well known business man of Waco. Mr. and Mrs. Rotan have four children, Edward, Sarah Charlotte and Kate.

Mr. Rotan is a member of the Houston Club, Houston Country Club, the Pine Valley Golf Club of New Jersey and the Waco Spring Lake Country Club. He is one of the best golfers in Texas and was a member of the Walker (Golf) Cup International Team playing at St. Andrews, Scotland, in 1923, where they won the International Match.

**H**ENRY G. BUTLER of Houston, Texas, is one of the oldest and best known manufacturers of Ballast of the entire country, having for almost a half century been active in this industry. He is the president of the Southwest Ballast Company, Inc., one of the leading organizations of its kind of the Southwest, with headquarters in Houston, Texas, and plants located at New Iberia, Louisiana; Maytown and Kaufman, Texas. Mr. Butler has the distinction of having manufactured the first clay ballast to be made in the United States—this was in 1880. Since Mr. Butler started in the manufacture of ballast, there has been a revolution in the methods used in the manufacture of this commodity. In the olden days eight months time was required in which to properly prepare or burn the clay, but now only twenty-four hours time is required, hence the name of the product of the Southwest Ballast Company's product—rapid process burnt clay ballast. The Houston offices of this company are located at 1110 Marshall Avenue. Associated with Mr. Butler as an executive of the company is his son, W. A. Butler, who is the secretary and treasurer and well known in the financial, commercial and manufacturing circles of the Southwest.

A native of England, Mr. Butler was born at Liverpool on July 17th, 1859. His father, Henry Meadows Butler (deceased) and mother, Mrs. Louisa (Croft) Butler, were both natives of Liverpool, England, and members of prominent families of that city, where throughout his life Mr. Butler was active in the business and social circles. His education was obtained in the various schools and colleges of England. At the age of twenty years, he entered the ballast manufacturing industry, and has continued in this business throughout his life. The first ballast manufactured in the United States was known to the railroad world, who are the users of this commodity, as gumbo ballast. For more than five years the Southwest Ballast Company, Inc., have been making ballast exclusively for the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Butler was married at Chicago, Illinois, to Miss Jane Hatton, a native of England and a daughter of Thomas Hatton, (deceased) well known in the commercial life of his native country. Her mother, Mrs. Mary (Davy) Hatton, was also a native of England. Mr. and Mrs. Butler have one son, W. A. Butler, associated with his father in the manufacturing industry. Mr. and Mrs. Butler reside at 307 Sul Ross Avenue. Mr. Butler is a member of the A. F. and A. M., a Shriner of Arabia Temple, a Knight Templar of Ruthven Commandery, and Trinity Episcopal Church. In his chosen field of activity Mr. Butler has for many years been a leader, and his skill in the ballast manufacturing has been of untold benefits to the railroad world. He has been a resident of Houston, Texas, since 1921, where his influence has been felt in the commercial and social life.



**M.** LEVY, sole owner of the A. M. Levy Dry Goods and Department Store at 409 Travis Street, Houston, is one of the splendid examples of thrift and industry to be found in this country. Mr. Levy established this store in 1901 and his business has grown steadily since that time. While not as large as some other department stores, Mr. Levy carries a complete line of men's, women's and children's clothing, furnishings and dry goods, which are arranged in such a manner as to make an attractive showing. The Levy Department Store is fifty by one hundred feet, and ten people are employed in his establishment. Mr. Levy's policy in handling this business is to have the customer leave the store satisfied, and with a feeling that he wants to return. He makes it a point to give the greatest value for the least money.

Mr. Levy was born in Europe in 1873. His education was obtained in schools in various countries of Europe, and he studied English during all spare moments both before and after coming to America.

Mr. Levy came to the United States when sixteen years of age and began his business career in a wholesale dry goods establishment in New York City, where he remained for six years. During all of this time, he planned and dreamed of the time when he could have a business of his own, however small. In 1895, during President Cleveland's administration, he came to Texas on the strength of the reports of New York friends who had been here and all had met with success. On reaching Houston, he started, as did many of the pioneer merchants of Texas by selling goods from house to house. Later he purchased a wagon, horse and a small stock of goods, and in 1901 opened a store in Houston. In addition to his store, Mr. Levy is interested in several other local enterprises, and is a director in the People's State Bank. Mr. Levy was married in Houston in 1903 to Miss Ester Freund, a native of Columbia, Texas, and a member of a well known family of that place. They have three children—William, Louis and Henry. The Levy home is at 309 Avondale Street. Mr. Levy is a member of the Knights of Pythias, the Dokies and the Houston Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Levy loves Houston, and considers it by far the best city in the country, and gives liberally of his time to all projects tending to the welfare, growth and advancement of this city.





**ELMORE D. SINGELTARY** is well known in the banking and business circles of South Texas, where he is cashier of the Citizens' State Bank of League City. Mr. Singeltary became associated with this bank in 1913, and was first bookkeeper and in 1917 was made cashier, and has remained in this position since that time. The Citizens' State Bank of League City was established in 1906, and has a capital stock of \$15,000.00, with deposits of over \$70,000.00, and surplus and undivided profits of \$5,000.00. This bank makes many outside loans, but fig loans are as yet almost unknown in banking circles, but from the real estate man's standpoint are considered good loans. Other officers of this bank are: Sealy Hutchings of Galveston, president, and C. Harper Anderson, vice president. The directors are George Sealy, C. Harper Anderson, Sealy Hutchings, E. R. Girardeau, E. D. Singeltary and C. F. Smithson, assistant cashier. In addition to his banking interests, Mr. Singeltary is engaged in the cattle business as a private venture, which is largely his own, but has partners in some of his cattle deals. He is engaged in breeding, buying and selling, all of which are range cattle, except a few cattle of the Brahma breed. For grazing purposes, Mr. Singeltary uses leased pastures and the open ranges in Galveston and Harris Counties. He has about nine hundred head of cattle on hand, which is the average number, as he buys and sells during the entire year. Mr. Singeltary says that the general trend of the cattle business in this portion of Texas shows an upward movement.

Mr. Singeltary was born in Georgia on October 17th, 1886. He came to Texas with his father, I. D. Singeltary, in 1901, and located here, and his banking experience has been obtained in the institution of which he is now an official. His father has been engaged in farming in South Texas since coming here. His mother was Miss Irene Dennison, a member of a prominent Georgia family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Georgia and Texas and he later attended college at Whitewright, Texas, for a period of one year.

Mr. Singeltary was married at League City, Texas, on December 22nd, 1910, to Miss Mary Butler, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of G. W. Butler, well known stockman and real estate owner of South Texas. They have three children—Mary, Margery and Elmore D. Singeltary, Jr. Mr. Singeltary is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in Lodge No. 1053 of League City, Texas; a member of Consistory No. 1 at Galveston, and is a Shriner of El Mina Temple of that city also. He is a member of the Bankers' Association, in which he takes an active interest. Mr. Singeltary is optimistic as to the future of League City and the contiguous country, and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines.



**L. CROW**, well known lumber man of Galveston, Texas, has been a factor in the business circles of this city for more than seventeen years, having, prior to engaging in the lumber business, been for many years active in the railroad life of Galveston. Mr. Crow is president and manager of the Gulf Lumber Company, which is one of the largest and best plants of its kind in Galveston and is doing a large business. This lumber company was established in 1914 by Mr.

B. W. Key as president and Mr. A. L. Crow as secretary-treasurer. Mr. Key remained as president until his death in January, 1922. He was one of Galveston's most beloved citizens. The company are wholesale and retail dealers in lumber, and mill work and does only high class work. They also deal in cement, roofing, sash, doors and all other materials carried by a first class business of this kind. The plant occupies one and one-half city blocks, which is owned in fee by the company and located at Thirty-second and Mechanic and Market Streets. From twenty-five to thirty people are employed at this plant, which has won a reputation for fair dealing and quick service. Other officers of the Gulf Lumber Company are F. J. Hildebrand, vice president, and Frank R. French, secretary and treasurer. Prior to coming to Galveston, Mr. Crow was for a period of thirteen years associated with the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, in the passenger department at Dallas, Texas, and came to Galveston with this railroad, and continued in its service until the Gulf Lumber Company was organized, and it is conceded that his competent management has made it the large and prosperous concern that it is.

Mr. Crow was born at Charlestown, Mississippi, on October 8th, 1884. His father, A. L. Crow, was a well known planter and land owner of Mississippi. His education was obtained in the public schools of his native state.

Mr. Crow was married at Galveston in 1911 to Miss Margaret Stafford, a native Texan and a daughter of W. M. Stafford, who for many years was one of the leading cotton men of the Island City, but is now retired from active business pursuits. They have two children, A. L. Crow, Jr., and Mary Kate. Mr. and Mrs. Crow own their home at 2709 Broadway. Mr. Crow is a member of the Scottish Rite body of the Masonic fraternity, and is a Shriner of El Mina Temple, Galveston. He is also a member of the Galveston Country Club and the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, and is active in these organizations. Mr. Crow is popular in the business and social circles of Galveston, where he has a host of friends. He is active in all projects having to do with the civic improvement of Galveston, and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for this city. It is his opinion that his years spent in the railroad business was a very valuable experience, and as the executive head of the Gulf Lumber Company, he has shown himself to be a man of sound judgment, fully competent to manage the affairs of this establishment and the responsibilities involved.



**D. JAKOVICH** has been active in the business and importing circles of Galveston for many years and has developed one of the most successful importing and manufacturing businesses in this city. Mr. Jakovich is the owner of the Texas Consumers' Company, which was organized in 1906 as a corporation and continued as such until 1912 when Mr. Jakovich purchased the stock of the company and dissolved the corporation. He imports coffee from all coffee growing countries, which he roasts, packs and sells at wholesale throughout Texas to jobbers. His main brand of coffee is "Texcomo," well known for its superior flavor. The Texas Consumers Company are also packers of vinegar, the raw materials for



which are shipped to Galveston by boat from New York. This company are manufacturers of blueing and its "Aunt Susan's Blueing" is widely known and popular. Fourteen experienced people are employed by the Texas Consumers Company, which owns the building and grounds where the plant is located at 3816 Avenue N. Ten thousand square feet of floor space is used in the factory, besides offices and storage rooms. The coffee output is upward of 100,000 pounds each month, besides vast quantities of its manufactured products, which amounts to many car loads, of blueing and vinegar. Mr. Jakovich is optimistic as to the future of the manufacturing business, and says that he could do much more business than he is doing, but has decided to only increase his business as he could increase his capital without taking in outside money, preferring to be the sole owner of the business. Mr. Jakovich began his career with the Consumers Company as office boy and learned all the branches of the business as he was promoted. He finally saw an opportunity to purchase all the stock on the terms suitable to him and since that time he has developed a very fine business from a non-paying, poorly managed concern.

Mr. Jakovich was born in Bakarac, Austria, on September 22nd, 1888, and came to the United States and to Galveston in 1904 without his parents and lived in this city with an uncle and aunt. His early education was obtained in his native country, where he attended college and was educated for a sea captain. After coming to Galveston, he attended Draughon's Business College. Mr. Jakovich is a master of three languages, and speaks two others very well, and he is regarded as a splendid business man, by his competitors and customers alike.

Mr. Jakovich was married at Galveston on January 21st, 1914, to Miss Elizabeth Jersig, a member of an old and prominent family of this city. They have two sons, Edward and Andrew. Mr. and Mrs. Jakovich reside at 3824 Avenue N½. Mr. Jakovich is a member of the B. P. O. E., the Kiwanis Club, the Galveston Chamber of Commerce, the Y. M. P. L. and many of the social organizations of the city. He has been active in the business life of Galveston since locating here, and is regarded as one of the city's most progressive and public spirited citizens.



**HENRY BROWN GOODMAN**, one of the best known retail lumbermen in South Texas, and a member of the firm of Moore and Goodman, 612 Thirtieth Street, has been a resident of Galveston for more than half a century, having come here to reside in 1872, when the present city of Galveston was little more than a fishing village. He has seen the wonderful development of the city from a village of shacks and has played no small part in this work of development.

The lumber business of Moore and Goodman was established by Mr. Goodman and Charles H. Moore in 1894. It is one of the leading retail lumber yards in South Texas and includes a large planing mill and shop for mill work. Other members of the firm at this time besides Mr. Goodman are B. D. and Kilburn Moore.

The subject of this sketch was born in Cumberland County, Virginia, on May 1st, 1849, a son of Robert J. and Frances (Wilkerson) Goodman. His father was a well known farmer and land owner of

Cumberland County and Mr. Goodman was afforded the best educational advantages. After completing the public school courses in the local schools he matriculated at Emory and Henry College in Virginia, completing his studies and graduating with the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

After receiving his degree Mr. Goodman taught in the schools of Virginia for three or four years and then removed to Texas, locating at Galveston and engaging in the retail lumber business until 1881, when he became connected with A. J. Perkins and Company in the manufacture and distribution of lumber. He continued with this concern until the organization of his present business.

In 1883 Mr. Goodman was married in Powhatan County to Miss Marie Louise Brown, daughter of Daniel H. Brown. They have three children, Burleigh, Florence and Robert Wilbur, the last named being connected with the Model Laundry of Galveston. The family home is at 2816 J Street.

In common with other business men and residents of Galveston, Mr. Goodman lost heavily in the disastrous flood of 1900, but undaunted, set to work again to re-establish his business and recoup his losses. His firm enjoys an unbroken record of over thirty years service to the people of Galveston and its policy of liberality and fair dealing has done much in the program of development that brought Galveston to its present commanding position among Southern seaports.

Mr. Goodman has always been devoted to his family and his business, but takes an active interest in civic affairs and in any movement for the betterment of Galveston. He is a member of the board of stewards of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and has been active in the work of the local Young Men's Christian Association.



**FRANK SOAPE** is regarded as a leader in Henderson, Texas, and is interested in every project of a civic or commercial nature that among the younger business men of Henderson is advantageous to his city and State. Mr. Soape for the past several years has been identified with the local telephone company, and has been active in giving the people here good telephone service.

A native Texan, Mr. Soape was born in Rusk County on November 8th, 1894. His father, H. E. Soape, also a native of the Lone Star State, has been for many years engaged in the telephone business in Rusk County, where he is still residing. His mother was formerly Miss Mary Elizabeth Williams, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Henderson, Texas, after which he became a student at Baylor University of Waco and graduated from this institution in the class of 1916 with the A. B. degree. Immediately after leaving college, Mr. Soape embarked in the newspaper business and for one year was with the Waco Times-Herald, after which he entered the army during the World War. He was with the Headquarters Signal Corps Training Camps the greater portion of the time being spent at Beade, Maryland. After receiving his discharge, he came to Houston and with his brother, Ralph, organized an insurance business with which he was associated several years.

Mr. Soape is a member of the A. F. and A. M., the Scottish Rite bodies to the 32nd degree, and Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston.



**J**OHN E. GARRETT, attorney at law, in his practice of more than a decade before the Houston bar, has established a creditable record and won the confidence and esteem of the citizenship of this city. Mr. Garrett has offices at 524 First National Bank Building and is engaged in a general practice of civil law, and has gained a splendid reputation in this branch of jurisprudence. He began the practice of his profession in Houston in 1913, where he has since remained, and during the greater portion of this time he has practiced alone. Mr. Garrett has a large clientele, among whom are numbered some of Houston's representative business men and also some of the city's most important business institutions. He inherited his talent for law, as his father was one of the most prominent lawyers of his time. Mr. Garrett was admitted to the bar in 1912, and during the same year,—when twenty-two years of age, was elected to the office of county attorney and served with distinction in that office for one year, when he resigned in order to come to Houston and practice law in this city, as he realized the wonderful opportunities offered in the legal profession in this city.

A native Texan, Mr. Garrett was born in the old, historic town of San Augustine, on September 22nd, 1890. His father, W. J. Garrett (deceased) also a native of the Lone Star State, was one of the pioneer lawyers and bankers of Texas. For many years, he was one of the leading lawyers of Texas and president of the bank at San Augustine. His mother was Miss Lula Harrison, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of San Augustine, after which he studied law in his father's office, until he was admitted by examination to the Texas bar.

Mr. Garrett was married at San Augustine, on July 26th, 1913, to Miss Augusta Hazle, a native of San Augustine and a daughter of Joe Hazle, well known in the business circles of San Augustine County. They have six children—John E. Garrett, Jr.; J. H., Eugene, Mary, Fern and Annie Marie. Mr. and Mrs. Garrett, with their family of interesting children, reside at 1539 Ashland Street. Mr. Garrett is a member of the Knights of Pythias, and takes an active interest in this organization. Mr. Garrett devotes all spare time from his office to his family, of whom he is deservedly proud and ambitious. Since coming to Houston, he has made a host of friends in the business and social circles of this city, and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for Houston and of his state. He is patriotic and progressive, full of civic pride and always willing to give of his time and means for the development of his city. He is especially interested in the development of the wonderful resources of Texas, and especially interested in the election of good and capable men to state and municipal offices.

**M**AURICE EPSTEIN, Attorney at Law, of Houston, Texas, has been a member of the legal fraternity of this State since 1914. He is also a member of the New York Bar. His practice before the local bar began in 1915, at which time he came to this city from Galveston. Mr. Epstein is a member of the law firm of Taliaferro, Epstein and Sonfield, with offices in the First National Bank Building and is composed of Thomas S. Taliaferro, Maurice Epstein and Robert L. Sonfield.

The members of the firm are regarded as three of the leading young lawyers of Houston, and are engaged in a general civil practice of law. Mr. Epstein brought to his firm, which was formed in February, 1924, an experience of great value, which was gained in the various branches of law in his association with representative law firms. He came to Galveston from New York in 1913, as the Manager of the Jewish Immigrants Information Bureau, and special representative of the late Jacob H. Scheff, of Kuhn, Loeb and Company of New York, heading the work of deflecting immigration from the Eastern ports and encouraging distribution and settlement west of the Mississippi. He was then admitted to the Texas Bar and began the practice of law at Galveston, and remained in that city until the storm of 1915, when he removed to Houston and became associated with the firm of Baker, Botts, Parker and Garwood, where for two and one-half years he practiced railroad and corporation law. He left the service of this firm to enter the army of the World War. Mr. Epstein attended the second Officer's Training School at Camp Funston, and was transferred to Camp McArthur as a non-commissioned officer. He served in the infantry until November 20, 1918, when he received his discharge. He immediately returned to Houston and resumed his law practice alone, with offices in the Union National Bank Building, where he continued until his present partnership was formed in 1924.

Mr. Epstein was born in New York City on November 6, 1888. His father, Joseph Epstein, was for many years a well known business man of New York, but is now residing in Chicago. His early education was obtained in the public schools of New York City, after which he entered Columbia University, and received his A. B. degree from this institution in 1908. After engaging in newspaper work for the year following his graduation, he entered the Law Department of Columbia University and graduated from this institution in the class of 1911, with the L. L. B. degree. He was admitted to the New York Bar in the same year.

Mr. Epstein was married at Dallas, Texas, on April 11, 1921, to Miss Frances Silverman, of Antlers, Oklahoma, and a member of a prominent family of that city. In college fraternities, Mr. Epstein is a Zeta Beta Tau, and a member of the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith, the University Club of Houston, and is identified with the various civic and social organizations of the city in which he is deeply interested.

**E**D ARNOLD, senior member of the law firm of Arnold and Manint of Houston, Texas, with offices at 604-5 Bankers Mortgage Building, has established a large practice for himself and firm. While this firm is engaged in a general practice of law, they have a very large practice in common carriers liability. This is a highly technical branch of law proficiency which can only be obtained by having actual practical railroad experience. This is Mr. Arnold's hobby as well as his profession and he is possibly the only man in the state of Texas who has such a complete working knowledge of the intricacies of this branch of law. Mr. Arnold is widely known in the railroad circles of Texas, where prior to his admission to the bar in 1916 he was for almost fifteen years engaged in the various branches of the railroad service in this state. The partnership of Arnold and Manint, composed of



Mr. Arnold and Mr. Earle M. Manint, was formed in 1922. Mr. Arnold began his business career as a very young man in the insurance business and continued in this line of endeavor for a period of two years, when he engaged in the stock, bond and loan business for almost two years. In 1901, he started in the railroad service with the San Antonio and Aransas Pass Railroad and remained with this railroad until 1904 when he removed to Houston and entered the service of Trinity and Brazos Valley Railway and remained with this railway until 1920. During the last eight years spent in the service of this company, he held the position of freight claim agent. During his association with the various business concerns, Mr. Arnold had been studying law at night and during spare time and in 1916 was admitted to the bar. A short time later he left the railroad service and formed a law partnership with C. E. McVey of this city, and this partnership continued for a period of eighteen months, after which he practised his profession alone until the present partnership was formed.

A native Texan, Mr. Arnold was born at San Antonio on November 15th, 1881. His father, Herman Arnold, now retired from active business pursuits, was for many years actively engaged in business at San Antonio, Texas, and is well known in the business circles of the city. His mother was Miss Lena Derr, also a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a pioneer family. His education was obtained at St. Mary's College of San Antonio, Texas where he graduated in 1897, and has the distinction of being at that time the youngest graduate from that institution.

Mr. Arnold resides at 3205 Austin Street. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and has attained to the 14th degree in the Scottish Rite Body of this order. He is chairman of transportation of the City and County Club, an organization supplementing the work of the Chamber of Commerce. Identified with every good move of his city, whether civic, social or political, Mr. Arnold is today active in the highest type of service and is regarded as one of Houston's most progressive citizens and lawyers.



**B. EHRENWERTH**, Attorney at Law, of Houston, Texas, began the practice of his profession in this city in 1898, and since that time has been identified with many important cases that have come before the courts of South Texas. Mr. Ehrenwerth specializes in criminal law, and has a large practice in his chosen branch of the profession. He was admitted to the bar in 1895, when he immediately established his office at Columbus, Texas, and began the practice of law alone, and throughout his long and successful career as an attorney has never formed a partnership, preferring to practice alone. For three years he practiced in Columbus, where he had a large clientele, but realizing that Houston held a wider field, and offered greater opportunities, he removed to this city, where he has since remained and has well appointed offices located at 401 Stewart Building.

A native Texan, Mr. Ehrenwerth was born at Columbus, Colorado County, on February 4, 1874. His father, H. M. Ehrenwerth, a native of Germany, came to the United States and to Texas when twelve years of age, and was engaged in the mercantile business at Columbus up to the time of his death,

and was one of the most successful merchants of South Texas. His mother was Miss Dora Jacobs, a native of the Lone Star State, and a member of a pioneer family of Marshall. She is now a resident of San Antonio, Texas. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Columbus, Texas, after which he became a student of the A. and M. College of Texas. Later he entered Bingham College of North Carolina, and after some years spent in this institution, returned to Columbus, Texas, and took up the study of law in the offices of Kennon and Adkins, who were among the leading attorneys of South Texas at that time. He continued the study of law until he was admitted to the bar, when he took his place among ambitious beginners and seasoned advocates, who already had made their mark. Besides being one of the city's leading attorneys, Mr. Ehrenwerth is one of the ranking orators of this portion of the country.

Mr. Ehrenwerth was married at Houston in 1917 to Miss Bessie Mae McGhee, a native Texan also, and a member of a well known family of this State. Mr. and Mrs. Ehrenwerth reside at 616 Hawthorne Street. He is a member of a number of civic and social organizations of the city, and assists in every way possible in the development and progress of Houston. His far-reaching legal activities have made him one of the most widely known attorneys of this portion of the State, and during his long residence in Houston, he has become the center of a group of ardent admirers and close friends and his clientele is composed of the citizenship of the State at large.



**D. SKINNER**, well known Houston druggist, attained a commendable reputation in the community for his activity in mercantile circles, and until his removal to Panhandle City, was the popular owner of Skinners Drug Store at 4117 McKinney Avenue. The store was kept in accordance with Mr. Skinner's high ideals, and was one of the finest drug stores in the city.

Mr. Skinner was born at Vinita, Oklahoma, the eighteenth of December, 1884, son of J. W. Skinner, a native of Kentucky, who came to Oklahoma in the pioneer days and was prominently identified with the life here for sixty years. He lived right in the midst of the great Cherokee tribe. Mr. Skinner's mother, also deceased, was before her marriage, Miss Lucy Parks, a native of Tennessee. Mr. Skinner was educated in the public schools of Vinita, and as a young man went to Colorado, spending two years there. He then went to California and in the fourteen years of his residence there was all over the state. He was with the State departments for two years, later going into the drug business. He went from California to Springfield, Missouri, spending several years in the drug business there. Through his cousin, R. W. Coleman, he became interested in Houston, and Texas, and came to this city to look over the situation. He was greatly impressed with the unlimited opportunities offered, and decided to remain here. One year was spent at Goose Creek, where he operated a drug store, after which he bought the store in Houston, which he operated until his removal to Panhandle City.

Mr. Skinner typifies the modern type of druggist, and is thoroughly appreciative of the position he occupies in modern life, and has made many friends in this city who regretted his removal from the city.



**G**EORGE D. SEARS, for many years one of the members of the legal fraternity at Houston, has advanced in his profession to a place among the foremost lawyers of Houston. Mr. Sears is Junior member of the legal firm of Amerman and Sears, one of the leading law firms of Houston, both in point of practice and professional standing. The firm was organized in 1920, as a partnership between Mr. Sears and A. E. Amerman, an attorney of highest standing in his profession. The firm of Amerman and Sears handle a general civil practice. Mr. Sears has received the best professional advantages. Mr. Sears was admitted to the bar at Houston in 1909, beginning his practice in this city. His prominence in law and affairs brought his appointment as Judge of the County Court at Law of Harris County, in November, 1919. He performed the duties of this office until May, 1920, when he resigned to become City Solicitor of Houston, an office he held until 1921, since which time he has devoted his entire time to his private practice.

Mr. Sears is a native of Houston, and was born in this city the twenty-second of January, 1888, the son of W. G. and Mary (Du Bois) Sears. His family has produced many distinguished lawyers, his father, W. G. Sears, having been one of the prominent members of the Harris County Bar for many years. His great-grandfather, William F. Gray, was one of the early attorneys of Houston, and served at the first District Attorney in 1838. An uncle, Judge Peter W. Gray, was one of the founders of the law firm of Gray, Botts and Baker, one of the foremost legal firms of Houston, and one of the largest. Until he was twelve years of age Mr. Sears attended the public schools of Houston. He then entered the West Texas Military Academy, continuing his studies there for a number of years, after which he entered the University of Texas, at Austin, in the Law Department. He took the bar examination and was admitted to the bar in 1909, beginning his practice at Houston. The ninth of May, 1916, Mr. Sears enlisted in military service, with the Third Texas Infantry, and was made First Lieutenant. He was later transferred to the 143rd Infantry, with the Thirty-Sixth Division, and commissioned Second Lieutenant, in December, 1917, and First Lieutenant in July, 1918. He was discharged in June, 1919, on the twentieth day of that month.

Mr. Sears was married at Houston, April, 1917, to Miss Evelyn Fuller. Mr. and Mrs. Sears have one child, Evelyn Sears, whose birth occurred in Houston. They reside at 6161 Fargo Avenue. Mr. Sears is a Veteran of Foreign Wars, a member of the River Oaks Country Club and of the Harris County Bar Association. He has for many years taken a deep interest in the advancement of Houston as the commercial center of the Southwest. He has also been active in all civic work, and has supported the various civic movements of the past decade or more.

**O**TIS K. HAMBLÉN, attorney at law, of Houston, Texas, has during more than a score of years' practice before the Houston bar, been identified with many of the prominent cases which have come before the courts of South Texas. For many years he was a member of the well known law firm of E. P. and Otis K. Hamblén, which was regarded as one of the strongest firms of South Texas. It was composed of the sub-

ject of this sketch and his father, Judge E. P. Hamblén, for many years known as one of Texas' most able attorneys. Mr. Hamblén joined his father in the practice of law in 1901 soon after he received his degree from the University of Texas, and immediately took his place in the Houston bar. Since the death of his father in November, 1924, he has carried on the work of the firm. He has a large practice, much of which is land law, in which he specializes. Mr. Hamblén is regarded as an authority in this branch of his profession. The office is located on the fourth floor of the Scanlan Building.

A native Houstonian, Mr. Hamblén was born on August 10th, 1878. His father, the late Judge E. P. Hamblén, a native of Mississippi, was one of the foremost lawyers of Texas, and his services were sought by clients throughout the Southwest. Judge E. P. Hamblén served throughout the Civil War, after which he attended the University of Mississippi, graduating at Oxford in 1868. In 1869, he came to Houston where he resided until his death. In addition to being a leader of the bar, Judge Hamblén was one of the builders of this city. When he came here fifty-five years ago, Houston was an ambitious village located on the banks of the murky Buffalo Bayou. From this village, he witnessed the rise of the magnificent city of today, with the world's traffic brought to its doors on ocean-going vessels, and all the modern appurtenances of a modern city—the metropolis of the Southwest. Otis K. Hamblén's mother (deceased since 1907) was Miss Mary Scott, a native of Mississippi and a member of a prominent family of that state. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Houston, after which he entered the V. M. I., where he made a special study of engineering. He later became a student of the law department of the University of Texas and graduated from that institution in the class of 1901 with the L. L. B. degree, after which he began the active practice of law.

Mr. Hamblén is a leader, not only in the legal circles of his generation, but is a leader also in all civic matters having to do with the improvement and advancement of his city. He is a member of the Houston Club, the Houston Country Club, the University Club, the Conopus Club and the Houston Chamber of Commerce, in all of which he takes an active part. Mr. Hamblén is popular in the business and social circles of Houston, and has established a place of marked distinction in the legal profession of his native state.

**A**DRIAN F. LEVY, attorney and counselor at law, with offices in the United States National Bank Building, Galveston, and branch offices at Houston, Dallas and Texas City, is one of the best known attorneys in South Texas and has an exceptionally large corporation practice. Mr. Levy began the practice of his profession following the close of the war in 1918 and his success is attested by the ever increasing number of clients who retain him to handle their legal affairs.

Mr. Levy practices civil law exclusively and specializes in real property, admiralty cases, corporation and insurance law and the handling of estates. He is counsel at Galveston for the Western Union Telegraph Company and many of the larger insurance companies, cotton exporters and other large business and financial institutions. His partner at Galveston is Mr. Owen D. Barker.



A native of Galveston, Mr. Levy was born October 29, 1895, a son of Ben and Flora Levy. His father, who died in 1908, was one of the pioneer business men of Galveston and interested in various activities. He left a large estate which has been handled since his death by his son.

After attending the public and high schools of Galveston Mr. Levy entered the University of Texas at Austin, graduating with the class of 1916 with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. He then entered the law department of the university and continued his law studies until the entry of the United States into the World War.

Enlisting as a private in infantry in April, 1917, Mr. Levy later attended the First Officer's Training Camp and was commissioned as second lieutenant and assigned to duty at Camp Sherman. On August 29, 1918, he was given the rank of Captain and discharged with this rank in December, 1919.

On November 6, 1918, Mr. Levy was married at Fort Worth to Miss Pearl Kahn, daughter of a well known North Texas family. They have one son, Adrian F., Jr., and one daughter, Gloria Pearl. The family home is at 3111 Avenue O.

Mr. Levy is very active in fraternal and civic circles of Galveston and is a Mason, a member of Harmony Blue Lodge, the Chapter and Scottish Rite bodies and El Mina Temple Shrine. He also is a member of the Elks, the Chamber of Commerce, Young Men's Progressive League and other civic organizations. Mr. Levy has been very active in the work of the University of Texas Ex-Students Association and is past president of the Galveston chapter of this organization. He has also served as commander of the local post of the American Legion and is president of the Galveston Lodge of Independent Order of B'nai Brith.

A very able and aggressive attorney, Mr. Levy combines with his legal knowledge a keen, analytical mind and splendid business acumen which enables him to render his clients service in a far larger field than that usually attempted by the average lawyer.

**G**EORGE L. CHARLTON, lawyer and real estate man, is a native of Houston and is thoroughly imbued with the Houston spirit of progress and optimism. The fact that his entire life has been spent here has not in any sense dimmed his perspective of the city's future greatness and he is confident it will far surpass the gigantic strides of the past few years.

Mr. Charlton is president and treasurer of the Park Place Company, owners and developers of the municipality known as Park Place adjoining Houston. The company has offices at 218-220 Keystone Building. H. B. Jewett is secretary of the company and associated with Mr. Charlton in the management of its affairs.

Organized in 1910 with a capital stock of \$125,000.00, the company acquired a tract of 875 acres and developed it for home sites, spending enormous sums in improving the property and affording city conveniences for purchasers of lots in the addition. More than three hundred homes have been built in Park Place, averaging in cost about thirty-five hundred dollars. Approximately ninety-five per cent of the citizens of Park Place are home owners and living conditions in this suburb are well nigh ideal.

The company sells lots in the addition on easy

terms and has an arrangement for financing home construction when the purchaser has paid a total of one-third of the purchase price of his lot. Park Place is a beautiful section adjoining the Glenbrook Country Club.

Mr. Charlton was born in Houston on August 30, 1882, and is a son of James Charlton, now County Treasurer of Harris County. The elder Charlton's family came to this country from England in 1865.

After receiving his preliminary education in the public and high schools of Houston, Mr. Charlton entered the law department of the University of Texas and graduated with the class of 1906, receiving the degree of bachelor of laws. He was admitted to the bar and began the practice of law in Houston. He purchased a substantial interest in the Park Place Company in 1915 and was made treasurer of the company two years later. In 1921 he assumed the presidency of the company and took active charge of its affairs, continuing in the meantime to look after his legal work.

Mr. Charlton has served the City of Houston as tax attorney and also as chairman of the City Democratic Executive Committee. He served as presidential elector in 1919.

On September 31, 1907, Mr. Charlton was married at Houston to Miss Marie Albrecht, daughter of C. Albrecht, pioneer Houston business man. They have one daughter, Magdalene.

Besides Park Place, Mr. Charlton also owns a small addition north of the channel, where he is developing home sites for working people. He is a member of the Glenbrook Country Club and the Knights of Pythias.



**C**HARLES GUSTAFSON, pioneer photographer and well known citizen of Houston, is the proprietor of the Gray Studio, home of artistic portraiture. The Gray Studio is the oldest establishment of its kind in Houston. Since Mr. Gustafson purchased the business he has maintained a high standard of work, and courtesy and fair treatment is the watchword of his organization.

Charles Gustafson is a native of Michigan, born in Superior, April 1st, 1874, son of Charles and Mary Gustafson, who came to this country from Sweden in 1869. After his graduation from high school in 1892, Mr. Gustafson, at the age of 18, began his apprenticeship in photography. At the age of twenty-three he began operating photographic studios on his own account and has been so engaged since that time. He came to Texas in 1884, and to Houston in 1917.

On November 16th, 1924, Mr. Gustafson was united in marriage with Rosa May Bailey, who was born and reared in Florida. Her parents were Floridans of Scotch-Irish descent. Mrs. Gustafson is a charming and cultured lady, and also of artistic tendencies. She frequently assists her husband in his business and does beautiful portrait tinting. To Mr. and Mrs. Gustafson was born one son, Charles Gustafson, Jr. Mr. Gustafson is a member of the Rotary Club, the Maccabees Lodge and the Baptist Church. He is a straightforward type of business man and makes friends readily with those with whom he comes in contact. He has devoted a lifetime to the study of his profession and he is unexcelled in his field of activity in the State of Texas.





**NEWTON RAYZOR**, attorney at law, of the firm of Lockhart, Hughes, Lockhart and Rayzor with offices in the Cotton Exchange Building, is numbered among the leading lawyers of the younger generation of Houston.

Mr. Rayzor first began the practice of law at Denton, Texas, in 1921, where he remained for a period of eight months, having as a partner, E. O. Hooper. He came to Galveston in 1922 and formed an association with W. T. Armstrong, well known Galveston attorney. This association continued for eleven months when he made his present connection. The firm does a large volume of admiralty work, practicing in the federal courts mostly and it is in this branch of the profession that Mr. Rayzor specializes. They represent directly the vessels entering the Port of Galveston flying the British flag. They also represent French and Italian vessels through local underwriters. Mr. Rayzor is in charge of the Houston offices of the firm. Offices are maintained in the Cotton Exchange Building.

Mr. Rayzor received his preliminary education in the public and high schools of Galveston. After leaving high school he entered Rice Institute at Houston, where he graduated with the degree of A. B. After his graduation here he entered the military service during the World War. He attended the Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs, he was commissioned as 2nd Lieutenant and assigned to the 156th Depot Brigade at Camp Travis, and later was transferred to the Camp Bullis division target range. He was discharged February 1919 at which time he entered the University of Chicago Law School, where he graduated in 1921 with the degree of J. D.

He was born at Denton, Texas, July 29th, 1895. His father, J. N. Rayzor, is a well known ice manufacturer of Denton. His mother, prior to marriage, was Miss Eva Tabor, a member of a well known Texas family.

J. Newton Rayzor was married September 5th, 1923, at Austin, Texas, to Miss Eugenia Porter, daughter of Dr. M. B. Porter, for many years a prominent educator of the state and head of the mathematics department of the University of Texas. Her mother before marriage was Miss Minnie McGlaughlin, a member of a well known Texas family.

Fraternally Mr. Rayzor is a Mason and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine, Galveston. He is affiliated with the Kiwanis Club, the Chamber of Commerce and is a member of the various bar associations. He is of the Baptist faith, being a member of the First Baptist Church of Galveston.

Mr. Rayzor has made many friends in the gulf coast, professionally and socially. He is interested in the development of the Texas ports and believes that an era of expansion in shipping to and from these ports has arrived.



**RICHARD R. LEWIS**, attorney at law of Houston, Texas, since beginning the practice of his profession in this city in 1919, has specialized in municipal, levy, drainage and irrigation law. His work along this line extends throughout Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Mississippi, but he maintains offices at 609 Stewart Building, Houston. He represents two large firms who are engaged in large developments in these States and his entire time is devoted to their in-

terests. Judge Lewis, prior to engaging in the practice of law alone was a member of the well known firm of McGregor, Burr and Lewis, and withdrew from this firm in 1923, in order to pursue his chosen branch of the profession. He was admitted to the bar in 1906, and immediately began practice at Bay City, Matagorda County, Texas, and continued there until 1908, when he was elected to the office of county attorney. He served with distinction in this office until 1914, when he was elected to the office of county judge, and served in this capacity until 1916, when he resigned his position as county judge in order to enter the army. He went to the Mexican border and was commissioned a captain of a machine gun company. Later, his organization was made a part of the 36th Division, where he was captain of the 132nd Battalion Machine Gun Company, and went to France and saw service in this division. He was with the machine gun company during his entire service in France and returned with them and was discharged on April 24th, 1919. He immediately returned to Bay City and removed his law office to Houston.

A native Texan, Judge Lewis was born at Lampasas on August 12th, 1885. His father, John Floyd Lewis, a native of Virginia, came to Texas in 1872 where he was engaged in the contracting business in practically all parts of the State and was one of the contractors who put the Houston and Texas Central right of way through the State. The last twenty years of his life was spent in farming. His mother was Miss Emma Hawthorne, a member of a prominent Kentucky family. She is now a resident of Bay City, Texas. Judge Lewis' opportunities for securing an education were limited and the liberal education which he has received was almost entirely secured through self help. He studied law while working in a law office and attended Summer law school, and continued to study in this manner until he was admitted to the bar.

Judge Lewis was married at Houston on April 12th, 1910, to Miss Selma Autrey, a native Houstonian, and a daughter of R. L. Autrey, one of the leading citizens and capitalists of this city. They have three children—Carmen, Autrey and Robert Floyd Lewis. Judge Lewis is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Bay City Blue Lodge. He is also a member of the B. P. O. E., the American Legion and of various civic and social organizations of Houston.



**WILLIAM H. WARD** has long held a place as one of the leading members of the Harris County Bar, and during the two decades of his practice at Houston has been a factor in the life here, and has won high recognition as an attorney. Mr. Ward is head of the law firm of Ward and Ward, a partnership composed of himself and his wife, Mrs. Hortense Ward, one of the most prominent women in the Houston Bar. Offices are maintained in the First National Bank Building, and the firm enjoys a large general practice of civil cases. Both Mr. and Mrs. Ward are attorneys of fine mental talents and attainments, and the firm has made a splendid professional record. Mr. Ward began his practice in Houston in 1902, practicing alone until his marriage, when Mrs. Ward was admitted to the bar, and the law firm of Ward and Ward was formed.

William H. Ward was born in Houston County,



Texas, the fourth of April, 1880, the son of Henry P. Ward, a native of Georgia, who came to Texas in the early seventies, and was a merchant until his death, which occurred in 1888, and Mrs. Sophie Butts Ward, a native of Texas, and who has made her home in Houston since shortly after her husband's death. Mr. Ward attended the public schools of Houston, later entering the University of Texas, where he took the L. L. B. degree in 1902, returning to Houston and beginning his practice in this city. Mr. Ward engaged in private practice until 1912, when his prominence in law and affairs brought him his elevation to the office of County Judge of Harris County, which office he held until 1916, administering the duties involved in a manner which won the highest respect of the citizens of Harris County and his associates.

Mr. Ward was married at Houston in 1909 to Mrs. Hortense Malsh, and they have since made Houston their home, residing at 310 Pacific Avenue. Mrs. Ward was admitted to the bar in 1910, at which time she entered into the partnership with her husband, with whom she has since practiced. She was the first woman in the South admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Ward was also admitted to practice before this court on the same date, this being the first time in history that a husband and wife were admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court on the same date. Mrs. Ward has demonstrated unusual qualifications, and has enjoyed many distinctions at Houston. She was appointed to the City Judgeship while Judge Reeves was on his vacation, and is now serving on the Board of Directors of the City and County Hospital Board, and is one of the Directors of the Fair Board.

Mr. Ward is a Mason, thirty-second degree, Scottish Rite, and a member of Temple Blue Lodge No. 4, and Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. As an attorney Mr. Ward won high esteem for his legal ability, poise and enthusiasm in his chosen profession, and has devoted himself not only to his extensive private practice, but to the broader interests of his profession in city and state.

**S** O. LOVEJOY, attorney at law, has practiced before the Houston bar since 1920 and has built up a large practice in this city, and numbers among his clientele many of Houston's representative business men and large business institutions of various kinds. Prior to locating in Houston he had been engaged in the practice of his profession at Fort Worth, Texas, for about eight years, where he had built up a large practice, but realizing the vast opportunities offered to a lawyer in Houston, he accordingly removed his home and office to the Metropolis of the Southwest. Mr. Lovejoy's law offices are located at 306 Keystone Building, where he is engaged in a general practice of law alone, and has never had an associate. Mr. Lovejoy started his career in the business world as an electrician, which line of endeavor he started in 1902 in Fort Worth, but during the period in which he worked at his trade, he was engaged in the study of law at night and during his spare moments during the day. He was successful as an electrician, and was chief electrician of a Texas railroad, when he decided to devote his entire time to the study of law. Mr. Lovejoy was admitted to the bar in 1912, and has been successful in his chosen line of endeavor, and is re-

garded as one of Houston's leading attorneys.

A native son of Texas, Mr. Lovejoy was born on a ranch in Coryell County, on February 24th, 1878. His father, R. E. Lovejoy, a native of Alabama, came to Texas in 1869, during the reconstruction days following the Civil War, and took land in Coryell County, which he still owns and which has since been added to. R. E. Lovejoy was born in 1841, has spent his entire life as a farmer and stockman, and is retired from active business pursuits. His mother was Miss Lucinda Hornsby, also a native of Alabama, where she was a member of a prominent family. She is now deceased. Mr. Lovejoy's education was obtained in the schools of Coryell County and Thomas Arnold School at Saledo, Texas, and his legal education was obtained entirely through self help as was also the liberal education along various lines, which he later received, through close application to details.

Mr. Lovejoy was married at Houston, Texas, in February, 1923, to Mrs. Nina Parks Hardin, a native of Georgia, and a member of a well known family of that state. Mr. and Mrs. Lovejoy reside at 911 Hamilton Street. Since locating in Houston, Mr. Lovejoy has become active in the social and business life of the city, and is very popular in all circles. He is an enthusiastic booster for Houston, and is keenly interested in all matters having to do with the advancement of his adopted city, and aids in every way any project having as its object the betterment of same. Among the Texas lawyers who have sought their fortune in Houston, there are none to whom the future seems more full of promise and prosperity, than to S. O. Lovejoy, who is at all times loyal to the customs and traditions of the Lone Star State.

**S** HELLEY MONTGOMERY is well known in the business circles of Houston and of Texas, where for many years he has been known as a successful salesman for retail and wholesale establishments, both in the city and on the road. He is a sales representative of the DeWitt Montgomery Sales Company, merchandise brokers with headquarters in the First National Bank Building, Houston. Prior to going with this firm and for several years, he was president of the Montgomery Company, dealers in feed.

A native Texan, Mr. Montgomery was born at Columbus, November 7th, 1881. His father, J. J. Montgomery, a native of Kentucky, came to Texas as a young man, and for many years was engaged in the cotton business here. His mother was a member of a pioneer Texas family. His education was obtained in the public schools. Mr. Montgomery began his business career as a salesman, which he has continued for several years, and sold various lines of merchandise, both in Houston and on the road.

Mr. Montgomery was married in Houston on December 30th, 1914, to Miss Kittie Lee Palmer, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a well known family of South Texas. They have one daughter, Emilee Katherine. Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery reside at 1510 Marshall Street. He is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in the Blue Lodge of Columbus, Texas, where he also belongs to the Royal Arch Chapter No. 46. Since coming to Houston, in 1906, Mr. Montgomery has made a host of friends and is popular in both the business and social circles of the city.



**W**ILLIAM F. MARTIN, oil operator of Texas, and one of the best known oil men of the State, has recently come to Humble to look after his interests in this section, after an absence of a number of years during which he was active in developing his holdings in other parts of the State. Mr. Martin is familiar with the history of the oil business from the time oil was first discovered at Corsicana, to the present day, having engaged in active operations in all the important fields of the State from that time, and few men, as individuals, have done more for the development of the oil fields of Texas. At present Mr. Martin is engaged in looking after his interests in the Humble field, and for some time past has not engaged in active operations, dealing in leases and royalties.

William F. Martin was born in Caffee County, Tennessee, the fifth of February, 1875, the son of William Henry Martin and Betty Floyd Martin, both of whom are deceased. William Henry Martin, a native of Tennessee, came to Texas in 1882, locating in Navarro County, where he engaged in farming until his death. William F. Martin attended the schools of Navarro County, working on his father's farm when not in school, until he was twenty years old. At that time oil was first discovered at Corsicana, and Mr. Martin began to work in the oil fields, beginning as roughneck, and later advancing to driller. During these years he gained an insight into oil field work that has been a factor in his subsequent success, learning through practical experience much that has been of advantage to him in later years. When the Spindle Top field first came in he left Corsicana and went there, engaging as driller in that field during the early stages of its development. At the time the Humble field first began to attract attention Mr. Martin transferred his interests here, working first as driller, and later as a drilling contractor, in this field. Following his Humble experience he went to Wichita Falls, where as a drilling contractor he was active in opening up and developing that field. The years 1919 and 1920 he spent in the Burkburnett field, carrying on large development projects with success to himself and his associates. The year 1918 Mr. Martin spent in the Louisiana oil fields, the only time that he engaged in operations outside of Texas. At the conclusion of his Burkburnett experience he returned to Wichita Falls where he spent a short time, leaving the Wichita Falls district to go to Mexia, where he was active for a time as drilling contractor. Following the period spent at Mexia Mr. Martin returned to Humble, after an absence of nearly seventeen years, re-entering the oil business here from the angle of the operator who deals in leases and royalties, and looking after his extensive interests in this section.

William F. Martin was married at Houston, Texas, in August, 1906, to Miss Minnie Law, a native of Louisiana who was reared in Texas, the family coming here during her childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Martin reside on the Houston road, one mile from Humble. Mr. Martin is an Elk, a Modern Woodman of the World, and a Royal Neighbor. Mr. Martin, as a pioneer operator, has been connected and worked with all the oldtimers and big oil men of Texas, and is personally known to practically every operator in the State. He probably knows more about

the history of the development of the oil fields of Texas than any other operator, and has himself been active in bringing in many of the Texas fields. Mr. Martin as an operator is far sighted, and has the ability to carry on large development projects in such a manner that he and his associates have prospered by his vision. As a developer he has a constructive vision that has been a factor in the successful conclusion of his projects, and operators of the State watch his movements with interest.


**B**ENJAMIN COYLE, perhaps better known to the oil fraternity as Bud Coyle, is one of the pioneers in the oil business in the Lone Star State, and while Houston has claimed him as a resident since 1906, he has had interests in most of the fields in the State and is one of the best known oil men of Texas. Mr. Coyle began his career as an oil man as a driller at Spindle Top, soon after the discovery of this field in January, 1901. He was with Sharp Brothers, as their first tool pusher, and after one year at Spindle Top went to Sour Lake as night driller for The Texas Company, helping bring in the first good well, Cap Rock Well, Texas No. 3, in this field. He remained at Sour Lake for about one year, and then went to the Batson field in 1904, drilling five gushers for the Drillers Oil Company. This was followed by the drilling of a well at Saratoga, after which he went to Humble, with the Drillers Oil Company, remaining there for eighteen months. In 1907 and 1908 he drilled four wells for himself, in association with Ed Prather and others. Then he went to Bryan Heights, drilling the first prospect for Ed Symons, when he got sulphur. The deal was made from the core his bits brought up. He then went with The Texas Company, at Oil City, Louisiana, and later to Caddo field, where after a period of six months he returned to Humble, and after an interval there, to Sour Lake. A period of wildcatting at Baton Rouge followed this return to the Texas fields, and was in turn followed by a return to Texas, when he drilled, in Young County, with a rotary drill, two wells, to the depth of twenty-five hundred feet, for The Texas Company. In 1913 he again returned to Humble, bringing in the first deep wells there for The Texas Company, and later bringing in the Farmer's Wells. He remained in this field until 1914, spending the next few years in various fields. In 1918 he brought in the Hull field, for the Republic Company, following this by another wildcatting experience. In 1921 he began contracting for himself, drilling a dry hole at La Porte, then drilling four wells at Mexia, three for the Republic and one for J. A. Jones. His operations have recently been centered in the Hull field, where he has drilled eight wells. His principal work is for the Mackham Oil Company, in which he has an interest. He also has some production in the El Dorado field, which he brought in in conjunction with Ed Prather.

Mr. Coyle was born on a farm in Alabama, the eighteenth of February, 1888, son of W. J. Coyle, who died when his son was sixteen, and Nancy J. Coyle. When Mr. Coyle was a child of two years the family removed to Texas, and the family of ten children were reared on a farm near Dallas, close to where the present Dallas Country Club is located. Six sisters of Mr. Coyle make their home in Dallas. Mr. Coyle was educated in the



country school near his home, and remained on the farm, helping his father, until 1901, when he came to Spindle Top, his career thereafter being as given in the first part of this article.

Mr. Coyle was married at Humble, Texas, the sixth of February, 1917, to Miss Winnie C. Holman, a native of Bowie, Texas, where her Grandfather Southerland built the first house. Her father was a native of the Lone Star State and her mother came here as a child. Mr. and Mrs. Coyle have an attractive bungalow home in Houston, at 5709 Sherman Avenue. They attend the Baptist church. Mr. Coyle takes a constructive interest in the development of Houston, and is highly esteemed by the business men of this city, who regard his judgment in matters pertaining to the oil industry as especially sound. He is interested in the development of the Coastal fields, and especially in the discovery of the oil domes upon which its future depends.

OHN RAILTON, owner and manager of the Houston Roofing and Supply Company, Houston, Texas, has been engaged in the roofing industry all his life and knows this business as few men know it. This company, which was organized here in August, 1923, are manufacturers of Devil's Glue, wood preservative, top dressing and asphalt expansion joints, all of which are sold on a money back guarantee and this feature coupled with the superior products of the Houston Roofing and Supply Company has caused the business of the company to grow rapidly. In addition to these, this company sells plastic cement in all colors, boiler and roofing paints, whitewash, tar, automobile top dressing and other similar products. These products are sold in Mississippi, Oklahoma and throughout Texas. In Central and North Texas more than seventy large road contractors are customers of this firm. Besides an average of ten people employed at the plant of the company, several salesmen are on the road selling their products. In order to care for their growing business, during the early part of 1926 the Houston Roofing and Supply Company constructed a new building with warehouses, adequate to the company's needs.

A native Texan, Mr. Railton was born at Galveston on June 21st, 1874. His father, R. C. Railton (deceased), also a native of the Lone Star State, was throughout his life active in the business circles of Galveston. His mother, Mrs. Emily (Juliff) Railton, was a native of England, and a member of a prominent family of that country. His education was obtained in the schools of Galveston, Texas, being a graduate of the Ball High School of the Island City. After leaving school, he entered the roofing business, serving in all the branches of this industry, and has mastered every phase of this business. For many years he was associated with a large roofing plant of Galveston prior to locating here in his present business.

Mr. Railton was married at Galveston in 1900 to Miss Nellie Eaton, a native Texan and a daughter of Richard Eaton (deceased), also a native of the Lone Star State, where he resided all his life and was one of Houston's most highly esteemed citizens. Her mother, Mrs. Mary Eaton, was a native of England, but reared in Texas. They have three children: Alice, now the wife of S. Brett of Houston; Helen and John Railton, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Railton reside at 504 Boundary Street. Mr. Railton is a

member of the Travelers Protective Association, the Lions Club and the Trinity Church of Houston. Since locating in Houston, Mr. Railton has become an enthusiastic booster for this city and believes that it will soon lead the entire Southwest along all lines and he assists in every way to make it the Metropolis of the Southwest.



ENRY MACKAY came to Algoa, Texas, fourteen years ago, and for the past twelve years has successfully raised Magnolia figs, and has twenty-seven acres of land planted to this delicious fruit. He also raises much hay and other farm products and has one acre planted to Satsuma oranges, and is making preparations to grow the kumquat on a large scale and sees a great future for this fruit. It is very hardy, easily grown and produces for the grower from \$700 to \$1,000 per acre annually. Mr. Mackay is one of the oldest and most reliable men engaged in the culture of Magnolia figs here. He does not sell his figs to the canning plants, but markets all his product in Houston and Galveston, and cannot as yet supply the vast demand for his fruit. He has three hundred acres of land near the town of Algoa, and his place is one of the most attractive as well as the most valuable in this portion of South Texas. Before entering the fig growing industry, Mr. Mackay had a wide and varied business career. He was for several years a member of the Northwest Mounted Police of Canada, after which he entered the business of farming in the State of Virginia. For a period of twelve years he was associated with the Cabin Creek Coal Mines. He then became general manager of the Hanover Mica Company in East Virginia, where he remained for three years. In 1908 he made a trip to Texas and in 1909 removed to the Lone Star State, where he has since remained.

A native of Canada, Mr. Mackay was born in Ontario, September 2nd, 1861. His father, Dr. J. A. Mackay, was one of the most prominent physicians and surgeons of his time and was a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of London, England. His mother was Miss Mary Clark, a member of the well known Englis family. Mr. Mackay, although coming to Virginia when a boy seven years of age, received his early education in Canada, going back to the Dominion for same, and he later was a student for two years at the McGill University.

Mr. Mackay was married in Virginia in 1887, to Miss Miriam Dandridge, a daughter of W. G. Dandridge, one of the most prominent grocery and commission merchants of that State. They have five children: Kenneth, Angus, Garland, Rowland and Angie. Mr. Mackay is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and is president of the Galveston County Fair Association, and is also a member of the Galveston County Farm Bureau and is past president of this organization. Mr. Mackay has for a hobby the breeding of very fine English setter dogs. He has achieved distinction in this field and is a recognized authority on the subject. Practically every recognized champion setter in the United States, is of the same strain as those bred by Mackay. Mr. Mackay is enthusiastic as the future of the fruit industry, particularly the Magnolia fig of South Texas, believing that this country is the best in the United States for fig culture.





**D. SCHWARZ**, for fifteen years identified with activities of commercial importance at Houston, has for the past five years been connected with the bag and bagging industry in this city. The Lone Star Bag and Bagging Company, of which Mr. Schwarz is a co-partner with M. M. Feld, was established in October, 1921. This firm engages in the manufacture of burlap bags, cotton bale covers and acts as jobber of cotton ties. They also buy and sell second-hand bags. The Lone Star Bag and Bagging Company occupies a modern factory at 2102 Brooks Street, where they have 25,000 square feet of floor space. They employ fifty operatives. Since the establishment of the business in 1921, development has been rapid and along progressive lines, the firm giving careful attention to the wide opportunities for trade building in this section, and putting out a product that meets existing demands. Mr. Schwarz and Mr. Feld both take an active part in the management of the business, and are the sole owners. Mr. Schwarz and Mr. Feld own and operate the Beaumont Bag Company, located at Forsythe and Railroad Streets, employing about thirty-five employees at this plant. During the year of 1924 the combined sales were approximately \$750,000.00.

Mr. Schwarz is a native of the Lone Star State, having been born at Hempstead, Texas, in 1895. His father, George Schwarz, a native of Germany, came to Hempstead many years ago and is now a resident of Houston. Mr. Schwarz was educated in the Hempstead public schools, and after finishing his education came to Houston, where he has since been identified with various business activities. Since 1921 he has been a factor in the bag and bagging industry.

Mr. Schwarz was married the second of April, 1922, at Houston, to Miss Leonora Rapheal, a native of Galveston.



**J. MONTAGNE** of Beaumont, Texas, spent his entire business life, prior to 1920, as a salesman and knows salesmanship from the various angles as few men know it. Mr. Montagne is owner of the Jefferson Motor Company of this city, which was established in 1920 and are the distributors for the Hudson and Essex motor cars for Southeast Texas. Mr. Montagne has demonstrated that he is as good in the capacity of manager as he has always been as a salesman, and has succeeded in making these cars very popular in this portion of the State. The Jefferson Motor Company occupy a splendid building at 900 Pearl Street, seventy-five feet by one hundred and twenty feet in size, with fine salesroom, office and shops. They also maintain service, sales and parts departments, which are in charge of capable, courteous and efficient people. Thirteen people are employed by this company in the operation of their various departments. Salesmanship is regarded by many people as drudgery, but to Mr. Montagne, through application and adaptation, it is an art and while he is the executive head of the Jefferson Motor Company, he pays particular attention to this end of the business, and very often closes deals which a salesman of the company has not been able to close with a purchaser.

Mr. Montagne was born in the Southern portion of Louisiana on August 28th, 1890. His parents were both members of well known families of

Louisiana. His education was obtained in the public schools and business schools of his native state, which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world. His first experience was as a salesman and he came to Beaumont fifteen years ago, and for the past eight years he has been connected with the automobile industry in this city as a traveling salesman for an automobile accessory house, with headquarters here. He continued in this position until the present company was organized.

Mr. Montagne was married at Beaumont, Texas, on November 19th, 1913, to Miss James Eastham, a member of a well known family of East Texas. They have one son, Paul. Mr. and Mrs. Montagne reside at 1621 College Avenue. Mr. Montagne is a member of the Knights of Columbus, and takes an active interest in this organization. Since locating in this city Mr. Montagne has made a host of friends, who have assisted him in the operation and sales of his popular cars in this portion of the State. He is optimistic as to the future of the automobile industry in the Lone Star State and believes the time is not far distant when many of the largest factories for the manufacturing of cars and trucks will be established in Texas.



**BERT HUGHES**, for almost a decade identified with the life and progress of Port Arthur, is a well known representative of the automotive business here, and has been a factor in influencing the trend of this business in recent years. Mr. Hughes is president and manager of the Bert Hughes Tire Company, incorporated, which he established in 1919, incorporating the business at that time. This is one of the largest tire companies here, and since its establishment has met with rapid growth, as is consistent with the progressive policies of Mr. Hughes. The business is located at the corner of Procter and Waco Streets, and occupies a modern building, seventy-five by one hundred and forty feet. A force of around twenty-five employees is maintained. A good line of tires and tubes, with a tire repair department and well organized road service in connection, is supplemented with an auto accessory department, and a modern oil and gas station. The plant, one of the finest of its kind in this section of the state, does both a wholesale and retail business. Mr. Hughes is also manufacturer of the Hughes Battery, which has made a gratifying sales record in this section, and maintains a battery service station. Mr. Hughes is also president and general manager of the Yellow Cab Company, operating six yellow cabs at Port Arthur, which interest he bought in July of 1923. Miss M. Brewton is secretary and treasurer of both the Yellow Cab Company, and the Bert Hughes Tire Company.

Mr. Hughes was born at Chicago, Illinois, the twelfth of November, 1883, son of the late John T. Hughes, a nationally known portrait painter, and a native of Pennsylvania, who lived in many states, and was for fifteen years a resident of Texas, and Anna Emery Hughes, a native of Maine, and who now makes her home in Texas. Mr. Hughes attended the schools of Pennsylvania, Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and West Virginia, and after finishing his education held various positions, among them that of engineer for the U. S. Steel Company of Pennsylvania, for six years. With his



parents he went to Houston in 1911, and was in the auto tire and accessory business there prior to coming to Port Arthur to open the Port Arthur Tire and Sporting Goods Company, in 1916. Three years later he disposed of that interest.

Mr. Hughes was married in Pennsylvania, the twelfth of September, 1910, to Miss Ida B. Lorber, a native of that state. They now make their home in Port Arthur. Mr. Hughes is a member of various lodges and civic organizations, and belongs to the Young Men's Business League, the Chamber of Commerce, the Lions Club, and is an Elk, a Knight of Pythias, a Dokey, and a Mason, Blue Lodge Cosmopolitan, Pennsylvania, Knight Templar, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Hughes is deeply interested in the growth of Port Arthur, and has done much to further progress and development here.



**HUGH A. THOMPSON**, for two decades and upward a resident of Beaumont, is one of those sterling citizens who make civic progress possible, and is a business leader who has done much to advance this city, both in a commercial and civic way. Mr. Thompson is a member of the firm of the Thompson-Lockhart Electric Company, a business established in 1909 as the Beaumont Electric Company and continued until that name until 1923, when the name was changed to the Thompson-Lockhart Electric Company, the organization remaining the same in other respects. The company does a general electric contracting business, and has a well appointed shop and display room at Pearl and Wall Streets. They have one of the finest electrical stocks in the city, showing an exceptional line of fixtures and specialties, and also sell radio equipment and complete sets. The firm does a great deal of the electric work in the public schools of Jefferson County and has for many years been awarded a large percentage of the important electrical contracts in the city. A force of around twenty electricians is employed. The other member of the firm is L. Edmond Lockhart.

Mr. Thompson was born at Leona, in Leon County, Texas, the thirteenth of January, 1878, the son of Dr. H. H. Thompson, a practicing physician and surgeon of that place, and Anna E. (Lynch) Thompson. He spent his boyhood in his native town, attending the public schools there, and later entered the University of Georgetown, where he spent two years. After four years in the general mercantile business, Mr. Thompson went to Hempstead, where he operated a dry goods store for two years, then going to Jacksonville, where he spent two years. He came to Beaumont in 1902, going with the Southern Pacific Railroad, in the mechanical department, and after two years went with the Christopher Electric Company, remaining with that firm for four years.

Mr. Thompson was married at Madisonville, Texas, in 1905, to Miss Cora Masterson, daughter of Dr. J. E. Masterson, well known dentist of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson reside at 2027 Park Street, and have two children, John William and Ida May Thompson. The family attend the Methodist Church. Mr. Thompson is a member of the Lions Club and fraternally is a Mason, York and Scottish Rites, and a member of El Mina Temple Shrine at Galveston. Mr. Thompson has for many years taken a deep interest in educational matters and in the improvement

of the public school system and as a member of the school board has been able to accomplish much in this line. He is also active in all civic work, and is in every way one of the substantial citizens of his community.



**RAVIS LAMBERT** of Port Arthur, Texas, is known in the business circles of this city and of South Texas as one of the most active and successful real estate and insurance men in this portion of the state. Mr. Lambert is president and manager of the Home Agency Company which was established in this city in 1912, and is engaged in the handling of real estate, both residential and business property. It is said of Mr. Lambert that he has never lost on any real estate transaction, and in addition to his large business in Port Arthur, he has bought and sold many large tracts of land, contiguous to this city. He is also owner of the Home Insurance Agency, which is one of the largest and best agencies of its kind in Port Arthur, handling insurance of all kinds, life, fire, tornado, etc. Mr. Lambert's offices for these two agencies are located in the First National Bank Building. He came to Port Arthur in 1902, and with the exception of a few years spent on the Pacific Coast, has resided here continuously since that time and is one of the first real estate men of this city.

Mr. Lambert was born at Monticello, Arkansas, on August 25th, 1865. His father, Perry Lambert, a native of Georgia, was well known in the business circles of both Georgia and Arkansas. His education was obtained in the public schools of Monticello, Arkansas. As a very young man, Mr. Lambert went on the road for the Simmons Hardware Company, traveling South Arkansas, East Texas and Louisiana, and continued in this line of endeavor for a period of twelve years. In 1902, when Spindle Top came in as a proven oil field, he came to Port Arthur on the opening of this port, on account of its great future, which Mr. Lambert foresaw. He remained here until 1907, when he went to the Pacific Coast on account of his wife's health, and returned in 1911 and opened the agencies with which he is now associated, and which he has made great successes, in their different lines of business.

Mr. Lambert was married in Arkansas on February 1st, 1901, to Miss May Cammack, a native of Arkansas, and a member of a well known family of that state. He has retired from active fraternity and club life, but takes a keen interest in the civic organizations of the city, and gives liberally of his time and means to all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of Port Arthur. Mr. Lambert is optimistic as to the future of this city, and of South Texas, and believes that Port Arthur is destined to become one of the important ports of the Gulf Coast, and that with the wonderful advantages offered by the climate and marketing conditions of the coast country, that it will soon become one of the leading fruit and vegetable raising centers of the entire country. People, from all parts of the country, are attracted here in large numbers, the major portion of whom purchase land and make their future homes here, after seeing this wonderful country, and the products of same. Mr. Lambert for many years has been active in putting Port Arthur on the map, both as a residence and business city, and he is regarded as one of the most progressive citizens of this portion of the state.



**D**OU<sup>G</sup> R. DAVIS of Dayton, Texas, inherited his liking for the cattle business from both his paternal and maternal forebears and is the third generation of this family to be engaged in this industry. Mr. Davis owns upward from two thousand head of different kinds and grades of cattle, mostly cows, which run on the open range, although he pastures twelve thousand acres, one pasture located one mile West of Dayton and one north of Dayton. He also has a pasture south of the town which is exclusively for saddle horses of which he has sixty head. Mr. Davis' home, which is a very attractive country estate, is located on the Liberty Road, about three-fourths of a mile from Dayton. Mr. Davis has been engaged in the cattle business all his life, having worked with his father before finishing school and when leaving school came immediately back to his home and the cattle raising industry. He thinks the dipping of cattle for the purpose of tick eradication has now been successfully worked out. At first the calves were dipped when too young, which caused a heavy loss of calves, and for the older cattle the dipping is not so frequent, and the results are good and all cattle are fat and show no bad results as when this method was first introduced and the cattle were dipped too often. Mr. Davis' herd is not registered cattle, and most of the number are cows which he expects to raise from, and in time will increase his already large herd.

A native Texan, Mr. Davis was born in Houston on September 11th, 1890, and came to Dayton with his parents when five years of age. His father, Joe W. Davis, also a native of the Lone Star State, was born at Cold Springs and was one of the pioneers of the cattle industry in Texas. His mother was Miss Mattie Day, a native Texan, born near Dayton. Her father, I. C. Day, was a large cattle owner and extensive planter owning large plantations, before the Civil War. His cattle had one of the largest brands in South Texas, which could be seen for a long distance, and was noticeably peculiar and attracted much attention. Joe W. Davis (now deceased) organized the Joe W. Davis Oil Company at Houston, which later became the Southwestern Oil Company, and is now the Bonner Oil Company, one of the largest independent oil companies in South Texas. Mr. Frank Bonner was for many years employed in the office by Mr. Davis. On the death of Joe W. Davis, his family moved back to Dayton, where they have since continued to reside. Mr. Davis' maternal grandfather, Day, and his father had been in Texas since the very early pioneer days and their old plantation was located two miles from Dayton. Mr. Davis' education was obtained in the public schools of Dayton, and later he attended college at San Antonio, Texas.

Mr. Davis was married at Liberty, Texas on November 22nd, 1913, to Miss Hilda Pickett, a daughter of Ed Pickett, for more than thirty years county clerk of Liberty County, and again re-elected in 1924. They have four children: three girls and one boy—Ellen Rose, Dorothy, Hilda and Douglas Rice, Jr. Mr. Davis is a member of the Cattlemen's Association and has always taken an active interest in this organization. Mr. Davis is enthusiastic as to the future of the cattle industry in Texas and believes that it will always be one of the leading industries of the Lone Star State.

**C**HESTER A. McDONALD of Port Arthur, although one of the younger men of this city, is nevertheless a pioneer here, as he located in this community in 1903. For some time he was engaged in the plumbing business, and has supplied plumbing and heating equipment for many of the large buildings and residences of this city.

Mr. McDonald was born in Illinois on March 9th, 1886. His father, R. McDonald, also born in Illinois, came to Texas in 1893, and settled at Beeville, where he engaged in business and remained there until 1903, when he removed to Port Arthur, and has remained here since that time. His education was obtained in the public schools of Beeville, Texas.

Mr. McDonald was married at Port Arthur in 1907, to Miss Abbie Clements, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a pioneer family of South Texas. They have two children: Bernice and Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald reside at 2525 5th Street. Mr. McDonald is a member of the Civitan Club, the B. P. O. E., and the Port Arthur Chamber of Commerce, in all of which he takes an active interest. He is optimistic as to the future of Port Arthur, and believes the future of Jefferson County is one of unlimited possibilities for continued growth and prosperity.

**L**ORENZ W. STOLZ, for upwards of a half a decade one of the progressive citizens of Beaumont, has established one of the largest marble and granite works here, an industrial enterprise that has materially affected the standing of Beaumont as an industrial center. Mr. Stolz is part owner of the L. W. Stolz Marble and Granite Works, a business owned by himself and his father, an established in Beaumont in 1919. The works is one of the leaders of its kind in the city, working in marble, granite and stone, and making monuments and mausoleums, and also handling a large volume of general building construction work. The plant is located at 1085 Magnolia Street, where a large and complete stock is carried, including a fine stock of imported granite. All equipment is the best and most modern, and all cutting and grinding machines are electrically operated. A force of around twenty workmen are employed, all expert stone workers, and competent to turn out the highest class of work. The company did all the carving on the construction at Rice Institute, at Houston, and has handled many other important contracts since the establishments of the business. Mr. Stolz was the first marble worker in Texas to employ the sand blast process of cutting, engraving, lettering and carving, and has the exclusive rights to use this process in this territory. This method represents the latest improvement in the stone engraving art, and is one of the finest yet adopted, giving the user opportunity to turn out a very superior class of work. In addition to the yard here there is a second plant at La Grange, owned by Mr. Stolz and his father, with the latter in charge of its operation, and where a large part of the stock is carried.

Mr. Stolz was born at La Grange, Texas, the second of October, 1896, the son of Otto E. Stolz, in the marble and granite business at La Grange for more than thirty-five years, and Alma Stolz. Mr. Stolz was educated at the West Texas Military Academy, Castle Heights Military Academy, at Lebanon, Ten-



nessee, and at Rice Institute, at Houston. In March, 1918, he enlisted in military service, with the motor transport, and was stationed at Camp Fort Sam Houston and Camp Mabry, serving as non-commissioned officer until his discharge in February, 1919. He came to Beaumont immediately afterward and established his present business.

Mr. Stolz was married at La Grange, in 1921, to Miss Agnes Frede, daughter of Leo Frede, president of a bank in La Grange, and a resident of that city for four decades, and Bertha Frede. Mr. and Mrs. Stolz have two children, Marion and Leola, and reside at 1236 Pennsylvania Avenue. Mr. Stolz belongs to the Rotary Club and the Beaumont Club, and fraternally is a Mason, York Rite. He is active in civic work, and is one of the best liked and most popular of the younger business men of Beaumont.

**J**ARVIS TILLERY, oil operator of Beaumont, Texas, is the executive head of one of the most successful oil companies which has been organized in South Texas during the past decade. Mr. Tillery is president and general manager of the L. J. Tillery Oil Company, Inc. and while this is a comparatively new oil company, it has some of South Texas' biggest oil men as stockholders and directors. This company was organized in 1922 and is an operating and producing company, with activities in the coastal fields only, and owns much proven and unproven oil lands in the coastal section. It has its own drilling rigs, and has big production in the Orange field, and a bright future is predicted for this oil company. Other officers of the Tillery Oil Company, Inc. are Charles G. Hooks, vice president, and Henry Mathis, secretary and treasurer, and their offices are located at 546 Keith Building. Prior to engaging in the oil business, Mr. Tillery was for about four years active in the real estate and insurance business in North Carolina and was with the Chino Copper Company when he entered the World War. In 1917, Mr. Tillery attended the Officers' Training Camp at Leon Springs, for three months and was commissioned a lieutenant and was assigned to the infantry, with special duties, mostly in various ports and shipyards. He was discharged in February, 1919, after which he became associated with the Humble Oil and Refining Company in the lease and land department and remained with this company for three and one-half years, when he organized the L. J. Tillery Oil Company, Inc., with headquarters at Beaumont, Texas.

Mr. Tillery was born at Rocky Mount, North Carolina, on March 19th, 1892. His father, Luther F. Tillery, was a well known banker of Rocky Mount. His mother was Miss Minnie Vyne, a member of a well known North Carolina family. Mr. Tillery's education was obtained in the Preparatory School at Warrenton, North Carolina, Culver Military Academy, where he was a student for one year, and the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, where he was a student for a period of three years.

Mr. Tillery was married in Tennessee, in 1913, to Miss Eyve Palmer, a daughter of H. G. Palmer, who for many years was engaged in the wholesale business and was well known in the business circles of Tennessee. They have two children, Joyce Palmer Tillery, ten years of age, and Marilyn Vyne, aged three years. Mr. and Mrs. Tillery reside at 2345 Liberty Avenue. Mr. Tillery is a member of

the Knights of Pythias, the American Legion, and the Beaumont Club, in all of which he takes an active interest. Mr. Tillery is popular in the business and social circles of Beaumont, and is regarded as one of the most practical oil men of the coast country, where he has a host of friends.



**S. MASKELL**, one of the recent recruits to the oil fraternity at Humble, in the interval that has elapsed since his coming here, has taken a prominent place among petroleum men of this section, and is directing the development of leases in the Humble field. Mr. Maskell came to Humble in February, 1923, to take charge of the operations of the Burleigh Oil Company, of which he was vice president and superintendent, and so continued until December 15th, 1924. While he still has an interest in this company, he is devoting his personal attention to the development of the W. W. Fondren, and other leases. He has drilled several wells on these leases and has a substantial production. Mr. Maskell has his office in the Humble field, directing all operations from here.

C. S. Maskell was born at Fairfield, Maine, the eighth of April, 1873, and attended the public schools of that state. As a young man he left Maine, going to Washington, where for twenty years he was engaged in the lumber and shingle business, having business interests at Seattle and Bellingham. During the years he spent in the lumber business Mr. Maskell invested in the Burleigh Oil Company.

Mr. Maskell was married at Houston the twenty-ninth of May, 1924, he and Mrs. Maskell making their home at Humble. Mr. Maskell has directed the work at Humble with a sureness that suggests a sound working knowledge of the oil business, as well as ability as an executive, and is regarded among oil men of this section as one of the coming leaders here in the petroleum industry.



**JOHN L. FRIED**, whose business career has been spent in the foundry business, has attained a commendable reputation in this important industry. Many years devoted to this field of activity has made him expert in this line and at this time he is numbered among the valued members of the Hughes Tool Company.

John L. Fried was born at San Antonio, Texas, in 1886, son of J. C. and Lydia Fried. He was educated in his native city, and after finishing his education entered the iron and steel foundry business. He spent three years in San Antonio, engaged in this industry, then going to Houston, where for two years and a half he was in the shops of the Southern Pacific Railroad. A year at Monterey, Mexico, followed, and then a short time spent at San Antonio and St. Louis, where he was engaged in various phases of iron and steel foundrying work. He then returned to Houston in 1918, and spent a year with the Lucy Manufacturing Corporation, and then two years with the Gray Engineering Company, resigning this position to organize the Fried Foundry Company, which he conducted until making his present connections.

Mr. Fried was married at San Antonio, 1904, to Miss Tena Augusta Richter. They have seven children—Gladys, Lydia, Flossie, Morris, Leafy, Wilmot and Roy. Mr. Fried is a member of the Association of Iron Moulders of North America.





**EDWARD BECKER**, cattleman, farmer and business man of Hockley, whose name has for many years been of special significance in this locality, has taken a constructive interest in the development of the resources of his community and enjoys the highest esteem of his fellow citizens. Mr. Beck has a well improved ranch, about three and one-half miles northeast of Hockley, comprising around one thousand acres of deeded land with an additional seven hundred acres of leased land. His herd averages around three hundred head of cattle, with sixty-five head of horses and mules. Mr. Becker also buys and sells cattle as well as raises them and has in recent years given special attention to shipping young stock to cattlemen in West Texas. Mr. Becker raises his own feed, his farm crops including sufficient corn, hay and other feed stuffs for his stock. Mr. Becker manages that part of his father's estate that is located at Hockley, a brother, F. H. Becker, managing the Becker Cedar Post Company at Austin, which the elder Mr. Becker founded and built up. The estate at Hockley consists of farming lands and business property. A second brother, O. P. Becker, lives in Houston Heights, where he is road inspector, and also has property interests at Hockley.

Edward Becker was born at Cypress, Texas, the fifteenth of November, 1885. His father, J. H. G. Becker, a native of Germany, came to Texas as a young man and was for many years one of the most prominent men in his community. He was interested in enterprises of wide scope, and has a large real estate business, and also was well known as a cattle dealer. Mr. Becker also served as county commissioner and was one of those public-spirited business men of outstanding business qualities and sound integrity who are the backbone of any community. His death occurred in January, 1922, since which time his sons have had charge of his estate, looking after his extensive business interests. Mr. Becker's mother was, before her marriage, Miss Emily Roeder, a native of Cypress, to which place her father, Edward Roeder, a native of Germany, came in 1854, and engaged as a stockman and farmer until his death in 1888, her mother's death occurring in 1902. Edward Becker was reared by his grandmother, Mrs. Roeder, his mother, Emily Roeder Becker, having been an invalid for many years prior to her death, which occurred in January, 1923, a year following the death of her husband. As a boy Edward Becker attended the schools of Cypress, and later went to school at Brenham and Houston. After finishing his education he began in the cattle business, building up one of the best of the smaller ranches of this section, and has continued in that line to the present time.

Mr. Becker was married the twenty-fourth of January, 1915, to Miss Aurelia Hegar, the daughter of L. Hegar, a native of Harris County, where his birth occurred in 1861. Mr. Hegar now makes his home near Hockley, but has practically retired from the cattle business, in which he engaged for many years. He was a large land owner in Harris County, and still owns much valuable farm and ranch property. Mr. and Mrs. Becker reside at their ranch home, a modern and attractive residence, located on the Becker ranch, three and one-half miles northeast of Hockley, on the shell road leading from that city. Mr. Becker is a member of the Sons of Hermann at

Hockley, and the Farmers' Home Insurance Company. Mr. Becker is especially interested in the more progressive ranching methods, and in building the cattle business along constructive lines until it shall again reach its former place of importance.




**WALTER NICHOLS KUNTZ**, veteran automobile supply man, at Houston, and for many years a factor in the business world of this city, has for the past several years been identified with wholesale merchandising in the auto supply field. Mr. Kuntz is President and General Manager of the Houston Auto Supply Company, Incorporated, a firm established in March, 1920, and located at 509 and 511 Louisiana Street. This firm, one of the largest wholesale auto supply houses in this section of the State, handles a wholesale business exclusively, carrying a full line of automobile supplies, garage equipment and machinery. The building occupied affords around thirteen thousand square feet of floor space and provides for the efficient handling of the business, with ample storage space for the reserve stock. Eight salesmen represent the Houston Auto Supply Company, Incorporated, on the road, covering the territory in the Southern part of the State, and produce a record volume of business. A force of employees, totaling more than twenty, are in the house in Houston, and give careful attention to maintaining high service standards. In addition to Mr. Kuntz as President and General Manager, other members of the corporation are W. A. Archer, Vice-President, and A. V. Gerard, Secretary and Treasurer.

Walter Nichols Kuntz was born at Galveston, Texas, the twelfth of April, 1884, son of the late William Kuntz, also a native of that city, and who removed to Houston in 1890, and Nora G. Hackney Kuntz, a native of New Orleans. Mr. Kuntz received his education in the public schools of Houston, and as a school boy began work in dry goods stores of the city. Later he went into railroad work, spending a year and a half in outside work, and two years in the office of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Then followed two years as fireman on Southern Pacific engines, and eight months as engineer. He then went with the F. W. Heitmann Company, remaining with this firm nearly twelve years, and was in the auto supply department of the firm from the time they took on this line, in 1914. He left that firm as Manager of the auto supply department, to organize his present business, in which he has met with rapid success and advancement.

Mr. Kuntz was married at Houston, the seventeenth of April, 1906, to Miss Katie Lang, a native of this city and daughter of Gus Lang. Mr. and Mrs. Kuntz have three children, Vivian Mae, Walter N., Junior, and Eugene Oscar. They make their home at 406 Welch Avenue. Mr. Kuntz is a member of the Houston Auto Trade League, the Salesmanship Club, the Chamber of Commerce, the City, State and National Credit Men's Associations, and is a Director in the city and state associations. Fraternally he is a Mason, member of Temple Lodge, Chapter No. 99, Corpus Christi, Texas. Mr. Kuntz is one of those progressive business men whose activities result in real benefit to their communities, and his integrity and high business principles commend him to a wide acquaintance, both in Houston and in adjoining territory.



 OHN PETER SJOLANDER, for half a century a contributor of poems to American and Swedish newspapers and magazines, today stands pre-eminent among the poets of the Lone Star State, and his work has been well received and widely copied. Called variously the "son of the sea and son of the soil," "the farmer poet," "the sailor poet," "the poet farmer," and other names, the lyrical, musical quality of his work has made a wide appeal, and has won him no small measure of fame. His "The Blue Bonnet of Texas" was for six years included in one of the Texas school readers. A sonnet, "To a Sparrow," was used in one of the readers of the Riverside Series, and a sketch of his life appears in the "Library of Southern Literature."

John Peter Sjolander was born in Hudiksvall, northern Sweden, the twenty-fifth of March, 1851. When he was five years old his father was lost at sea and his mother left with three small children to rear and educate. The family some years before in a fight for religious freedom had joined a little colony, and as a result the children were excluded from the public schools, so the education of the Sjolander children devolved upon their mother. Fortunately for them she was able to teach them far more than the public schools could have done and the subject of our sketch, under her tutelage, developed a great love for books and reading. Before he was ten he had read the Bible through several times and his reading had broadened and included many of the better books at his command, with a leaning toward poetry. Tegner and Runeberg were his favorites among the poets and he began to acquire a rhyming habit. At twelve some of his verses began to appear anonymously in the local newspapers and attracted enough attention that inquiry was made as to their authorship. Arrangements were made to have him enter high school, where he covered several years' work in one and acquitted himself with credit. He was told, however, that outside of the priesthood there was no future for him in Sweden and in the spring of sixty-seven he went to England, where after an apprenticeship to a ship owner he returned for a brief visit to his home land, again returning to England, and a few years later found himself as one of the crew of a ship of railroad iron, bound for Galveston. He began work in this city, and later, the first of June, 1871, was one of the volunteers who saved the crew of the Nova Scotia bark which sank on the Galveston bar during the storm which hit the coast at that time. A little later, while waiting for his ship to leave port, he came to Cedar Bayou, in company with four sailors, and were so enchanted with the beauty of the place that all four became permanent settlers of the Lone Star State.

John Peter Sjolander from that day was a resident of Cedar Bayou, working in the summer at brick making, and in the winters going to Galveston where he worked on the wharf, with the exception of one year when he spent several months in Philadelphia. In 1877 his brother brought the mother to Texas and they bought land at Cedar Bayou and established their first real home.

The following year, on the twenty-third of May, 1878, Mr. Sjolander was married at Cedar Bayou, to Miss Caroline Bush, daughter of Celestin and Mary Bush, and a native of Chambers County. Mr.

and Mrs. Sjolander had a family of six children: Eric George, John Celestin, Frank Antone, Paul, Sam Young, and Anne Margaret. Three of these children are now married and have homes of their own near the old home place, while the others still live with their parents, and with their father are farmers and producers. Mr. Sjolander is a Master Mason, as are three of his sons, and is a prominent Masonic worker. He wrote, at the request of the Cedar Bayou Lodge, a semi-centennial history of that order, from 1870 until 1920, which is an interesting piece of Masonic literature. Mr. Sjolander is one of the most beloved men in and around Cedar Bayou, and for many years has been one of the outstanding men in the development of this community. While Mr. Sjolander has never taken himself seriously as a poet, making of this interest a recreation from his activities of a farmer, he has had many verses printed in various publications.



WILLIAM M. BAYLEY, owner of the Nytex Floral Company of Alvin, Texas, came here in 1910 and is one of the largest producers and shippers of cut flowers, plants and bulbs in or near Alvin. The Nytex Floral Company are wholesale growers and shippers and have perhaps a greater variety of flowers for shipment than any other grower here, and on account of this diversification, he ships his flowers practically all the year. Mr. Bayley has forty acres of land at Alvin, ten acres of which is planted to cape jessamines, three acres to tube roses, six acres to Magnolia figs, one acre to Shasta daisies, and one acre to gladiolus of which he has more than fifty thousand bulbs planted for cut flowers. He also has roses, nursery stock, and ferns from which are cut sprays of the beautiful plumosus and sprengeri varieties to mix with other cut flowers. The Nytex Floral Company is a very highly developed place, the product from which is shipped throughout the entire country. Mr. Bayley, prior to engaging in his present business, was for several years engaged in building construction work in New York City. He came to Texas in 1910 and started in the orange growing business, and at the same time started his present floral business, which he has continued, and by hard work, and close attention to the details of his business, he has been successful.

Mr. Bayley was born at Massena Springs, New York in 1887. His father, Frederick Bayley, was a well known dairy farmer of New York State. His mother was Miss Irene Catline, a member of a prominent family of New York State. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of his native state.

Mr. Bayley was married at Alvin, Texas, in 1915, to Miss Beatrice Moore, a native of Texas and a daughter of John A. Moore, who for many years has been one of the leading dairy men of Alvin. They have two children: William Bayley, Jr., seven years of age and Dorris, aged three years. Mr. Bayley is enthusiastic as to the future of Alvin, not along the lines of the floral business alone, but in every line of endeavor. He has given much thought and study to the kinds of fruits, shrubs and flowers to be grown and shipped from this vicinity. He believes that this will soon become the greatest Magnolia fig growing country in the world, and that the people are awakening to the fact that this fruit is a wonderful money crop for this territory.





**JOHN M. KILGORE**, for more than two decades a factor in the life and progress of Cedar Bayou, has attained a commendable reputation for his activities as a ship builder. Mr. Kilgore is the owner of Kilgore's Ship Yard, which he established here many years ago. He builds barges, tug boats, pleasure boats of all kinds, and also does repair work of all kinds. His boats are carefully constructed, and years of service have proven them to be worthy the reputation which has been accorded them. Mr. Kilgore builds around fifteen new barges annually, in addition to repairing some one hundred boats, and has equipment to handle boats up to one hundred and fifty feet. He has two sets of shipping ways, and keeps from fifteen to twenty employees busy in the yards. Mr. Kilgore has had many years' experience in this field, and is known as one of the best ship builders in this section. He is familiar with all phases of ship building, and his knowledge of his craft is not mere theory, but the accumulated knowledge of years of practical experience.

Mr. Kilgore is a native of Cedar Bayou, where he was born the seventh of September, 1880, the son of Joseph and Mary Hartman Kilgore, his father a farmer and land owner of this section. Mr. Kilgore was educated in the schools of Cedar Bayou, and as a boy began work in the shipyards. With a natural ability for hard work, and an attention to the details of this craft he soon became a master builder and built his own yards, where he has continued to turn out barges and boats of various kinds for almost two decades. Mr. Kilgore also owns farming lands in Chambers County, having some two hundred acres of fertile land under cultivation.

Mr. Kilgore was married at Cedar Bayou in 1907, to Miss Clarence Berry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berry, her father a well known railroad man. Mr. and Mrs. Kilgore have a large home on the bank of the bayou and near the ship yards. They have five children: Beatrice, Joe, Raymond, Morris and Boyd. The family attend the Methodist Church and take their part in the usual social and civic activities in the community. Mr. Kilgore is a Master Mason, and one of the best known ship builders on the bayou.



**CECIL BROWN**, one of the most progressive business men of Friendswood, is a factor in industrial activities, and one of the best informed men on the canning and packing of figs in this section. Mr. Brown is the owner of the Cecil Brown Fig Company, a modern canning company, organized to can and place on the market the figs which are grown extensively in this section. The business has met with rapid growth, and the product packed by this company is becoming well known to a large trade territory. Mr. Brown has his product standardized, marketing it under a very attractive label, in three sizes in glass and three in tin. All fruit used by the factory has been carefully ripened, after which it is brought to the plant where it is sorted, graded, processed, packed and inspected, coming out a standardized article, able to compete with other food stuffs on its own merits. The trade name of Mr. Brown's products are "Quaker Maid" for the whole fruit and "Brown's Beauty" for the crushed fruit. The factory occupies a modern building sixty by eighty feet, with several smaller buildings, and is so arranged that addi-

tional units may be added as the growth of the business demands. The daily capacity is around fifteen thousand pounds, and forty to fifty operatives are employed on the average. Warehouses have also been secured in Galveston and Houston and the stock is stored at both places. Mr. Brown is sole owner of the business.

Cecil Brown was born at Halstead, Kansas, the first of December, 1893, son of Frank J. and Mary J. Brown. The family came to Friendswood in the following year, 1894, and the elder Mr. Brown bought a tract of land here, where the city of Friendswood is now located, and laid out the town. Mr. T. J. Brown was the founder of Friendswood Colony. He has since been engaged in real estate, rice farming, and general farming activities and well known for his development work in this section. His son, the subject of this sketch, was educated in the public schools of Friendswood, graduating from the high school here, after which he attended the Friends University, at Wichita, Kansas. Returning to his home he became interested in the canning industry, and after a number of years spent in the various fig canning plants in this section, established his own plant.

Mr. Brown was married at Friendswood in 1916, to Miss Frances Perry, daughter of Nathan Perry, a farmer and fig grower here, and Mary Perry. Mr. and Mrs. Brown have one child, Dale O. Brown, and are Quakers. They make their home in Friendswood. Mr. Brown has taken an active part in all development work in this section, especially along industrial lines, and his factory is one of the most modern here. He is also interested in agricultural development, and is active in introducing scientific methods that will result in larger yields. His career in the business world has been watched with interest and older men predict a future for him in the canning and packing field.



**EDWARD STOCKING BUSCH** is one of those real pioneers of Harris County, whose highly successful efforts in behalf of better farming throughout a period of almost four decades, make him a figure of importance in the agricultural industry. Mr. Busch, whose birth occurred on the farm on which he now lives, is one of the large land owners of Harris County, and has more than one thousand acres of land under cultivation in his home place. His farming operations are conducted under his direct supervision, and with his wide experience, have been successful. He also takes an interest in cattle raising and has from two to three hundred head of cattle grazing at all times, as well as horses and other live stock. Mr. Busch's farm adjoins that of his brother, Robert Busch, one of the most honored pioneers of Harris County, and, like the subject of this sketch, has engaged in agricultural pursuits throughout his life.

Edward Stocking Busch was born near Cedar Bayou, in Harris County, the seventh of October, 1867, son of Frank and Mariah Busch, who came from Germany in the early days and located here. He was the youngest child of a large family, and reared in a time when the hardships of pioneer days prevented attendance at school for the major part of the time, received but little schooling.

When he was eighteen he decided to become a boatman, and went in the boating business, running



a sail boat from Cedar Bayou to Galveston, and carrying freight, passengers, etc. He owned his own schooner and was captain for almost two decades, his craft being a familiar sight in those days. After eighteen years on the water he came back to the farm, and has lived on his birthplace ever since.

Mr. Busch was married at Galveston to Miss Kate Baker, daughter of Brown and Sallie Baker, her father a farmer and cattle man of the early days. Mr. and Mrs. Busch have made their home on the farm for many years, and have reared their family of five children here. These children are: Mrs. Viola Ruth, Mrs. Georgie McKinney, Mrs. Ida Alexander, Hance Busch and Richardson Busch. Mr. Busch is known throughout Harris County and the adjoining territory, as well as along the channel, and one of the best liked men in this section. He has found success through hard work, and now, one of the most active men of his years, gives his entire time to the management of his farming interests.



**CHARLES A. MENKE**, while perhaps better known as a stockman whose progressive methods have done much to advance the industry in Waller County, where for four decades he has been one of the leading cattlemen, has for a number of years been recognized as a factor in the lumber industry through his scientific methods of conserving the timber resources on his ranch. Mr. Menke owns one of the finest ranches in Waller County, composed of fifteen thousand acres of deeded land, supplemented by twelve thousand acres of leased land. His herd averages around twenty-five hundred head of cattle, all graded Hereford stock, and including twenty-three registered Hereford bulls. While Mr. Menke has made no effort to enter the blooded stock business, he has for many years recognized the importance of high grade stock and has developed his herds until as strictly range cattle they cannot be surpassed. Mr. Menke raises all his own feedstuff, it being the rule on the Menke ranch not to buy anything which can be raised on the ranch. All buildings on the ranch are of the finest type of modern construction, and with a modern electric lighting plant, an adequate water system and like improvements, offers the convenience of the city home. The ranch house is handsomely finished and furnished, and is surrounded with beautiful trees, and other structures, including barns and corrals, are in keeping. The entire ranch is under fence, all gateways having cement posts, made on the ranch, and all fencing material used being wood, kept whitewashed, and built to last. There are an average of twelve people employed during the year, although this number is often greatly increased by seasonal demands of ranch work. Mr. Menke takes a deep personal interest in the welfare of the men working for him, advising them as to caring for their own small crops and interests.

Mr. Menke has valuable timber resources on his ranch, including several varieties of hardwood, and has established saw mills which cut the timber under the supervision of an expert in forestation. This timber will eventually, through proper and scientific handling, more than pay for the land, instead of being wasted in clearing, as is so often the case.

Mr. Menke has for years been interested in better cattle, breeding up his herds in accordance with this

idea. He has also further increased the profits of his business by keeping in personal touch with the kind of cattle bringing real prices on the market, often visiting the markets at Fort Worth, Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago to this end. As a result he has seen his ideas for the development of his herd bear fruition in advantageous prices received from the output of the ranch, and has the added satisfaction of knowing that this advantage, coming as the result of his knowledge of his business, has further advanced the industry.

Mr. Menke was born in Austin County (which is now Waller County), Texas, the eighth of September, 1861. His father, J. A. Menke, came to Austin County from Germany, his native country, in 1836, with his parents, and spent the rest of his life here, engaging in agricultural pursuits. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Charlotte Schluntz, was also a native of Germany, coming to Austin County as a child of nine years old, with her parents, and traveling from Virginia Point in a two-wheeled cart. Her death occurred at the age of seventy-two. Mr. Menke was educated in the country schools near his home, and after leaving school pursued his studies alone. As a boy he worked for various cattlemen in Austin County, later leaving there and coming to Waller County, which was a part of Austin County at that time, where he settled in 1884, securing a section of land, and laying the foundation of his present herd. At that time a good steer brought around fifteen dollars, instead of the sixty-five or seventy of today, and with the nearest neighbor many miles away life on the frontier was further complicated by the outlaw type of bad man.

Mr. Menke was married at San Antonio, Texas, the sixteenth of December, 1884, to Miss Pauline Meyer, daughter of John Meyer, a farmer of Austin County. Mr. and Mrs. Menke make their home at the ranch, and have six sons, J. J., C. H., E. P., L. L., W. M., and T. M. Menke. Mr. Menke has given his sons every advantage in study and training, four of them being graduates in animal husbandry at Texas A. and M. College, and one at University of Columbus, Ohio, graduating as a veterinary surgeon, a science in which they have established a high reputation since student days when they were members of the stock-judging teams at the National Stock Shows in Chicago. The younger son, T. M. Menke, is specializing in civil engineering. When the United States entered the World War Mr. Menke's sons promptly volunteered for service, and while some served their country in various military capacities, the others were required by military authorities to help maintain the ranch and herds. Mr. Menke also took an active part in the war, and was in charge of Red Cross work for his district and also a member of the County Council of Defense. In campaigning for money in connection with the Liberty Loans and Red Cross drives in his district, he saw to it that all quotas were promptly subscribed, putting up any necessary funds to insure this himself. Mr. Menke is the fine outdoors type of man, riding, roping, and living the strenuous life of the ranch with men half his age. As a cattleman his influence in Waller County has been extensive, and there have been few men equaling him in their work in behalf of the development of this industry.





**JIM BOURLAND**, known throughout the Southern States as a manufacturer of veterinary remedies, came to Houston upwards of a decade ago to establish his headquarters and has since found this city ripe in business opportunities and desirable as a residence city. Mr. Bourland is proprietor of the firm of Jim Bourland, Manufacturer of Veterinary Remedies, which he established at Houston in 1912 and which has since been one of the leading manufacturing businesses in this field in this section. Mr. Bourland has a well equipped plant at 1803 Congress Avenue, and manufactures the well known Jim Bourland line of poultry remedies and stock remedies. He has from time to time bought up various other proprietary medicine manufacturing firms and confined them to his plant. He is the sole owner of the Imperial Medicine Company, the Park Chemical Company, the Raben Company, the Stacy Chemical Company, the F. T. Hall Company and manufactures the products formerly manufactured by the establishers of these various companies, in his plant on Congress Avenue. He also manufactures Cannon's Liniment, Fowler's Stomach Wafers and Fowler's Laxative Wafers. The products of Mr. Bourland's manufacture are known throughout the Southern States and are the standard in their line.

Jim Bourland was born in Hunt County, Texas, in 1881, the son of J. P. Bourland, a druggist of Throckmorton County for many years and now a stock farmer of Goodnight, Texas. He studied pharmacy under his father and later with Dr. B. H. Rand, at Higgins, Texas. When Dr. Rand sold out his drug store there, Mr. Bourland bought him out and operated the drug store for the ensuing three years. Then he went on the road, selling a line of veterinary remedies and proprietary drugs for a number of years. In 1910 he came to Houston with the intention of making this city his headquarters and himself engaging in the manufacture of these products. He opened his plant in 1912 and has since managed his business along progressive lines and has met with rapid growth.

Mr. Bourland was married at Houston, in 1913, to Miss Nannie Hunt, a native of Kentucky. They make their home at 5019 Telephone Road, a very attractive residence. Mr. Bourland is a member of the Houston Launch Club, the Houston Yacht Club and the Glenbrook Country Club. In the business world he is recognized as a progressive business man, interested in constructive civic development, and is a leader in many activities directed toward civic advancement.



**W. GILLESPIE**, for three decades identified with the printing business in the Lone Star State, has been a resident of Houston since 1901, taking an active part in the development of the printer's art in this city, and for the past ten years operating one of the many fine printing establishments here. The Gulfport Printing Company, Incorporated, of which Mr. Gillespie is president and manager, was established by him in 1914, and two years later incorporated. The firm does printing and bookbinding of all kinds, operating a high class plant, and specializing in the finest work. The Gulfport Printing Company is located at 2315 Main Street, occupying a modernly equipped building, providing fourteen thousand feet of floor

space and employing many skilled operatives. The company also has three salesmen, representing the firm, and facilitating the sales department of the business. Mr. Gillespie is president and manager of the Gulfport Printing Company and E. M. Bishop, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Gillespie was born in Kaufman County, Texas, in 1880, son of R. C. Gillespie, pioneer Texan, who came to Fort Worth in 1854, two years later removing to Kaufman County, where he spent the rest of his life. Mr. Gillespie was educated in the rural schools of Kaufman County. At the age of thirteen, he began working in a printing shop, at Forney, his home, and after several years spent there, during which time he learned much about the business, he went to Brenham, Texas. He was engaged in the printing business there, and later, in 1901, came to Houston where he was first with the Houston Post and later with the Houston Chronicle. He then became associated with the Miller and Orem Typesetting Company, of which he was vice president. After a few years he established his own business, which later, in 1916, was incorporated under the firm name of Gulfport Printing Company.

Mr. Gillespie was married at Dallas, Texas, in 1920, to Miss Fleetwood Vinson, a native of the Lone Star State. They make their home at 120 South Seventy-ninth Street, and have two children.



**ROBERT LEWIS NORTHRUP**, popular young business man, has been a resident of Houston for over twenty years, having come here in 1903, when a boy eleven years of age. He has been closely identified with the commercial interests of the city for the past several years, and is the co-proprietor of the Fannin Pharmacy, located on the busy corner of Fannin and Capitol, and one of the popular down-town drug establishments of this city. Modern fixtures are found here, and the prescription department is especially well equipped and stocked and in charge of registered pharmacists who are experts in the preparation and compounding of prescriptions. A beautiful modern soda fountain adds to the store's attractiveness and popularity and serves a complete line of high-class cooling drinks, ice cream and confections.

Mr. Northrup is a native of Texas and was born at Velasco, on October 6th, 1892. He is a son of Dr. S. G. Northrup, prominent physician, a graduate of Tulane University at New Orleans, and who has been engaged in the practise of his profession in Houston for more than twenty years. He is now practically retired. Mr. Northrup's mother was formerly Miss Mattie Red McClellan, a native of Fayette, Texas.

After attending the public schools of Giddings and Houston, Mr. Northrup entered Southwestern University at Georgetown, Texas, and graduated in 1912. While attending college he worked for Long's Drug Store at Georgetown, and upon completion of his college course returned to Houston and became connected with the Hoencke Pharmacy. He later went with the Montrose Pharmacy as a clerk and afterwards purchased the business, disposing of it in 1920 to become identified with the Anderson Drug Store as assistant manager. On December 6th, 1922, he was promoted to manager. He left this position in order to engage in business, and with Mr. John H. Reeves, who owns and operates the



Fannin Pharmacy. On December 16th, 1924, Mr. Northrup bought out the Fannin Pharmacy and is owner now.

On October 10th, 1914, Mr. Northrup was married at Galveston to Miss Annie Vinita Armstrong, daughter of Chas. L. Armstrong, for many years a resident of Houston. They have two sons, Robert Lewis, Jr., seven, and Preston Gaines, four. The family resides at 1409 Welch Avenue.

Mr. Northrup is an energetic, tireless type of business man, devoted to his work, accommodating and ever mindful of the interests of his customers.



**ROBERT C. KERR** is one of the foremost business men of Houston, where for a quarter of a century the symbol "Kerr, The Florist" has been known to every resident of the city and in all parts of the state. Mr. Kerr is the owner of the Robert C. Kerr Company, Inc., which is the largest floral company in the South. They have one hundred acres devoted to the growing of flowers and plants from which their cut flowers are obtained and stock of plants for market are grown. In order to produce perfect flowers and plants, their roses and ferns are nearly all grown under glass, and Mr. Kerr has fifty thousand square feet of glass and twelve acres of green houses and green house stock. In the beautiful and commodious retail store at 1007 Main Street, where their cut flowers and plants are artistically arranged, Mr. Kerr has four thousand square feet of floor space and employs fifteen people. His immense stocks of tuberose, cape jessamines, sweet peas and all of the more hardy flowers and shrubs are grown in the open. In addition to the vast amount of all kinds of flowers shipped by the Robert C. Kerr Company, Inc., this company ships annually ten thousand packages of cape jessamines, which is a special parcel post package.

A native Texan, Mr. Kerr was born in Collin County in 1878. His parents, A. W. Kerr and Lou T. Kerr, were well known citizens of Texas, where his father established the Kerr floral establishment forty-eight years ago in Collin County. He later moved the business to Sherman and still later to Houston. Robert C. Kerr is of the third generation to be engaged in the floral business. Mr. Kerr's early education was obtained in the public schools of Sherman. Later he attended the A. and M. College for a period of four years, during which time he took all the courses in horticulture.

Mr. Kerr has truly been raised in an atmosphere of flowers and the floral business. He came to Houston in 1898 and entered the floral business with his father. He has been very active in all organizations that have for their object the aid of all florists. He organized the Houston Floral Club, and later organized the State Florists Association, and also nine local organizations of this association in different portions of the state. Mr. Kerr has the distinction of being the first president of the National Floral Society in the South, and it was during his regime as president that the slogan, "Say it with Flowers" was created. Mr. Kerr was married at Navasota in 1901 to Miss Cornelia Vance, a daughter of Charles Vance, a large landowner of Grimes County. They have one son, Roy Kerr, twenty years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Kerr reside at their country home near Houston on Rural Route No. 4. Mr. Kerr is a mem-

ber of the park board of Houston, in which civic work he takes a deep interest. In fraternal and social organizations he is a member of the Scottish Rite body of the A. F. and A. M. and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple, the B. P. O. E., University Club, Rotary Club and the Salesmanship Club. In the midst of his private work, Mr. Kerr finds opportunity to give his time and assistance to many movements of a public nature, and is interested in all agencies working for the greater development and civic improvement of Houston.



**W. B. MADING** for almost a quarter of a century has been a resident of Houston, during this time being a factor in the drug business and taking an active part in the commercial life of the city. Mr. Mading operates a chain of drug stores in the city, Mading's Drug Stores Number two, three, four and five, all in excellent locations and doing a large volume of business. His wife is his only partner, taking an active interest in the business, and is a real business woman. Mr. Mading opened his first drug store in 1908, the Magnolia Pharmacy, at the corner of Congress and Jackson Streets, and which he operated for fifteen years. In 1914 he opened Mading Drug Store Number 2, at 1502 Texas Avenue, following this in 1917 with the opening of Store Number 3 at the corner of McKinney and Jackson Streets, and in 1923 with Store Number 4 at 1417 Washington Avenue. Store No. 5 at 6701 Harrisburg Boulevard, was opened February 9th, 1924. These stores are all modern, the figures being the best obtainable and every detail of the operation and management of the stores marks them as first class. The stock is exceptionally well selected and handled and the various departments, including the prescription and fountain, has the careful attention of either Mr. or Mrs. Mading. The opening of the Mading Drug Store No. 4 will be long remembered in the community, its opening being one of the largest and best attended of such affairs, crowds thronging the store from the opening hour until late that night.

Mr. Mading was born at Terrell, Texas, the thirteenth of April, 1887, son of J. B. Mading, a native of Louisiana who came to Texas in the seventies, later, during the gold rush, going to Alaska and now residing at Seattle, Washington. His mother, before her marriage, was Miss Alice Harvin, a native of Louisiana. Mr. Mading was educated in the public schools of Velasco, Texas, and began in the drug store there as a boy of ten years old. He worked there until the storm of 1900, at which time J. D. Faubian, for whom he had been working, moved to Houston and he came here also, continuing to work for him until 1908, when he established his first store. Since that time he has been active in the drug business, adding to his stores one at a time, until he now has a chain of stores in operation. His wife has been of real assistance to him during these years and has been a factor in his success.

Mr. Mading was married the twenty-second of May, 1908, in Houston, Texas, to Miss Cora Good, a native of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Mading make their home at 1202 Crawford Street, and are very popular in their social and business circles. Mr. Mading is a Mason, Blue Lodge, Gray 329, 32nd degree Scottish Rite and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is also an Elk and a member of Glenbrook Country Club.





**WILLIAM F. HUMPHREY** has for upwards of half a decade been associated with the business life of Houston, and is well known for his activities in the drug trade here. Mr. Humphrey is the proprietor of the Transfer Drug Store, located at 6745 Harrisburg Boulevard, and which he bought out in April, 1917, after it had been operated several years under a former management. Mr. Humphrey has organized a drug store, complete in every respect, and has an excellent line of drugs and drug sundries. The Transfer Drug Store, located at a transfer point, has every advantage of location, and this element, as well as the superior service and management, has been a contributory cause for its success. Mr. Humphrey is a druggist with a broad experience, and is especially well equipped for the operation of a pharmacy of the high type of the Transfer. He personally supervises every detail of the operation of his store, giving special attention to the compounding of prescriptions, and the maintenance of high standards in the fountain. A force of five employees, all trained drug men, assist him in the operation of the store.

Mr. Humphrey was born at Wells, Texas, the fourth of August, 1888. His father, J. J. Humphrey, a native of Texas, has been for many years a planter at Wells, and still takes an active part in the management of his interests. His mother, whose maiden name was Miss Lena Leota Sanders, is a native of Tennessee, and came to Texas with her parents. Mr. Humphrey attended the public schools of Wells, later entering the University of Sewanee, Tennessee, in the medical department. After finishing there, he went to New Waverly, Texas, and was manager of the Crescent Drug Store, Incorporated, at that place for the ensuing five years. He then came to Houston, and shortly after his arrival, bought out the Transfer Drug Store, which he has since operated.

Mr. Humphrey was married at New Waverly, Texas, the tenth of May, 1914, to Miss Emma Hall, a native of Walker County, and the daughter of J. L. Hall, who now makes his home at New Waverly. Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey make their home at 6726 Avenue D, Houston. They have one child, Wilma. Fraternally Mr. Humphrey is a Mason, Blue Lodge No. 1153. He is a member of the Tall Cedars Club. Mr. Humphrey is a business man of constructive policies and takes pride in the accomplishments of his city. He has watched the development of Houston closely for a number of years, and considers it ripe in business advantages and opportunities.



**A. LEDBETTER**, numbered among the younger professional men of Houston, has been identified with the business interests of this city since leaving college. Mr. Ledbetter is a pharmacist and is identified with the W. M. Fonville Drug Store at 4702 Washington Avenue. The Fonville Drug Stores are modern up-to-date stores, carrying complete lines with the purest of drugs obtainable. Courtesy and service are the watch words of these stores. Mr. W. M. Fonville, the owner is one of the best known druggists in this city.

A native Texan, Mr. Ledbetter was born at Sweet Home, August 11th, 1901. His father, A. A. Ledbetter, was also a native of the Lone Star State, where he was well known in the business circles of the state during his lifetime, and has been deceased since the subject of this sketch was six

months old. His mother was Miss Lillie Veal, a member of a pioneer Texas family, and is now residing in Houston with her son. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Sweet Home, Lavaca County, after which he attended high school at Austin, Texas, and later was a student of the schools of Yoakum, Texas, for three years, and then entered the medical department of the State University at Galveston, where he was a Pharmacy Student for two years. He then came to The Rice Institute at Houston, and finished his prescribed course in the spring of 1923. In April, 1923, Mr. Ledbetter and J. H. Schoenfelder opened the Prescription House at 813 Fannin Street.

Mr. Ledbetter was married in Houston to Miss Elise Fonville on November 27th, 1923. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fonville. Mr. and Mrs. Ledbetter reside at 4519 Floyd. Mr. Ledbetter is interested in the progress and development of the city, and believes it to be the leading community in the Southwest.



**DOLPH G. HENRICH**, for two decades has been a factor in the drug trade at Houston, and during this time has given his time not only to the best interests of this business, but has also been active in civic development. Mr. Henrich has two of the best located residence drug stores in Houston, one at 1019 Eagle Street, at Fannin, having been established in 1913, and the second, at 3201 Austin Street, opened in 1921. The drug store on Eagle Street is known as Henrich's Pharmacy, and has been operated by Mr. Henrich since its opening, in April, 1913, at which time he moved into the fine, fire-proof building at that location. The store is one of the best equipped in the city, all fixtures being of the highest type, and a stock, including all the better classes of goods, kept on hand at all times. Mr. Henrich gives special attention to his prescription department, which is in charge of a registered pharmacist, and using drugs of unquestionable purity, as well as absolute accuracy in compounding, has won for his store the highest reputation. His merchandising methods are modern, and keep apace with the demands for service and highest sanitary conditions now prevalent. The store on Austin Street, the Austin Street Pharmacy, is operated along the same lines as the first opened store, and the two are regarded as among the finest drug stores in the city, and give employment to ten people the year round.

Prior to opening Henrich's Pharmacy, in 1913, Mr. Henrich was for a decade associated with the drug trade at Houston, first with retail stores in the city, this being followed by two years with the Southern Drug Company, one of the large wholesale houses, and later on the road for the John Wyth Company, selling to the trade in Louisiana.

Mr. Henrich was born at Columbus, Texas, the twenty-sixth of August, 1878, son of C. P. Henrich, a native Texan and for many years prior to his death a merchant of Columbus, and Emma Rhode Henrich, also a native of the Lone Star State, and now living at Lockhart. Mr. Henrich attended the public schools near his home, at Ellinger, and other towns in the state, later going to St. Louis, where he entered the St. Louis College of Pharmacy, taking his degree from that institution in 1901. He returned to Texas, and for the next two years was in drug stores in various Texas towns. In 1903 he came



to Houston, which has since been his home.

Mr. Henrich was married the twelfth of August, 1915, in Houston, to Miss Clara T. Smith, a native of Michigan, but reared in the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Henrich live at 4010 Fannin Street, where they have an attractive home. Mr. Henrich is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, and takes an active interest in the business life of the city. He is a leader in drug activities, and widely known to the trade. Mr. Henrich is a member of the State Pharmaceutical Association and the National Retail Druggists Association.



**R. HAMILTON** has for ten years been engaged in the grocery business at La Porte, Texas, where by his fair business methods, quality of merchandise and service given, has built up a business which annually amounts to upwards of \$30,000.00. Mr. Hamilton first established his grocery store at La Porte in 1913, and in 1915 the store and contents were destroyed by fire, but he immediately started his business again a short distance down the street from his first location. During the year in which he had started his business for the second time, La Porte was visited by a severe storm, after which he sold out in this location and began the erection of his present store building. On March 1st, 1916, he moved into his new building on Main Street, where he has since been located. He has a modern, two-story frame building, with all conveniences and appliances for a sanitary grocery store, with living rooms above the store. Mr. Hamilton does a general grocery business during all the year, and supplies practically all of the residents along the bay front. Money comes into La Porte during the entire year, as farming is conducted in some form every month; cattle are raised in great numbers, and the rice industry has grown to large proportions, making this an all-the-year market, which has caused a large increase in the business of all kinds in the bay city of La Porte. Mr. Hamilton employs four people in his store and has his own delivery system.

Mr. Hamilton was born at Grand Island, Nebraska, April 27th, 1887, but was brought to Texas by his parents when five years of age. His father, T. M. Hamilton, was for many years engaged in the grocery business, first at Edna, Texas, and at other points, but finally located permanently at La Porte. His education was obtained in the public schools of Texas. He grew up in the atmosphere of the grocery business, and his first work was in his father's store, and from 1905 to 1908 he worked in a grocery store for his father-in-law. From 1908 to 1913 he was employed by J. J. Kirkland and at the end of that period started in business for himself.

Mr. Hamilton was married at La Porte, Texas, on December 25th, 1919, to Miss Mary L. Hennegar, a daughter of William M. Hennegar, who was for many years engaged in the dry goods business at La Porte. Mrs. Hamilton is in the store with Mr. Hamilton and is active in the business. They have one daughter—Leona. Mr. Hamilton is a member of the A. F. and A. M., with membership in La Porte Lodge, where he is a past master. He is also a member of the La Porte Chamber of Commerce, and is interested in all matters having to do with the civic improvement, advancement and progress of his city. He is a director of the First National Bank of La Porte, and is interested in many other of the

city's financial and industrial institutions. Mr. Hamilton is looking forward to an era of great prosperity for the South Texas country, on account of the rapid increase in population. He believes that the new interurban line will greatly benefit La Porte and the surrounding territory, which has grown in popularity in the past few years as a summer resort and is regarded as the playgrounds of Houston.



**J. ROLAND** has for more than a decade been associated with the drug business in Houston and the high class residence drug store at 12th and Yale Streets, bearing his name is the popular headquarters for the purchasers of any and all goods to be found in a first class drug store. Mr. Roland established this drug store in 1916, which has been known as one of the leading residence drug stores in this portion of the city. He does a large business, which is not confined to the contiguous section of the city, but comes from all portions of Houston. Mr. Roland carries a full and complete line of all kinds of pure drugs and druggists sundries, toilet articles, school supplies, cigars, tobaccos, candies and everything to be found in a modern drug establishment. He also maintains a prescription department, presided over by capable, registered pharmacists and his business in this particular line has grown to large proportions, owing to the care given this department. He has a modern and sanitary soda fountain, where ice cream and all drinks in season are served to his many customers.

A native Texan, Mr. Roland was born in Jones County, September 23rd, 1889. His father, R. J. Roland came to Texas from Mississippi when a young man, and has spent practically all his life in this state and is now residing in Houston. His mother was Miss Fannie Treadwell, a sister of G. R. Treadwell, a prominent drug man and banker of Houston. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Jones County, after which he attended the Southern Methodist University at Dallas, and received his degree in pharmacy from this institution in 1912. Immediately after leaving college, Mr. Roland entered the employ of a drug store in Dallas, where he remained for one year. He then came to Houston in 1913 and was employed in the drug store of his uncle, G. R. Treadwell, which was known as the Treadwell Drug Store, one of the leading drug establishments in the city. In 1916, with his uncle as a partner, the present Roland Drug Store was opened, and later they opened and operated another drug store, but on the first of the year 1923, Mr. Roland purchased his uncle's interest in this store and sold his interest in the other drug store to Mr. Treadwell.

Mr. Roland was married at Midland, Texas, June 23rd, 1925, to Miss Roxie Tucker, a native of the Lone Star State. They have one daughter, Margaret Frances. Mr. and Mrs. Roland reside at 1145 Yale Street. Mr. Roland is a member of the I. O. O. F.; also Masonic, Reagan Lodge, Houston, and is active in this organization. He is enthusiastic as to the future of Houston, and is identified with all movements tending to promote the growth and importance of the South Texas Metropolis. He is a member of the National Association of Retail Druggists and of the State Pharmacists Association.





**FREDERICK G. REED**, for a number of years has been associated with commercial activities at Houston, and has attained a commendable reputation as a druggist of broad experience and success. Mr. Reed is the proprietor of the South End Pharmacy, one of the best known and most popular residence drug stores in the city. This drug store, established in 1903, was bought by Mr. Reed in 1918, at which time a complete reorganization was effected. The store occupies a modern building, at the corner of Louisiana and McGowen Avenues, and has attractive fixtures throughout. Each department comes in for special consideration, and especially the prescription, fountain and toiletries. Mr. Reed is himself a graduate druggist, and makes it his personal business to see that each prescription leaving the store is absolutely correct. He has made many friends since coming to the city, and has built up an extensive trade in the neighborhood of his store. Mr. Reed employs eleven people, all carefully trained, and interested in maintaining the high standards set for the South End Pharmacy.

Mr. Reed was born at Quincy, Illinois, the fourth of November, 1872, son of J. D. Reed, a native of that city, and where he still makes his home, since retiring from farming, in which he engaged until advancing years forced him to withdraw from active life. He is now eighty-five years old. Mr. Reed's mother, now deceased, was, before her marriage, Miss Rebecca Jane Barbour, a native of Ohio. Mr. Reed attended the public schools of Nickerson, Kansas, later going to the Northwestern School of Pharmacy, from which he graduated in 1893. He then returned to Quincy and opened a drug store, known as the Reed Drug Store, which he operated until coming to Houston in 1907. A year later he bought out a store, which he operated for a decade, then, in 1918, he bought the South End Pharmacy, which he has since operated.

Mr. Reed was married at Quincy, Illinois, the seventeenth of October, 1905, to Miss Ange C. Dwire, daughter of W. T. Dwire, a prominent tobacco man of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Reed have an attractive home at 2601 Louisiana Street, and have three children, Virginia Dwire, William J. and Frederick G. Reed, Jr. Mr. Reed has taken an active part in the development of the drug trade at Houston, and is a leader in every forward movement in that line. He is also deeply interested in civic affairs, and is a real Houston booster.



**DAVID G. ECKHOLM**, owner of the McGowen Pharmacy, 1618 McGowen Avenue, has had an experience of more than twenty years in the drug business and took over this high class residence drug store in January, 1921. There has been a drug store in this same location for more than ten years, but since Mr. Eckholm assumed the ownership and management of this drug store the business has been very materially increased, due to his excellent business methods and close attention to the details, together with the splendid service given the patrons of this establishment. Mr. Eckholm carries a full and complete line of pure drugs and druggist's sundries, toilet articles, tobaccos, cigars, candies and all articles of merchandise to be found in a first class drug store. He also maintains a prescription department, where prescriptions are carefully compounded by careful and painstaking

pharmacists. He has a large, sanitary soda fountain, where ice cream and all fountain drinks are served in season. Mr. Eckholm employs seven experienced people in the McGowen Pharmacy, and his business is growing daily.

Mr. Eckholm was born at Algona, Kossuth County, Iowa, April 9, 1879. His father, C. O. Eckholm (deceased), came to the United States from Sweden when a child with his parents, who settled in Iowa, and he lived in that State the greater part of his life. His mother was Miss Mary Bystedt, a native of Sweden also, but reared in the United States. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Iowa and Indiana, after which he attended the University of Indiana and receiving his degree in pharmacy from that institution in 1902. After leaving college Mr. Eckholm was employed in drug stores in various cities of Iowa until 1912, when he went to the State of Washington. He remained for five years in Washington, after which he came to Texas on account of ill health and located on a farm near Sandy Point, where he was engaged in farming for two years. He then came to Houston and was associated with the Woodland Drug Company until entering his present business in January, 1921.

Mr. Eckholm was married in Houston on August 15, 1920, to Mrs. Mamie Maudlin Lowell, a native of Iowa and a member of a prominent family of that State. Mr. Eckholm is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in a lodge of Houston. Mr. Eckholm has great faith in the future of Houston, and expects the city to continue its steady, consistent growth, and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines.



**AUSTIN HART**, owner of Heights Drug Store, 401 West 19th Street, Houston, Texas, has been engaged in the drug business all his life and in the summer of 1921 took over his present business, which is one of the highest class residence drug stores in the city. There has been a drug store at this location for more than fifteen years, and it is considered one of the best locations in this part of Houston. Mr. Hart occupies a splendid, brick building and carries a large and complete stock of drugs and druggists sundries, together with a full line of toilet articles, school supplies, patent medicines and all other merchandise to be found in a modern drug store. Mr. Hart also maintains a prescription department presided over by careful and painstaking pharmacists and a first class, modern, sanitary soda fountain where ice cream and all drinks in season are served to his large number of customers. He employs ten people in his commodious drug establishment.

A native Texan, Mr. Hart was born at Angleton, Brazoria County, October 3rd, 1884. His father, W. S. Hart, was brought to Texas when a small boy by his parents, who were among the early pioneers of the Lone Star State, and he grew to manhood in South Texas, where for many years he was one of the large merchants of the state near the mouth of the Brazos River, but is now retired from active business pursuits. His mother was Miss M. G. Weemes, a native of Angleton, Texas, where she was a member of a pioneer family of South Texas. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Brazoria County, and he is a graduate of the latter. After finishing high school, he entered the drug business, in which he has remained ever



since. He was for many years associated with several of the larger drug stores in Houston before establishing his present business in 1921.

Mr. Hart was married in Houston to Miss Lula Holmes, a native of the Lone Star State. They have three children, M. Austin Hart, Jr., Louis and Arthur. Mr. and Mrs. Hart reside at 408 West 23rd Avenue. Mr. Hart is a member of the Masonic fraternity with membership in Reagan Lodge, and is also a member of George Washington Chapter of this order. Mr. Hart has always been prominently identified with all movements tending to promote the growth and importance of Houston, and has an abiding faith in the future of the South Texas metropolis.

**S**OL FEIGELSON, for many years a factor in the drug trade at Houston, and for a decade proprietor of one of the finest residence drug stores here, has taken an active interest in the progress of his city and won the reputation of a business man of initiative and integrity. Mr. Feigelson is president, treasurer and manager of the Interurban Pharmacy, Incorporated, which he established in 1915, as a partnership composed of himself and Charles Bollfrass, and which was incorporated in 1923. The store is located at 1922 Jackson Street, where it occupies a modern, well equipped building, and which has been its location since first established. Mr. Feigelson has been identified with the drug trade throughout his business life and is known to the drug trade as a druggist who knows intimately the business in every detail. As a manager he has built an organization that is a permanent addition to the business world of his city, and the Interurban Pharmacy has one of the largest residence trades in the city. A complete line of drugs and sundries is carried, with especial care given to the fountain and prescription department, and the demands of the highest class of trade. A force of nine employees is kept, each trained in his department, and all of whom know their jobs from the ground up. Since the incorporation of the Interurban Pharmacy Mr. Feigelson has been president, treasurer and manager, while Mr. Bollfrass is vice-president and secretary.

Sol Feigelson was born in Russia, the ninth of June, 1888, son of Joe Feigelson, who came to the United States and Houston in 1896, and was with the American Brewery for many years, retiring several years prior to his death, and Libbie Gordon Feigelson, also a native of Russia. One son, Alex Feigelson, had already come to America, and was located at Beaumont, prior to 1896, and it was largely due to his influence that the family came in that year. Sol Feigelson attended the public schools of Houston, and at the age of fifteen years began work in a drug store in the Fifth Ward, with the McClain Drug Store, later going with the W. B. Worsham Drug Store, and still later with the T. E. Smith and the W. N. Forbes Drug Stores. During these years he grew with his job and by self study became familiar with the drug business in every detail. In 1907 he bought the Ineeda Drug Store, at the corner of Jackson and Pierce Avenue, which he operated until 1911, at which time he sold the store and went to Galveston, where he was associated with J. J. Schott until 1915, when he returned to Houston, and in partnership with Charles Bollfrass established the Interurban Pharmacy.

Mr. Feigelson was married at Houston, the eleventh of August, 1915, to Miss Ruby Lazarus, a native of Houston, and the daughter of the late Herman Lazarus, for many years a resident of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Feigelson live at 3318 Crawford Street. Mr. Feigelson is a Mason, Holland Blue Lodge, Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. His association with the drug trade at Houston has been responsible for many advancements in this line, and he is regarded as one of the best all-around drug men in the city.



**M**URRAY W. MILLER has for the past decade been progressively associated with the drug trade at Houston, and has during his years of activity in this line attained the highest esteem of his fellow citizens. Mr. Miller is the proprietor of the Lenox Pharmacy, a high class residence drug store, which he opened in September, 1921, and which is located at 5321 Harrisburg Boulevard. The Lenox Pharmacy has since its establishment catered especially to the best class of residence trade, giving careful attention to all points that appeal to these patrons, and has built up a large patronage. Mr. Miller is personally popular with his customers, and is the type of man who has the ability to extend his trade through the medium of the good will he builds up. His stock is carefully chosen, always with the view of securing only items that will appeal to the public, and that will offer a conscientious value. The store is well arranged, and all equipment of the best and most modern type. Special attention is given to the displaying of candies and toilet articles and an exceptionally good trade has been built up in these lines. The prescription department and fountain also receive special attention and have made a wide appeal to customers who appreciate the best. Mr. Miller has a force of nine employees who assist him in maintaining the high standards of drug store operation he has set for the Lenox Pharmacy.

Murray W. Miller was born at Camden, Alabama, the twenty-seventh of June, 1890, the son of A. B. Miller, a native of that State, who came to Texas in 1895, and Adelaide Woodward Miller, also of Alabama. The family first resided at Brownwood after coming to the Lone Star State, later removing to Alvin, and in 1905 to Houston. Mr. Miller received his rudimentary education in the schools at Alvin, and attended the high school at Houston. After his graduation here he entered the University of Texas, in the Pharmacy Department, taking his degree in 1913. In partnership with B. W. Steel he purchased the Crescent Pharmacy. Later on he purchased Mr. Steel's interest, becoming sole proprietor of the store. In 1921 he sold the Crescent Pharmacy and organized the Lenox Pharmacy.

Mr. Miller was married at Dallas, Texas, the twenty-sixth of April, 1922, to Miss Lester E. Patton, daughter of George Patton, of Coleman, Texas. They make their home in Houston, at 5317 Harrisburg Boulevard. Mr. Miller is a Knight of Pythias, a Dokey, and belongs to the college fraternity, Phi Delta Phi. His association with the business world at Houston has been creditable in all lines and he is held in high regard by his associates. The drug trade in general recognizes in him a factor whose progressive ideals have done much to advance this business.





**MORRIS GORDON**, manager of the Gordon-Wilkenfield Auto Supply Company, located at 301 Preston Avenue, with his partner, E. Wilkenfield, who is the Manager of the store, located at 2102 Main Street, own and operate two of the finest service stations in Houston. This business was first established in 1918 under the name of the Gordon Auto Supply Company, at 608 Fannin Street and Mr. Gordon was the sole owner. In 1922 he formed a partnership with Mr. Wilkenfield, and this fine auto service station was opened at that time. Mr. Gordon carries a full and complete line of auto accessories and supplies of all kinds, Ford parts, tires, tubes, etc., and does a large business in tire repairing in his modern, well equipped shop. Five men are employed at his plant, all of whom are experts in their particular line. A large stock of supplies of all kinds is carried at both stores, which are two of the most complete supply stores in the city, and their business has had a rapid growth, since the respective openings of the two establishments.

A native Texan, Mr. Gordon was born at Galveston July 12, 1887. His father, Sam Gordon, came to the United States as a young man and settled at Galveston, where he remained until after the disastrous storm of 1900, when he removed to Houston, and has had a continuous residence in the two South Texas cities of more than forty years. His education was obtained in the public schools of Galveston, and after leaving school, Mr. Gordon began his business career in the grocery business which he continued for a period of four years. He then became a salesman, which he followed for several years and is regarded as one of the best men along this line in South Texas. During the period of the World War, he was engaged in the soldier supply business on Main Street in Houston, which he continued until he entered the auto supply business for himself, and in which he has met with unusual success, and has made many friends, who are also his customers. His genial disposition has been a valuable asset during the whole of his business career, which in a measure, accounts for his success in all his undertakings.

Mr. Gordon was married in Houston November 13, 1903, to Miss Sadie Pfeffer, a member of a pioneer family of this city. They have two children, Gerald and Shirley. Mr. and Mrs. Gordon reside at 3316 Chartres Street. Mr. Gordon is optimistic as to the future of Houston, and expects the city to continue its steady, consistent growth and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity along all lines.



**OLLIE S. HUFFMAN**, since coming to Houston several years ago, has been closely associated with activities of a commercial nature, and has attained a commendable reputation as a dealer for a few carefully selected auto accessories. Mr. Huffman is president of the Trublpruf Cushion Tire Company, state representatives for the Lambert Tire and Rubber Company, and distributors of the Lambert Trublpruf Tires. Lambert tires are resilient. Scientifically designed air holes allow the tire to shape itself to the road. Dirt cannot clog them. The driver of a truck or passenger car equipped with "Trublprufs" never has to stop to inflate a tire, repair a tube or put on a spare.

"Trublprufs" cannot puncture, blow out or rim-cut. They completely end tire trouble in a practical way and give thousands of miles of uninterrupted service. Mr. Huffman has built up a steady demand for this tire, and many of the large companies in the city have equipped their entire fleet of cars with "Trublprufs." The company is also distributors for Hays and Float-A Ford Shock Absorbers throughout this section. Mr. Huffman has built his business along progressive lines, and in his contact with the public stresses service and a desire to give satisfaction which is winning him many friends. The company is conveniently located at 1605 Main Street; other officers are: Graham Stearns, vice president, and J. S. Baldwin, secretary-treasurer.

Ollie S. Huffman was born at Peoria, Illinois, the sixth of November, 1881, son of the late David Huffman, of that State. He attended the public schools of Peoria, and after finishing his high school work there entered Knox College. After finishing his college course he became an educator and spent two years teaching school. This was followed by five years in the Internal Revenue Department of the United States Government, in the fifth district of Illinois. Later he became interested in the automobile industry and in 1914 went to Chicago, where he was district salesman for two years. He came to Texas in 1918 on a trip to see this part of the country, and was so impressed with the future Houston offered the business man that he remained here, establishing the O. S. Huffman Company, in which he was active until establishing his present firm.

Mr. Huffman was married at Peoria, Illinois, in September, 1908, to Miss Harriett Higgs, a native of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Huffman have an attractive home at 717 Bayland Avenue, and are the parents of two children, Ruth and Kenneth. Mr. Huffman is a Blue Lodge Mason, Woodlawn Lodge, thirty-second degree Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine at Houston. He is a member of the Rotary Club and takes a keen interest in the development of his city.



**HERMAN RASCH TYLER**, one of the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, has been a potent factor in the manufacturing industry of this city for several years. Mr. Tyler is secretary, treasurer and general manager of the Texas Body and Trailer Company, which is the largest plant of its kind in Texas, covering a space of more than three acres. The factory proper covers a space 325 feet by 175 feet, the warehouse occupies a space of 150 feet by 100 feet, the office covers a space of 100 feet by 30 feet and other buildings occupy a space of 300 feet by 75 feet. The plant is divided into three main departments—paint, wood and blacksmith departments. They carry a complete line of standard bodies, consisting of thirty models, besides making all kinds of special bodies for every use and fifteen styles of stock trailers. The trade territory of the Texas Body and Trailer Company comprises all of Texas and the surrounding states. They are manufacturers and makers of the well known "Texas" truck bodies, and the Texas trailers for automobiles and trucks. The plant and office of this company is located at 4516 Harrisburg Boulevard, where approximately one hundred people are employed. Other officers of the Texas Body and Trailer Com-



pany are Travis Holland, president, and J. H. Suessmuth, vice president. Mr. Travis Holland is also president of the First National Bank of Port Arthur, Texas, and makes his residence there.

A native Texan, Mr. Tyler was born in Houston November 19th, 1894. His father, Alfred Tyler, was for thirty-six years an engineer for the Southern Pacific Railroad. His mother was Miss Pauline Rasch, a member of a well known Texas family. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of Houston, after which he attended a business college. After leaving school, Mr. Tyler began his business career in the candy manufacturing business which he continued for three and one-half years. He then became associated with the Houston Gas and Fuel Company and remained with this company for almost two years, when he went with the present company. During the World War, Mr. Tyler spent six months at Camp Travis, with the Depot Brigade, and was discharged December 24th, 1918.

Mr. Tyler was married in Houston in 1917 to Miss Ruby Jane Murphy, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of C. J. Murphy of Houston, who has been connected with the Southern Pacific Railroad for more than forty years. They have one son, Herman Rasch Tyler Jr., three years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler reside at 918 Merrill Street. In fraternal organizations, Mr. Tyler is a member of the A. F. and A. M. and the Woodmen of the World. Mr. Tyler has great faith in the future of Houston and expects this city to continue its steady, consistent growth, and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines.



**F. DUANE**, for a decade associated with commercial activities at Houston, has for the past several years been identified with the automobile industry and has won the highest esteem of his fellow citizens. Dr. Duane is a member of the firm of the Acme Auto Supply Company, a partnership established in January, 1922, by himself and Mr. J. M. Harper. At the time of the opening of this business, Mr. Duane built the modern filling station at the Capitol Avenue Bridge, across from the county jail, where they have since been located. A complete line of auto accessories is carried and the Acme Auto Supply Company has the dealership for various leading tire makers as well as operates a modern gas and oil filling station. A force of five employes are kept busy caring for the demands of the trade and work under the supervision of Mr. Duane. The location is one of the best in the city for this business and added to the choice of a location, Mr. Duane has further increased his business through his consideration for his patrons and his personal popularity.

W. F. Duane was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, the twenty-first of October, 1877, son of Thomas F. Duane, an educator of that state in early life and later magistrate of that county for thirty-five years. He was also a farmer and until his death took an active interest in both civic and agricultural affairs in Brunswick County. Mr. Duane's mother, before her marriage, was Miss Mary Elizabeth Young, a native of Virginia, and a member of a very old and prominent family of that state. Mr. Duane was educated in the public schools of Virginia and spent the time, until he was twenty-three years old, there. He then went to Oklahoma, where

he spent two years engaged in railroad work, then came to Smithville, Texas, and on to California, engaged also in railroad work. After two years on the Pacific Coast, he returned to Texas and spent two years at Teague as storekeeper for the Trinity and Brazos Valley Railroad, later going to Palestine, where for three years he was storekeeper for the I. & G. N. Railroad. This was followed by three years at Marshall as general storekeeper for the Texas and Pacific Railroad, after which he came to Houston, in 1914, and went in business for himself, engaging in the railroad supply business. In 1921 he disposed of his interests in that business and entered the auto supply business and has since been a member of the firm of the Acme Auto Supply Company.

Mr. Duane was married at Palestine, Texas, the tenth of May, 1910, to Miss Addie Harper, a native of Jefferson, Texas, and the daughter of the late John Harper, of Jefferson. Mr. and Mrs. Duane have three children, Frederick, Lill Beth and Mary Lucile, the family residing at 1335 Waverly Avenue, Houston Heights. They attend the Grace Methodist Church, where Mr. Duane is a steward. Mr. Duane has made rapid progress in the business world here, and has many friend in this city who expect him to continue to direct his business along the same progressive lines that have insured its success.



**WILL SHARP** came to Houston in 1916 and since that time was employed in various drug stores of the city until he entered business for himself in January, 1923, at 3301 Main Street, where he conducted a first class drug store until January 1, 1924, when he disposed of same and entered into business with the A. B. C. Stores at 2802 Main Street.

A native Texan, Mr. Sharp was born at Mastersonville October 29, 1893. His father, Will Sharp, a native of Alabama, was brought to East Texas by his parents when a small child, where he grew to manhood, but later removed to the Texas border and is now a resident of Corpus Christi, Texas. His mother was Miss Letha Kelly, a native of the Lone Star State, and a member of a pioneer family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Mastersonville, Texas, and he later studied law at Baylor University, but did not finish the prescribed course, after which he entered the Medical branch of the University of Texas at Galveston and in 1913 received his degree in Pharmacy. After leaving college Mr. Sharp returned to Mastersonville, and became associated with the Burgess Bros. Drug Store, where he remained for four years. He then was employed for a short period in a drug store at Texas City, after which he came to Houston and entered the employ of the Interurban Pharmacy for a short while, and then became associated with the Burgheim Pharmacy for a short time and then returned to the Interurban Pharmacy, where he remained until entering his business in January, 1923, at 3301 Main Street.

Mr. Sharp was married in Houston, June 14, 1916, to Miss Sallie Elliott, a native Texan and a member of a pioneer family. They have two children, Elliott and Goodwin. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp make their home at 2111 Main Street. Mr. Sharp is enthusiastic as to the future of Houston and believes the time is near at hand when it will be the leading city of the Southwest.





**C. BROOKING**, although a comparatively recent addition to the business fraternity of Houston, has through his activities as agent and owner of the Depot of the Houston Auto Truck Lines, succeeded in making many friends and building up a profitable business. The Houston Auto Truck Lines was established in 1915 and has grown to be one of the substantial business industries of Houston. Twenty-eight trucks are operated by this line on the co-operative plan of individuals owning trucks and handling freight for the Houston Auto Truck Lines on the partnership plan of sharing in the freight receipts. Trucks of the two-ton to five-ton kind are operated on the fourteen different lines, and sixty people are employed. Mr. W. L. Buchanan, one of the owners, has operated on the line since 1916 and Mr. S. A. Davis, another owner, has operated trucks on the line since 1917. The freight lines of this company reach the following Texas points: Alvin, Brookshire, Conroe, Crosby, Dayton, Galveston, Goose Creek, Humble, La Porte, Hempstead, Montgomery, Magnolia, Richmond, Rosenberg, Willis and Dobbin. They also make special trips, and long hauls of any character of freight to any point, at any time. The depot owned by Mr. Brooking is located 711 North San Jacinto Street.

A native Texan, Mr. Brooking was born in Travis County in 1881. His father, W. G. Brooking, came from Kentucky to Texas in the early seventies, and is one of the pioneer railroad men of Texas, and has also been for many years engaged in farming. He is now a resident of Austin. Mr. Brooking's education was obtained in the public schools of Texas. After leaving school he engaged in the railroad business, and has spent all his life prior to 1921 in the service of different railroad companies. In 1921, he engaged in the present Truck Line service, and believes that the coming industry is quick service in every line of business.

Mr. Brooking was married in Houston in 1907 to Miss Jennette Sullivan, a native of the Lone Star State. They have three daughters, Gertrude, Margarette and Bernice. Mr. Brooking has great faith in the future of Houston and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines.



**R. E. HOUSER** is well known in the business circles of Houston, where prior to beginning the manufacture of the R. E. Houser Storage Battery in 1916 he was for many years with the Houston Home Telephone Company. The R. E. Houser Storage Battery is sold to both the wholesale and retail trade, and in addition to the manufacturing of this battery, Mr. Houser repairs all makes of batteries. He also has the most complete auto filling and service station, and the best equipped auto cleaning and greasing system in the city. His new, improved grease racks and system occupy one-fourth of a city block, and can grease three hundred cars per month. Mr. Houser carries in his establishment a full and complete line of auto accessories, tires, tubes, etc., and his plant is located at 817 Dallas Avenue, at Milam Street, where his business is increasing each month, and Mr. Houser employs only the best trained men in their respective lines.

Mr. Houser was born in Dayton, Ohio, September 21, 1884. His father, H. V. Houser, was for many years among the number of well known tool makers

in Ohio; he came to Houston in 1920 and is engaged in the business with his son, the subject of this sketch. His education was obtained in the public schools of Dayton, Ohio, and after leaving school began work as a steam engineer for the Dayton Maleable Iron Works, where he served his apprenticeship and learned to be a steam engineer. He later went into the electric department, and was made Assistant Electrical Engineer, and remained in this position for a number of years. Mr. Houser then went to Chicago and became engaged in auto electric work, after which he came to Houston, where for several years he was associated with the Houston Home Telephone Company, where he remained until entering his present business, which at first, was in a very modest way, but he has been very successful, and in 1917, moved to his present location, in order to provide more room for his rapidly developing business, to which he has added many new features.

Mr. Houser was married at Dayton, Ohio, June 6, 1906, to Miss Viola Alexander, a native of Dayton and a member of a prominent family of that city. They have five children, Marie, Ruth, Richard, Roberta and Mildred, also a deceased son, Paul, aged four years. Mr. and Mrs. Houser reside at 4517 Rusk Avenue. In fraternal and social organizations, Mr. Houser is a member of the Knights of Pythias, Salesmanship Club and the Rotary Club. Mr. Houser has great faith in the future of Houston and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for the city of his adoption.



**D. MORROW**, a resident of Houston for many years, has since entering the business world been a factor in the automobile industry, and has won the esteem of his fellow citizens by his progressive business policy and interest in the welfare of his community. Mr. Morrow is President and Manager of the Morrow Company, he has attained a real place in the business 1921 has acted as distributor for the Kelly-Springfield Trucks, over a territory covering sixty counties. A general garage is also operated, doing a general repair business of the highest class, and with facilities for washing and greasing. The equipment in the shop is designed to meet the demands of those desiring first class repair work, and only efficient workmen are employed. Mr. Morrow personally supervises all work in the shop, as well as each detail in the management of his business, and makes a point of giving his customers real service. He has eleven employees, and keeps men on the road at all times. Morrow Company, Incorporated, is located at 906 Louisiana Street, and has as directors besides Mr. Morrow, who is President, T. C. Bering, Vice-President, and A. M. Armand, Secretary and Treasurer.

J. D. Morrow was born at Bushnell, Illinois, the twenty-fourth of August, 1898, son of Dr. W. J. Morrow, a prominent dentist of Houston since 1904, and who has offices in the Carter Building, and Mary Thornton Morrow. Dr. Morrow is a native of Maryland, while Mrs. Morrow was born in Illinois. J. D. Morrow was educated in the public schools of Houston, and after leaving school went with the Mosehart-Keller Company, remaining with that large auto plant for three years, during which time he worked in various departments and received excellent training in the automotive industry. He then



bought an interest in the Auto Owners Supply Company, and was active in the management of that business for the ensuing two and one-half years, at which time he liquidated his interests in the business and organized his present business, first with his brother, Thornton C. Morrow, whom he later bought out.

Mr. Morrow was married at Houston, the nineteenth of October, 1919, to Miss Aileen Warren, daughter of B. W. Warren, a prominent business man of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Morrow make their home at 403 Euclid Avenue and have one child, Marceanne. Mr. Morrow is a Mason, a member of Woodland Lodge, No. 1157. By his consistent attention to business, and the incorporation of progressive ideas into the management of Morrow and Company, Incorporated, which since its establishment in world of his city and has made many friends who wish him every success.



**ALBERT MAY**, for the past several years a resident of Houston, has contributed materially to the advancement of the filling station business in this city, and has attained an enviable reputation among his associates for his activities in this line. Mr. May operates the Tokio Filling Station, in association with his partner, A. E. Worley, both of whom take an active part in the management. This station, opened in August, 1921, at 4801 Harrisburg Boulevard, was taken over by Mr. May and Mr. Worley the first of October, 1922, and has since been operated by them. The Tokio Filling Station presents a most attractive appearance, and is one of the most distinctive in Houston. The planning received careful attention, as did the installation of equipment, and this has been no small factor in the rapid growth of the business, especially since the present ownership has been in charge. The lighting arrangements are attractive, and the station attracts a large volume of evening trade, as well as a profitable volume of daytime business. All employees are carefully instructed with the policy of the company regarding customers, and the superior service offered by the Tokio Filling Station is well known. A tire and tube department, equipped to make all necessary repairs of tires and tubes, as well as for the sale of new stock, and with a road service in connection, is one of the features offered their patrons by the Tokio Filling Station. Other departments include a complete stocked accessory department, a greasing department with modern equipment for the efficient handling of cars, and a battery department, caring for the heavy demand for battery service. A sporting goods department has also been added, carrying a good line of stock, including fishing tackle, hunters' supplies, etc., and the motorist finds it a great convenience to be able to purchase these supplies here.

Mr. May was born in England, in 1886, the son of Albert May, a native of that country, but who spent most of his life in Texas, and Mary Louise Russel May, deceased. Mr. May came to Texas as a child, and was educated in this state. As a boy he began as an electrical and stationary engineer, at Bryan, Texas, and later was chief engineer at the college there. After a number of years at Bryan, he went to Mexia and was with the light and power company there for two years, prior to coming to Houston. He was with the Houston Electric Com-

pany, as electrical inspector, for one year, after which he entered his present business.

Mr. May was married, at Bryan, Texas, the twenty-sixth of May, 1907, to Miss Martha Worthington, daughter of T. W. Worthington, a farmer near Bryan for more than three decades. Mr. and Mrs. May live at 212 Eastwood street, and have one child, Ethel May. A son, Johnnie, died the first of September, 1921, at the age of eleven years. Mr. May is a man of executive ability and sound business policies, which he applies to the conduct of his filling station in a way that has made this business more than an average success.



**STERLING D. ANDERSON**, for almost two decades a resident of Houston and a factor in commercial and industrial activities, has for a decade been associated with the automobile supply business and has established one of the largest businesses in this field in the city. Mr. Anderson is the owner of the Sterling D. Anderson Auto Accessory, Tire and Filling Station, a business he established in 1912 as a gasoline, lighting and supply business, at 107½ Main Street. In 1915 he entered the accessory and tire field, expanding the business, and became the dealer for Michelin tires and tubes. Since that time the business has met with a constant expansion, and is now recognized as the largest auto supply business in the city. At present the business is housed in a large and modern building, at 1118 and 1120 Preston Avenue, and in addition operates two branches, the Webster Auto Supply Company, at Webster and Main Streets, and the Harrisburg Auto and Marine Supply Company, at Harrisburg. Mr. Anderson keeps his stations open twenty-four hours a day, and is always ready to render road service, keeping a fleet of six service cars at the command of his patrons. He has a force of twenty competent employees, who co-operate with him in maintaining high service standards, and he has attained a reputation for real service and fair dealing that has popularized his stations with the auto owners of Houston and the adjoining districts.

Sterling D. Anderson was born at Waco, Texas, the first of November, 1887, son of S. D. Anderson, a native of the Lone Star State, and now associated with his son in business, and Mrs. Bettie Reed Anderson, also a native Texan. Mr. Anderson was educated in the public schools of his native city, and after finishing his education came to Houston in 1905, and began with the Peden Iron and Steel Company, remaining in the purchasing department of this industry for five years. He then went on the road for the same company, covering this section of the State for two years, after which he went in business for himself.

Mr. Anderson was married at Dallas, Texas, the twenty-sixth of December, 1919, to Miss Eula Bonds, a native of Calvert, Texas, and the daughter of the late John Bonds of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson have made Houston their home since their marriage, living at 120 Greer Avenue. They have one child, Mary Elizabeth. Mr. Anderson is a Woodman of the World, and an active worker in all movements directed toward civic growth. His success in the business world demonstrates what ability, with a determination to succeed, can do, and he has many friends in this city who are glad to hear of his progress in the auto supply field.





**WILLIAM M. MacDONALD**, well-known automobile accessory specialty jobber, of Houston, has been a factor in the business circles of the city for more than a decade, having, prior to his entering the wholesale jobbing business, been for several years active in the automobile circles of Houston. Mr. MacDonald is sales representative in the territory of the Houston Branch of the Ford Motor Company for Richard M. Decker Company locking devices and other accessories manufactured by Decker. In addition he also distributes Rucksteel axles, Woodward bodies, Dreadnaught shock absorbers and jacks, Beidol lubricants, Dumore upholstery cleaners, coin controlled clocks and Kingston governors. In July, 1921, William M. MacDonald acquired this territory exclusively as distributor for the Richard M. Decker products. At the beginning he had only twenty-five accounts; now he has more than seven hundred accounts. The present place of business is located at 3827 Harrisburg Boulevard, opposite the Ford Plant.

Mr. MacDonald was born in Cheboygan, Michigan, in 1889. His father, A. S. MacDonald, was for many years a well-known lumber dealer of Cheboygan. His mother was Miss Florence Mackay. Mr. MacDonald's early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Cheboygan, after which he attended the University of Michigan for four years, graduating from that Institution in the class of 1912 with the LL. B. degree.

In the year following his graduation, Mr. MacDonald came to Houston with the Ford Motor Company, as salesman, and, after two years, was made assistant manager of the Houston branch. In 1917 he was sent to San Antonio as manager of the branch house there, and in July of 1918 he closed the branch at San Antonio and returned to Houston as manager of the local house. He continued as manager of the Houston branch until July, 1921, when he resigned in order to take over his present business. Mr. MacDonald was married in Houston, in 1916, to Miss Mildred Tarr. Mr. and Mrs. MacDonald reside at 4716 Montrose Boulevard. He is a member of both the York and Scottish Rite bodies of the Masonic fraternity and a Shriner of Arabia Temple. He is also a member of the University Club, the Rotary Club, Salesmanship Club, the Houston Launch Club, and River Oaks Country Club. Mr. MacDonald is interested in all agencies working for the greater development and civic improvement of Houston, whose future he believes to be of unlimited possibilities for continued growth and advancement.



**JOHNNIE WALKER**, one of the younger business men of Houston, and for the past several years a factor in the filling station business, has attained a commendable reputation for his activities in this business and is regarded as one of the most progressive filling station men in the city. Mr. Walker is the proprietor of the Johnnie Walker Filling Station, a business established in September, 1921, and located at 2219 Louisiana Street. Also the Louisiana Service Station located at 619 Webster Avenue. Mr. Walker owns the corner at Louisiana and Hadley Street, where his business is located, and has erected a modern stucco building, with concrete drives, and providing every facility for the successful conduct-

ing of his business. He has installed four pumps, of the best type, and can handle eight cars at one time. He has a storage capacity of twenty-five hundred gallons, and does an exceptionally large business, supplying a large number of business firms, in addition to his many individual customers. On Saturday, one of the busiest days of the week, he averages around four hundred cars, with the other days running close to this figure. Mr. Walker also handles, in addition to gas and oil, a good line of tires, tubes and accessories, and does a large business in these lines. He employs seven men at the filling station, which is under his personal supervision.

Johnnie Walker was born at Houston, the twenty-first of January, 1895, in the same block in which his business is now located. His father, I. W. Walker, came to Houston before the Civil War, returning to his native State of Georgia to serve in the Georgia Regiment during the struggle, and later returned to Texas, going to Eagle Lake, where he engaged in the cotton, land and investment business for many years. His death occurred at Houston. Mr. Walker's mother, Mrs. Mamie Johns Walker, is still living, and makes her home at the old family home in Houston. Mr. Walker attended the private schools of Houston, first entering Professor Barnett's Private School, and later Texas A. and M. College, where he attended three years. Mr. Walker spent a year and a half with K. E. Womack in the cotton business, two years and a half in the cattle business, in the Mexican border country, and two years prior to college, with an additional two years afterward, roughnecking and drilling in the Coastal and Mid-Continent oil fields. In September, 1921, he returned to Houston, entering the filling station business, in which he is still engaged.

Mr. Walker was married at Galveston, the fifteenth of July, 1922, to Miss Inez Hall, a Houston girl, and the daughter of Will Hall, owner of the Four Sevens Garage of Houston, and Mrs. John Rudersdorf. Mr. and Mrs. Walker live at 2616 High Street, and attend the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Walker has many friends in the business world at Houston and takes a deep pride in civic accomplishments.



**JOHN B. ROFFALL**, president and manager of the Roffall-Benson Company, Inc., has, since establishing his present business in 1919, been a factor in the automobile painting, trimming and repairing business in Houston. This firm is well-known for its high-class work, and has one of the finest paint and top shops in the city, where the very finest and highest paid men are employed to turn out the work that has become popular among the automobile owners of Houston and South Texas. This firm occupies large, spacious quarters at 3212 Harrisburg Boulevard, and employ twelve people, who are skilled and experienced in their several lines. They do all kinds of truck body woodwork, wire wheel work, limousine upholstery, craftsman leather auto bodies covered, side curtains, body and fender repairing and straightening and all kinds of repairing. They also specialize on remodeling wrecked automobiles. Associated with Mr. Roffall in the Roffall-Benson Company, Inc., are A. A. Roffall, vice-president, and Mrs. B. I. Roffall, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Roffall was born in Germany, September 6th,



1891. His father, Paul Roffall, also a native of Germany, came to the United States and direct to Houston in 1893, and in 1894 sent for his family in Germany. He was the founder of the Model Carriage Company, of Houston, later known as the Model Carriage and Auto Company, which he operated for eighteen years, and was the active head of that firm until his death. He was a charter member of the Houston Knights of Columbus, and active in this organization until his death; also a member of the Sons of Herman, the Shark's Club, the Eagles, the Houston Turnverein, the Saengerbund and the Chamber of Commerce. His mother was Miss Frances Black, a native of Germany, and now residing in Houston. John B. Roffall's early education was obtained in the public schools of Houston and St. Mary's Seminary, of La Porte, Texas, and his business training was obtained in the Massey Business College.

When a mere boy, Mr. Roffall began work in his father's carriage shop and worked in every department and became an expert in his line of carriage and wagon building and later learned the trade of auto rebuilding and the art of painting same. For four years prior to his father's death, he was manager of the plant, and continued to manage the business for two years alone, when he sold out the Model Carriage and Auto Company and organized the present firm, which has grown to be one of the leading firms of its kind in South Texas.

Mr. Roffall was married in Houston, September 11th, 1912, to Miss Beatrice Irene Meritt, a native of Mississippi, but reared at Texas City, Texas. They have four children, John B. Roffall, Jr., Dennis Andrew, Cecil and Marjorie. Mr. and Mrs. Roffall reside at 628 Harvard Street. Mr. Roffall is a member of the Knights of Columbus, also a Fourth Degree, and is a member of the Knights of Columbus Luncheon Club. Mr. Roffall has a host of friends in Houston, and has made a great success of his business through his fair business methods, excellent work and good service to his patrons. He has great faith in the future of Houston, and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for the South Texas Metropolis.



**M. McDADE**, for many years one of the most progressive business men of Houston, and for more than a decade a factor in the automobile business in this city, has been largely instrumental in popularizing the Gray car in this territory. Mr. McDade is the owner and manager of the J. M. McDade Auto Company, a firm established in 1912, and which has a record of continuous operation since that time. Mr. McDade is the distributor for the Gray automobile over the Gulf Coast section and operates local dealerships for these cars in Harris and Galveston Counties. He has an attractive show room in Houston, fronting one hundred and twenty-five feet on Fannin Street, at Leeland Avenue, where he has on exhibition models of these increasingly popular cars and an adequate stock on his floor to insure prompt deliveries. A complete parts and service department is maintained, in charge of competent mechanics, and the management of this department has been no small factor in creating a general feeling of satisfaction in regard to Gray cars. Following a constructive policy of operation Mr. McDade

has introduced and popularized the Gray in this section, and the car is making a record as a small, popularly priced car, well within the reach of the average American family, and of standard make in every detail.

J. M. McDade was born in the Lone Star State, at Brenham, in 1888, son of J. R. McDade, a native Texan and Sarah Alice Curtis McDade, also a native of Texas, both of whom have spent their entire life in this state. Mr. McDade attended the public schools of Brenham as a boy, later going to Brenham College, and, after completing the course there, going to Boston, Massachusetts, where he attended college, specializing in engineering for two years. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1904, and was assigned to the Battleship Missouri, in the Gunnery Department. In the fall of 1904 he was assigned to the twelve-inch guns and while engaged in practice one of these guns blew up, and of thirty-five men on duty at the time, only two, Mr. McDade and one other, escaped with their lives. He was later appointed Gun Trainer, and in the fall of 1905 made the world's record on twelve-inch guns at two to five miles, and going at full speed, making eighteen perfect bull's eyes in four minutes and forty-eight seconds. He was discharged in 1907, when he returned to Boston and completed his engineering course. He then returned to Texas, locating at Houston, where he opened a small garage, gradually expanding, and branching out in a sales business, until he has one of the largest automobile distributing businesses in this city.

Mr. McDade was married at Boston, in 1907, to Miss Edna Brown, a native of New England, whose ancestors came over on the "Mayflower," and were the first paper manufacturers in America. Mr. and Mrs. McDade live at 1105 Leeland Avenue, and are popular members of their social set. Mr. McDade takes an interest in civic activities, and is well known in automotive trade circles in this section. He has made friends by the hundreds and won the sincere esteem of his fellow citizens who are glad to hear of his success in the business world.



**S. ROBERTS** of Alvin, Texas, is taking a progressive part in the commercial life of that city, establishing a commendable reputation as a druggist.

Mr. J. S. Roberts was born in Bee County, Texas, the second of April, 1882. His father, W. B. Roberts, a native of Georgia, after fighting throughout the Civil War, came to Texas, locating in Bee County in 1865 and was an active farmer, on an extensive scale, until his retirement several years ago. His mother, whose maiden name was Rena Davidson, was born in Missouri, and came to Dallas as an infant with her parents, later removing to Bee County. Mr. Roberts was educated in the schools of Bee County, and after leaving school remained with his father on the farm until 1912. He then began farming operations of his own, and had extensive agricultural interests until 1923, in which year he came to Houston and bought the Quality Pharmacy, which he operated before going to Alvin.

Mr. Roberts was married in Bee County, in 1911, to Miss Erna Richards, a native of Kansas, and reared in Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Roberts have two children, Lemoyne and Edith Iola.





**THOMAS H. SWIFT**, in the two decades of his residence at Houston, has been a factor in merchandising activities, and is well and favorably known as a druggist. Mr. Swift has had many years' experience in drug store operation.

Mr. Swift came to Houston in 1900, and spent his first year in this city with the Kirkland-Morrison Commission and Grocer Company. This was followed by eleven years with the Heyer Drug Store, at which time he bought out the Heyer Drug Store, and operated it for some time, later buying and then selling the McGowan Avenue Pharmacy. He then operated the Public Drug Company for a time, and, after selling this, established the American Drug Company. Shortly after selling this store, he bought controlling interest of the Majestic Pharmacy, located in the Majestic Theatre Building. This is one of the most popular of the down-town drug stores, and Mr. Swift has contributed his share in making a success of the business.

Mr. Swift was born in the Eastern part of Arkansas, the fourteenth of March, 1880, son of W. C. Swift, a native of Tennessee, who, for many years, was a planter and county official for fifty-nine years in Monroe County, Arkansas, and now, at the age of seventy-one has retired. His mother, before her marriage was Miss Ella Bennett, a native of Alabama. Mr. Swift was educated in the public schools of Monroe County, and, after finishing his education, came to Texas, locating at Houston.

Mr. Swift was married at Houston, Texas, to Miss Blanche Williams, a native of the Lone Star State, who spent her girlhood at Marlin and Galveston, having one child, Charlotte Fay. Mr. Swift resides at 1212 Willard Avenue, and is a member of the Knights of Pythias and D. O. O. K. lodges. He is one of the best known drug men in Houston, and has many friends who go out of their way to see him at his place of business. He is a firm believer in the future growth of his adopted city, and expects to see it progress during the next ten years as it has in the past decade.



**WALTER W. WALLIS** has for a decade been associated with the drug business at Houston, during this time establishing the reputation of a druggist of broad experience and success, and a factor in drug circles here. Mr. Wallis is the proprietor of the Wallis Drug Store, which he established in 1920, and which has since been one of the leading residence drug stores of the city. The Wallis Drug Store occupies well appointed quarters at 3722 Main Street Boulevard, and has built up an excellent patronage in this vicinity. The building, while not large, is well arranged, and the stock is selected with care, with a view to giving the patrons the best. The fountain is a feature that is greatly appreciated, and makes a specialty of attractively served drinks and real service. The prescription department, in charge of a registered pharmacist at all times, uses only the purest drugs and the utmost care in the compounding of prescriptions, and meets with the approval of both physicians and customers. Mr. Wallis is personally popular with his patrons, and has many friends in the locality of his store, the future promising an even greater prosperity than the past has given.

Walter W. Wallis was born at McKinney, Texas, the twenty-fourth of July, 1882, son of the late W. M. Wallis, a native Texan, who came to McKinney as a young man and was for many years a cattleman in this section, and Melissa Hatter Wallis, a native of Kentucky, and who still makes her home at McKinney. Mr. Wallis was educated in the schools of his native city, and after graduating from the Sam Houston Normal, entered the School of Pharmacy at Galveston, where he took his professional training and was graduated in 1907. He immediately went to Beaumont, with the L. K. Preston Drug Company of that city, and remained there for five years. He later went to Dallas and other Texas cities with a view to finding the location offering the best future for the establishment of his business. In 1913 he came to Houston, with the Sam Rouse Drug Store, remaining there for two years, and following that with four years with the Radford Drug Company, the last two years as Manager. He then went back with Sam Rouse Drug Store for a short time, after which he established his own store, which he has since operated.

Mr. Wallis was married at Chicago, Illinois, the thirteenth of June, 1912, to Miss Estina McVicker, a native of Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Wallis make their home at 3604 Travis Street, where they occupy an attractive apartment. They have one child, McVicker Wallis, and attend the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Wallis has many friends in Houston, and is well known to the drug trade in general as one of the most progressive residence drug store operators in the city.



**LEE TYLER**, who first came to Houston several years ago as a soldier, has recently returned to this city to make it his home and business headquarters, and has allied himself with the drug trade here. Mr. Tyler is the proprietor of the Tyler Drug Store, which he established in September, 1921, and has since operated as a high class residence drug store. The store is well located, at 1401 San Jacinto Street, at the corner of Clay Avenue, and is one of the most popular drug stores in this vicinity. Mr. Tyler has given special attention to trade building and progressive management, and since opening his store has built up a large patronage among those who appreciate the best. A complete line of drugs and drug sundries is stocked, with great care given to the selection, and a wide range of choice is offered the customer. The fountain maintains the highest standards of cleanliness and service and is liberally patronized. These standards also apply to the rest of the store, with especial reference to the prescription department, and have been a factor in Mr. Tyler's trade building program. Five employees, all interested in the success of the store, assist Mr. Tyler in its operation.

Lee Tyler was born in Benton County, Iowa, the eighteenth of May, 1894, son of O. P. Tyler, a native of Iowa, and who now makes his home at Van Horn, in that state, and Agnes La Rue Tyler, also of Iowa. Mr. Tyler attended the public schools of Vinton, Iowa, and while still attending school began work in a drug store in that city. After finishing high school, he went to the University of Iowa, where he took the course in pharmacy and chemistry. In 1917 he left the university to enlist in the army, and on the tenth of May of that year joined the Infantry



and Air Service. He was sent to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, as a cadet and commissioned second lieutenant there and sent to Camp Dodge, and later to Camp Logan, Houston, where he spent six months. He then went to Fort Sill where he took his aerial observation work, after which he was sent to Camp Dick, Dallas, then to Mount Clemens, Michigan, for a course in air gunnery. He went overseas the twenty-eighth of September, 1918, spending ten months in France, after which he returned to the States and was discharged from Camp Dodge, Iowa, as first lieutenant.

Mr. Tyler came direct to Houston after receiving his discharge and went to work in the West Columbia oil fields for nine months, returning to the city at the expiration of that time. He went with the Webb-Mading Drug Store, where he remained for two years, leaving that firm to organize his own store, the Tyler Drug Store.

Mr. Tyler was married at Houston the fifth of June, 1918, to Miss Ida Mae Ollre, daughter of Dr. T. J. Ollre, for many years a dentist of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Tyler have made their home at 1508 St. Emanuel Street, and take part in many social affairs as well as an interest in civic activities. Mr. Tyler is a Mason, member Gray Lodge, No. 329. His entrance in the business world of Houston has resulted in many friendships, and Mr. Tyler is considered by his business associates to have a real future in the drug trade.

**M**AX WIESENTHAL is well known and popular in the drug circles of the State, where he has been engaged in the drug business for the past seventeen years, and since 1919 has been President and General Manager of the Public Drug Company, Inc., of Houston. Mr. Wiesenthal established the first of the Public Drug Stores in Houston in 1919 and now has three stores. The Public Drug Store No. 1 is located at 821 Main Street, at the corner of Walker Avenue, where twelve experienced people are employed. Public Drug Store No. 2 is located at the corner of Preston and Fannin Streets, and employs eight people. Public Drug Store No. 3 is located at the corner of Congress Avenue and San Jacinto Street, where seven people are employed. All of these stores carry a full line of drugs and druggists' sundries, school supplies, toilet articles, cigars, etc. They also maintain prescription departments, where registered and accurate pharmacists are employed. They also have sanitary soda fountains, where all the popular ices and drinks are served to their many customers.

Mr. Wiesenthal was born in Austria in 1889. His father, also a native of Austria, came to America and to Galveston, Texas, in 1896. He was for many years engaged in the mercantile business, but is now retired. His mother was Miss Jennie Kreisler, also born and raised in Austria. His education was obtained in the schools of Austria and the Galveston public schools. Later, he attended the State Medical College at Galveston, graduating in pharmacy in 1906. Since leaving college, Mr. Wiesenthal has been continuously engaged in the drug business. He first came to Houston, where he remained for one year. He then went to Beaumont, where he was employed in a drug store for one and one-half years, going from Beaumont to Galveston and engaged in business for himself. After

one and one-half years he disposed of this business and went to the Mexican border, where he was engaged in the drug business at Falfurrias and Brownsville, for a period of seven years. He then returned to Humble, Harris County, where he remained for a short time, and in 1915 returned to Houston. Since he came to Houston, Mr. Wiesenthal has owned ten large drug stores, three of which he still owns, having disposed of the others.

Mr. Wiesenthal was married in Galveston in 1909 to Miss Helen Melcer, a native of Poland; but came to America and to Galveston in 1907. They have two children, Albert and Dorothy. Mr. and Mrs. Wiesenthal reside at 4811 Rusk Avenue. Mr. Wiesenthal is a member of the Chapter and Counsel of the A. F. and A. M., at Brownsville, and the Scottish Rite body of that order at San Antonio, and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple, Houston, and is also a member of the Eastern Star. Mr. Wiesenthal has absolute faith in the future of Houston and believes it is destined to be the greatest city in the Southwest.



**AMES H. WOODS** has for twenty years been identified with the drug business of Houston, the past ten years of this time he has been sole proprietor of the Woods Corner Pharmacy. This drug store, located at 901 Main Street, corner of Walker Avenue, is one of the finest and most complete drug stores in Houston and employs fourteen experienced people. This drug establishment maintains a prescription department where registered and trustworthy pharmacists are employed. The carefulness and accurateness of this department has made it one of the largest and most popular in the city. The Woods Corner Pharmacy carry a complete line of drugs and druggists sundries, toilet goods, school supplies, cigars, etc. Mr. Woods also has an ornate and sanitary soda fountain where ice cream and every kind of iced drink is served to their many customers.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Woods was born at Lynchburg in 1871. His father, James T. Woods (deceased), was a native of Virginia. He came to Texas in 1889 as a tobacco salesman, but later returned to Virginia. His mother (now deceased) was Miss Laura P. Jones, a member of a prominent Virginia family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Virginia, and at Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana, where he graduated with the Ph. G. degree. After leaving college, Mr. Woods engaged in the drug business and has continued in that business all his life. His first experience was in a drug store at Lynchburg, Virginia. Later, he came to Texas and was associated with the drug store of W. B. Morrison at Waco, where he remained for several years. He then came to Houston with A. E. Kiesling, and remained with this store for a period of ten years. In 1913 he established his own store, the Woods Corner Pharmacy.

Mr. Woods was married in Houston in 1913 to Miss Maude Yantis, a native of Illinois, but raised and educated in Louisiana. Her father, William Yantis (deceased), was well known in the business circles of Louisiana. They have two children, Carl and Roberta. Mr. and Mrs. Woods reside at 5004 Austin Street. Mr. Woods is a member of the Knights of Pythias and takes an active interest in all agencies working for the greater development and civic improvement of Houston.





**LIVER WOLFE**, whose activities throughout his business career have identified him with industrial management, has become well known at Houston as one of the progressive young men who are taking an active part in industrial and commercial affairs. Mr. Wolfe is president and manager of the Texas Bag and Burlap Company, Incorporated, with office and plant at 406 Clark Street. This firm, engaged in the extensive manufacture and sale of burlap bags, cotton bags and all classes of bagging, is numbered among the well known firms in this line. Under the direction of Mr. Wolfe, who has had training in the management of affairs, and a keen insight into industrial conditions, the business has made rapid growth.

Although Mr. Wolfe has only been in business for a short time, he has made rapid strides for a young man, and under his management the Texas Bag and Burlap Company should continue its prosperous career. After leaving school he looked over the country, and after considering a number of propositions, came to Houston, as offering opportunities. He entered the bag and bagging industry in 1915, with which he has since been associated.

Mr. Wolfe was married in Houston, in 1918, to Miss Levintin, a native of this city. They make their home at 1817 Elgin Avenue, and have one child, Renna. Mr. Wolfe is a member of the Salesmanship Club, and belongs to several fraternal organizations, the Knights of Pythias, the Dokies, the Elks and the I. O. B. B. and Masons.



**R. A. H. KUTSCHBACH**, D. V. M., Fourteenth and Studewood, has made a special study of the requirements of hog growers in the territory surrounding Houston and his research work in cholera prevention has resulted in saving thousands of dollars for the owners of many fine herds near Houston. Dr. Kutschbach does a general practice in veterinary medicine and surgery, but pays special attention to work among fine hogs and is in charge of many of the best herds near Houston besides having an exceptionally fine lot of his own.

It was during the World War that Dr. Kutschbach became actively interested in hog cholera work. Dr. Frank Jones, connected with the government veterinary service, obtained the aid of Dr. Kutschbach in cleaning up the cholera epidemic at Camp Logan and from there he was called to many places in South Texas while the disease was so prevalent throughout this section of the State. His success in stamping out the disease was phenomenal and all over the Southwest he is recognized as an expert in cholera prevention work. Hogs that are to be fed on garbage are inoculated with anti-cholera serum as soon as received and as a rule no further trouble is experienced. An important part of the work done by Dr. Kutschbach is in the education of owners and feeders and getting them to realize the importance of preventative measures. During the war Dr. Kutschbach used annually over one million c.c.'s of anti-cholera serum.

Dr. Kutschbach was born in Houston on July 18, 1890, and is a son of William and Mary (Pretzel) Kutschbach. His mother is the oldest florist in Houston and has resided in one place in the city since she was eighteen years of age. She is now over sixty years of age and was born in Houston.

Her mother, Mrs. Pretzel, owned the first grocery store in Houston, located west of Buffalo Bayou. She was a member of one of the oldest families of this section, her people having emigrated here before the Civil War.

After studying in the public and high schools of Houston, Dr. Kutschbach entered the Kansas City Veterinary College at Kansas City, Missouri, where he graduated with the degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1913. During his vacation in 1912 Dr. Kutschbach worked in Galveston for Jimmie Rinker and upon the completion of his course located in Houston.

Dr. Kutschbach was married in Houston to Miss Mattie Lockhart, daughter of F. L. Lockhart, and member of a pioneer family. They have three children, Anna B., Albert, Jr., and Robert.

In addition to his hog cholera prevention work Dr. Kutschbach has also made some special study of tick eradication and believes that success will come to this movement when it is more generally understood by the cattle owners and the methods in use by the government have been improved. Dr. Kutschbach takes an active interest in all matters pertaining to his profession and is a member of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. He owns a lovely home on a tract of sixteen lots at Fourteenth and Studewood and in addition has a tract of forty acres, which he expects eventually to develop as city property.



**HARRY H. HOLT** for nearly two decades has been identified with the drug trade at Houston and has attained the highest regard of his associates for his activities in this line and his interest in civic development. Mr. Holt is the proprietor of Holt's Pharmacy, one of the oldest established drug stores in the city, and located at 2402 McKinney Avenue. This business was established by Mr. Holt the twenty-fourth of November, 1906, at that time being located across the street from the present location at 2401 McKinney Avenue. In July, 1923, Mr. Holt moved into his new location in the Holt Building, a modern, fireproof structure erected at a cost of almost twenty thousand dollars as a permanent home for his drug store. Mr. Holt has three competent employees who assist him in conducting his business in accordance with the highest business ideals, and he has built up a large trade in his vicinity. A carefully selected and complete stock is carried, and with a well functioning prescription department maintained in keeping with the highest standards, the store is therefore able to offer to its patrons a superior drug service.

Harry H. Holt was born at Tullahoma, Tennessee, on the twenty-first of April, 1875. His father, Dr. J. D. Holt, a native of Tennessee, came to Bastrop County, Texas, in 1877 and was one of the most prominent physicians here until his death. His mother, before her marriage Miss Eleanor Gilbert, was also a native of Tennessee, and now makes her home in Houston with her son. Mr. Holt attended the public schools of Bastrop County, later entering Baylor Medical College, at Dallas, in the department of pharmacy, where he took his pharmacy degree in 1904. He then went to Velasco where he was a drug clerk for one year, after which he went to Frisco, in Collin County, remaining there also for one year. He then toured South Texas looking for a location



for a business of his own, and stopped off at Houston, where he met S. C. Randell, of the Southern Drug Company, and decided that his future lay in Houston. Shortly afterward, in November, 1906, he opened his drug store in this city and has continued to operate it until the present time.

Mr. Holt was married at Montgomery, Texas, the fifteenth of November, 1905, to Miss Sallie Binford, a native of Montgomery County, and a cousin of the present sheriff of Harris County. Her father, T. D. Binford, a native of the Lone Star State, was one of the most prominent residents of Montgomery County until his death. Mr. and Mrs. Holt have one child, Fay Estelle, a graduate of Houston High School. The family make their home at 1109 Elgin Street. Mr. Holt is a man whose integrity and sound business ability have been vital factors in building up a high class drug store, and he has many friends in this city.



**ALAN THEODORE COOKE**, for more than two decades a resident of Houston, and head of one of the electrical contracting businesses here, has been held in high esteem for his work in the upbuilding of his community, as well as for his activities in the business life of the city. Mr. Cooke handles a general electrical contracting business, operating under his own name, and employing a force of highly trained men. He has handled many large and important contracts, doing all the electrical work in such buildings as the Lincoln Theatre, the New Masonic Temple, Y. W. C. A. Dormitory, the Sheppard Estate Apartments, the Bailey Motor Sales Company, the Houston Post Building, the Milby Hotel, the Lavielle Apartments, the Hamilton Building, the Catholic Women's Club, the Keisling Building, the fine new homes of Captain C. A. Barbour and J. W. Link, and others. Mr. Cooke also gives special attention to the wiring and installation in smaller homes, and has had the contract for about three hundred homes in Montrose. These represent some of his more recent contracts.

Mr. Cooke was born in Manchester, England, in 1887, son of Henry Collier Cooke, and Elizabeth Ann Fenton Cooke, the elder Mr. Cooke being an architect in Houston, Texas, and a member of the firm of Cooke and Company, which firm built many of the important buildings of Houston. Mr. A. T. Cooke came to America in 1890 and received his early schooling in Texas, in 1903 returning to his native country, where he attended Southport College for two years, returning to America in 1904. He went with the Houston Light and Power Company, spending one year with this corporation, followed by two years with Albert Cramer, Houston electrical contractor, two years with the Barden Electric Company, and two years with the W. A. Corroa Company, of Saint Louis, after which he established his present business. During the recent war Mr. Cooke volunteered, in August, 1918, enlisting in the air service, and training at Ellington Field. He was discharged in February, 1919.

Mr. Cooke was married in Houston in 1910, to Miss Ellenita Gagne, daughter of Philip Gagne, who was born in Houston, on the lot where the Binz Building now stands, and Elizabeth Lehman Gagne. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke reside at 1415 Kipling Avenue, and have a family of two children, Alan T., Junior, and Elizabeth Barbara. Mr. Cooke is a member of

Gray Lodge No. 329, A. F. and A. M., and Washington Chapter No. 2, R. A. M., a Knight of Pythias and a member of the Builders Exchange. He supports the Episcopal Church in religious belief. Mr. Cooke has by his policy of careful attention to the interest of his clients built up a successful electrical contracting business in the city, and with a rapidly increasing patronage, has an exceptionally bright future.



**HARRY H. FISHER** has been engaged in business in Houston for more than twenty years and has witnessed some of the most important developments in the city's history, including the building and opening of the famous Houston Ship Channel which placed the city in the very forefront of the shipping industry. Mr. Fisher now is engaged in the plumbing and heating business as a contractor, maintaining his shop and work rooms at 2517 Taft Street. The business is operated as Harry H. Fisher, plumbing and heating contractor, and Mr. Fisher is the sole owner. For 19 years he was connected with the Modern Plumbing and Electric Company as partner and half owner of the business.

Devoting his entire time to new contract work, Mr. Fisher has had the contract for some of the most important building jobs completed in Houston during the past few years. Among these jobs were the Butler Perryman new home, Dr. Cox Apartment Building, L. Cabert apartment house, Charles F. Parker home and the residence of Haywood Helms. Mr. Fisher has from eight to ten employes all the time and every man is an expert workman. Mr. Fisher personally superintends a great deal of the work contracted by him and sees to it that the very best of material and workmanship goes into every job.

Mr. Fisher is a native of Texas and was born at Willis, on August 14, 1877. His parents were Charles N. and Mary (Upsher) Fisher. The elder Fisher was engaged for many years in the lumber business and removed to Houston when his son was still a boy. Completing his studies in the public and high schools of Houston, Mr. Fisher worked on a gulf steamboat for five years and then went into the plumbing business in which he has continued for twenty-one years. His business has grown until now. Mr. Fisher is one of the leading plumbing contractors of the city and is highly popular with fellow members of the building trades. He is an active member of the Master Plumbers Association of Texas and also the Society of Sanitary Engineers of Houston.

In 1906 Mr. Fisher was married at Houston to Miss Edna Pearl Cortes, a daughter of Henry W. and Mary Cortes of Houston. Mr. Cortes is one of the pioneer hardware merchants of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher have three children, Mildred Ruth, fifteen; Mary Pearl, twelve, and Henry Herbert, ten. Mr. Fisher is a great believer in the future of Houston and predicts a population of half a million people during the coming decade. He believes the further expansion of Houston's shipping will inevitably increase the city's prosperity and add materially to the volume of business done here in every line. Mr. Fisher takes an active interest in civic affairs and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks.





**RED N. LOGAN**, plumbing and heating contractor, has during the vast building era in the growth of Houston been a factor in supplying an enormous demand for plumbing and heating material, which has been required. Mr. Logan's shop is located at 1418 Kipling Avenue, where, in addition to his contracting business, he handles gas ranges, bath room trimmings, water heaters, plumbing fixtures, and does general repair work. Mr. Logan has confined his plumbing and heating work to apartment houses, residences and small buildings, and practically all his work is done in the city, where he employs ten experienced people. He has a splendid location and does a fine business.

Mr. Logan was born at Marquette, Kansas, in 1885. His father, A. P. Logan, was a well known building contractor of Kansas. His mother, Mrs. Emily Logan, was widely known as a church and charity worker. Mr. Logan's education was obtained in the public schools of Houston. When quite young Mr. Logan entered the building and contracting business with his father, and continued in this line of work for several years. In 1910 he engaged in the plumbing business in Houston for himself, and his business has had a steady growth since that time.

Mr. Logan was married in Houston in 1909, to Miss Vada Turvin. Mr. and Mrs. Logan reside at 1418 Kipling Avenue. Mr. Logan is a member of the Scottish Rite body of the Masonic fraternity and is a Shriner of Arabla Temple. He is a member of the Houston Builders' Exchange and the Master Plumbers' Association of Houston, Texas, and the National body. Mr. Logan has great faith in the future of Houston, and is looking forward to an era of great business prosperity in all lines.



**R. ROBERTS** has been identified with the business interests of Houston for more than ten years past, having become a resident of the city in 1912. Mr. Roberts is a plumbing and heating contractor and has his shop and work rooms at 1607 Main Street, in one of the best locations in the city. Himself a master plumber, he employs only the best mechanics obtainable and personally supervises a great deal of the work entrusted to him. Since going into business for himself, Mr. Roberts has built up a large following in Houston and vicinity and the high character of his work together with his announced policy of a square deal and fair prices, has resulted in his business showing a substantial increase each year.

After coming to Houston in 1912 he worked as a master plumber and was employed by some of the best concerns in the city until he concluded to establish his own shop. He now does a general contracting business and in addition does a great deal of repairing and general overhauling work. He carries a complete stock of parts, fittings, etc., and has ten regular employees, with extra men during the busy season.

A native of England, Mr. Roberts was born in Birmingham, on January 6, 1871. He is a son of Samuel and Mary Roberts and received his education in the public and private schools of his native land. His father was also a plumbing contractor and Mr. Roberts learned the first details of the trade in his father's shop in Birmingham. He completed his apprenticeship and was a master plumber

before coming to America. Before coming to the United States Mr. Roberts worked on many famous buildings in Europe and, among many others, was foreman in charge of the plumbing and heating work on the Grand Hotel at Rome, Italy; the Naval Academy at Leghorn, Italy; the Bank of Tuscanat at Florence, the residence of Sir Edgar Vincent and the Grand Hotel at Constantinople. He has been connected with a number of important building jobs since coming to Houston.

In 1911 Mr. Roberts was married in California to Miss Emma Rosenberg. They have one son, Reginald. The family home is at 1409 Leeland Avenue.

Mr. Roberts is an interesting talker and his extensive travels have given him a fund of experiences and culture that only travel among the countries of the old world can give. He takes an active interest in civic affairs, is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the Houston Chamber of Commerce and is secretary of the Master Plumbers Association of Houston. He also is secretary of the East Texas League of Master Plumbers. Mr. Roberts is thoroughly imbued with the Houston spirit and is very optimistic regarding the city's future growth and development, believing it will become one of the largest cities of the South.



**H. TAYLOR**, well known real estate dealer of Houston has been a factor in the business circles of this city for almost a quarter of a century, having prior to entering the real estate business in 1910, been for eleven years active as a railroad official. Mr. Taylor came to Houston in 1899 from Kansas City, Missouri, and is engaged in a general real estate business, with office located at 906-7 Second National Bank Building. While Mr. Taylor handles business property in the city, he specializes in industrial sites and factory locations. He has achieved a great deal in his efforts towards locating many industries here. It was through his efforts that the Deutser Furniture Company located here. They were originally located at Beaumont. Mr. Taylor was instrumental in locating the following plants on the ship channel: Moncrief-Lenoir Manufacturing Company, Armour Fertilizer Company, Houston Milling Company and the Weld and Neville Cotton Company Compress, and many other plants and factories.

Mr. Taylor was born in Tennessee in 1866, and removed to Texas with his parents when four years of age. His parents, Jesse Taylor and Emily S. Taylor, both natives of Tennessee, came to Texas in 1869 and settled in Brazos County, near the town of Bryan and the A. and M. College. His education was obtained in the public schools at various places in the state. When a youth, Mr. Taylor entered the employ of a railroad company at Galveston and has served in practically every capacity in the railway system. Mr. Taylor was general freight agent of the Houston and Texas Central Railroad when he came to Houston in 1899, and was later made general agent of the Southern Pacific railroad system, which included the Morgan Steamship Lines.

Mr. Taylor was married in Dallas, November 13th, 1897, to Miss Ida Mae Pittman, a member of a pioneer Texas family and a sister of George Pittman, vice president of the National Exchange Bank of Dallas. They have one son, William H. Taylor, Jr., who graduated from the A. and M. College with the



C. E. Degree and is associated with the Houston Electric Company and is a 1st Lieutenant O. R. C. Mr. Taylor is a member of the A. F. & A. M. with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1 of Houston and is an 18th degree Scottish Rite of that order. He is a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce, and is ex-president of the Houston Real Estate Board, having served that organization as president during the year 1920. He is a loyal member of the Christian Church. Mr. Taylor has great faith in the future of Houston, and believes the time is near at hand when it will become the leading city of the Southwest.

**I**KE KAISER, one of the best known cotton men in Houston, grew up in the cotton business and knows every detail of its handling from actual experience covering a period of many years. Mr. Kaiser is owner of the firm of Kaiser and Company, cotton merchants, with offices at 311 Westheimer Building. A complete organization is maintained for the handling of domestic and f. o. b. business and a buying staff of four men is retained for handling interior purchases.

The business was established in 1890 and operated at that time as L. Kaiser and Company. The elder Kaiser was an old time cotton man who came to Houston in 1890 from Hempstead, Texas. He was born in Vicksburg, Miss., and came to Texas as a young man following the close of the Civil War. He was a very successful business man and accumulated a large estate, but his principal interest was always the cotton business. Upon his retirement the business was taken over by his son who continued it as Kaiser and Company.

Ike Kaiser is a native of Texas and was born at Hempstead on June 8, 1883, a son of L. and Jeannette (Lazarous) Kaiser. His parents were married at Marlin, Texas, while his mother was there on a visit to relatives, her former home being in New Orleans. Mrs. Kaiser died in 1917 and the elder Kaiser in 1920.

The family removed to Houston when Ike Kaiser was eight years of age and he received his education in the public and high schools of this city. He started in the cotton business with his father, working first as office boy and progressing by successive stages until he became the head of the firm. He has bought, sold and classed cotton, handled linters and everything pertaining to the business.

On June 7th, 1905, Mr. Kaiser was married at Houston to Miss Elma Meyer, daughter of B. A. Meyer, for many years a well known merchant of Houston. They have one son, Earl R., who is approaching manhood and who is being trained in the business built up by his father and grandfather.

Besides his cotton business Mr. Kaiser is manager of the large estate left by his father, which includes the Kaiser Apartments built by him. The estate is also interested in a number of other valuable properties in the city.

Mr. Kaiser believes that Houston has just started on the way to leadership among the large cities of the Southwest and that with its commanding position as a shipping center it will eventually outstrip all the cities not only of Texas but of the entire Southwest. The extension of the deep water channel, he believes, will add much to Houston's prestige and prosperity.

A progressive and enterprising citizen, Mr. Kaiser takes an active interest in civic affairs and is always ready to aid in any movement for the development of Houston. He is a member of the Cotton Exchange and Salesmanship Club and also a member of the Sons of Hermann of Houston.



**M**AX SCHNITZER for many years has been an active figure in the business and manufacturing circles of Houston, where he is president and manager of the Magnolia Paper Company, Inc., which is one of Houston's finest manufacturing plants. This business was established by Mr. Schnitzer and Rene S. Levy in 1901 in a very small way and was first a partnership and was later incorporated. When first established, this firm had a floor space of about thirty feet by seventy feet, but their business grew so rapidly until it was necessary to have much more room, and during 1923 their large plant, located at 1805-13 Glaser Place, was constructed. They have a fine, reinforced concrete, fire-proof building of four stories, which occupies an entire city block, with a superior system of lighting for their employees, and more than one hundred people are employed in this manufacturing plant. They have fifteen men on the road, who cover Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arizona and a part of Colorado. The Magnolia Paper Company, Inc., have the finest paper box factory in the Southwest, and manufacture any and all kinds of paper boxes. Mr. Rene S. Levy is secretary of the company.

Mr. Schnitzer was born at Prussia, Germany, and came to the United States with his parents when eleven years of age. His father and mother, both natives of Germany, who came to America when Mr. Schnitzer was a mere boy, died in St. Louis. Mr. Schnitzer attended the schools of Germany before coming to America, and later attended the public schools of St. Louis, where he started his business career as a newsboy and later became a traveling salesman, and was on the road for the Continental Paper Bag Company, covering the southwest part of the United States. He had been visiting Houston at intervals, and in 1901, together with Mr. Levy, opened the business of the Magnolia Paper Company, Inc., which has grown to be one of the largest and most complete establishments of its kind in the Southwest.

Mr. Schnitzer was married in Houston in 1900 to Miss Lilly Rosa Levy, a member of a pioneer Houston family and a niece of Philip House, a prominent business man, well known over Texas. They have two children—Ralph, associated with his father's firm, and Miss Maxine, at home with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Schnitzer reside at 4115 Caroline Street. Mr. Schnitzer is a member of the Masonic fraternity, with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1, of Houston, is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple. He is also a member of the Rotary Club and of various civic clubs of the city. Mr. Schnitzer has always been an advocate of efficiency, promptness and punctuality among the employees of his large plant, where he is popular, and many of the company employees look to him for counsel and advice in matters concerning their private affairs, and seldom it is that he has not the right solution to offer for their problems.



**S** F. TALBERT, President of the Continental Wirebound Box Company, Inc., one of the large industrial plants of Houston, is one of the more recent recruits to the business world here. The Continental Wirebound Box Company was incorporated at Houston in September, 1924, and began operation on the first of January, 1925, taking over the Houston plant of the General Box Company. This plant is located at 2324 Maury Street, and is housed in a modern manufacturing building with fifty thousand square feet of floor space. The plant equipment is very complete and modern and facilities for the manufacture of boxes in any quantity are available. From thirty to thirty-five operatives are employed in the plant. As the name indicates the corporation manufactures wirebound boxes, crates and egg cases, supplying a trade territory including all the district west of the Mississippi River. Officers of the corporation other than Mr. Talbert are: A. H. Talbert, secretary and treasurer.

S. F. Talbert attended the public schools of Louisiana, and later Centenary College, afterward taking accounting and commercial law courses at Soule's Business College. He then began in the box manufacturing business, in which he has since engaged, with the exception of the period from December, 1917, to February, 1919, during which time he served in the United States Navy.

**S.** WEBSTER has been a resident of Houston for the past decade and prior to entering the real estate business, was for several years chief special agent of the Southern Pacific Railroad. Mr. Webster is the owner and manager of the Webster Realty Company, with offices at 427 Mason Building, and is engaged in a general brokerage and real estate business. He builds and sells homes in practically all parts of the city, to suit a prospective client, and employs an architect who has charge of the building department. He also contracts and constructs buildings of all kinds for others as well as for himself.

Mr. Webster was born in North Carolina in 1882. His father, J. T. Webster, a native of North Carolina, was well known in the business circles of that state. His mother was a Jourdan, and came to North Carolina as a child. She was a member of an old French family, but born in America. Her father, Mr. Jourdan, was engaged in the jewelry business all his business life, and he is still living in North Carolina. Mr. Webster's early education was obtained in the public schools of North Carolina, and later he was a student of the Alexander Hamilton Institute. After leaving school, Mr. Webster's first work was with a railroad in Washington, D. C., and he later came with the Southern Pacific Railroad in Louisiana, where he remained on contract for a period of six months, when he was promoted to other positions and remained with the Southern Pacific in New Orleans for twelve years, and came to Houston from that city. Thinking he might do better in North Carolina, he at one time went back to the state of his nativity, but was not satisfied with the conditions, as they did not in any way compare with Texas, and in his hurry to again reach the Lone Star State, bought a Hudson car, so as to return as quickly as possible. Mr. Webster came to Houston in 1913, where he was employed by the Southern Pacific Rail-

road as chief special agent, doing investigation work on the railroad lines, and also on the steamship lines. The territory from New York to El Paso, Texas, was covered by Mr. Webster in carrying out his duties as special agent, and resigned this position in order to enter his present business, in which he has met with success, having as a valuable asset a host of friends here whom he had made during the period when he was connected with the Southern Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Webster was married in Spartanburg, South Carolina, December 30th, 1908, to Miss Nina Morgan, a daughter of H. E. Morgan, well known in the state of North Carolina, where for fifteen years he had served as a member of the State Legislature. They have one child, Jerome Webster. Mr. and Mrs. Webster reside at the corner of Caroline and Wentworth Streets. Mr. Webster is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Blue Lodge No. 469 of North Carolina, a member of the Scottish Rite body of that order to the thirtieth degree at Galveston, and eighteenth at Houston, and is a member of Arabia Temple Shrine of Houston. He is also a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and the Houston Real Estate Board. Mr. Webster is interested in all matters having to do with the civic improvement of Houston, and is optimistic as to the future of his adopted city.

**M**AX WESTHEIMER, pioneer insurance man of Houston, has been active in the insurance business since 1907. He started his insurance career as solicitor, but severed this connection after several months. In June, 1907, he contracted with the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, and has been connected with this company continuously. After handling his fire insurance business through another office for almost ten years, he started the Westheimer Insurance Agency for the handling of fire and casualty lines on January 1st, 1917. Upon the death of Mr. Jacob Frankel, general agent of the Pacific Mutual, Mr. Westheimer took charge of the Houston office of that company, his appointment taking effect May 28th, 1923. In addition to the duties as general agent of the Pacific Mutual, Mr. Westheimer is also active as the manager of the Westheimer Insurance Agency. Both firms are located at Suite 201, Zindler Building and are in position to handle any line of insurance that is written.

Max Westheimer was born in the state of Baden, Germany, February 9th, 1881. He attended the public school of the small village where he was born, until he was fourteen years old. In 1896, at the age of fifteen, he emigrated to America, settling in New York. During his five years stay in that city, he did various kinds of work and finished his education by attending night school, taking high school subjects the last three years. In 1901 he came to Houston and was employed in different capacities, until he joined the United States Navy, February 25th, 1903. During the period spent in the Navy, he visited the most important ports of both coasts of North and South America. He went as far east as Port Said, Egypt, and as far west as Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands. He was discharged from the U. S. Mayflower at Washington, D. C. on March 4th, 1907. After taking an extended trip, he returned to Houston, where he has since made his home.



Mr. Westheimer was married at Houston on June 2nd, 1912, to Miss Tennie Charney. They reside at 4018 Yoakum Boulevard. Besides being identified with the insurance business, Mr. Westheimer is connected with several other enterprises, one of which, the Commercial Investment Company, he serves in the capacity of secretary. He is a member of the I. O. B. B., Temple Beth Israel and several insurance associations, in all of which he takes a keen interest.

**LITOWICH** is well known in the business and financial circles of Houston, where prior to entering the cotton business, he was for eight years one of the leading grocery merchants of the city. Mr. Litowich is President of the Litowich Brothers, Inc., who are engaged in buying and selling and reginning of cotton, with plant located at Cline and Kansas Streets. This company was organized in 1920, with a capital stock of \$100,000.00, and is one of the largest and best equipped reginning concerns of Houston. Litowich Brothers, Inc., buy low grade cotton, samples, waste from floors of compresses and from other sources and this is reginned and made into a better grade through the reginning process. They are also cotton merchants and the major portion of their cotton business consists of buying and selling spot cotton in Texas, but they export some also to different sections of the world where cotton is used, the greater part of which goes to Germany, where they also maintain a cotton office. They have another domestic office located at Greenville, South Carolina, and this office, with the Houston office, handle about twenty thousand bales of cotton each year, and their business is growing rapidly. A. Litowich is Secretary and Treasurer of the company. The gin and storage plant of this firm occupies two city blocks of ground, and their gin has a daily capacity of thirty bales of reginned cotton, and they employ about fifty people at their plant, where the reginning and storing of cotton is done.

Mr. Litowich was born in Russian Poland on April 12, 1888. His father, L. Litowich, has resided in Russia all his life, where he is well and favorably known. His mother is also a native of Russia. The part of Poland in which Mr. Litowich was born is now included in the boundries of the Independent Republic of Lithuania, having been given its freedom by the League of Nations. Mr. Litowich came to America in 1905 and settled in Houston, where for a period of eight years he was engaged in the retail grocery business and was successful in this line of endeavor. Later the firm of Litowich Bros., Inc., was organized, and they were engaged in buying, selling and exporting of cotton, and in 1920 the firm for the reginning of cotton was organized in connection with their established cotton business, which since its organization has grown to large proportions.

Mr. Litowich is a member of the Houston Cotton Exchange and takes an active interest in this organization, and also holds membership in the B. P. O. E. He makes his home at 1109 McGregor. Mr. Litowich has made many friends in Houston, and is popular in both the business and social circles of the city. He has made a close and intensive study of the reginning process of cotton, together with the other branches of this great industry, which has given him

an advantage in carrying his business on successfully, and has given the patrons of his company much confidence in his ability, and is considered an authority on cotton by those who have business dealings with him.



**SAM LEWIS**, member of the firm of Lewis & Bradburn Cotton Co., Cotton Exporters, 319 Sydnor, Houston, Texas, has devoted his business life to the cotton industry, and for more than twenty years has been an important figure in the commercial circles of Houston. Mr. Lewis is also manager of the cotton department of R. M. Gordon and Company, Cotton Factors, Exporters and Merchants, located at Franklin and Travis Streets. He was chosen as the man best fitted for this position on account of having long ago won a reputation of being a business expert and an authority on everything related to the buying and selling of cotton. Enormous shipments of cotton are sent abroad each year by these two firms, shipments leaving every important Southern port and are sent to every portion of the globe, where cotton is used. Most of this cotton is purchased from the planters themselves and is sold direct to the spinners.

A native of Texas, Mr. Lewis was born at Bastrop April 4, 1862. His father, Sam Lewis (deceased) was for many years a prominent business man of the State and was well known in the business circles. His mother was Miss Elizabeth Levy (now deceased) a native of the Lone Star State, and well known for her many acts of kindness and charity. His education was obtained in the public schools of various Texas cities.

When thirteen years of age, Mr. Lewis left school and started his business career in a general merchandise store, and when eighteen years of age engaged in the general merchandise business for himself. In 1883 he entered the cotton business at Taylor, Texas, where he remained for twelve years, after which he removed to Yoakum, Texas, and for a period of ten years was engaged in the cotton business there. In 1902, Mr. Lewis came to Houston, where he has since remained, and has been unusually successful in his business. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Lewis has ever been optimistic as to the future of the city, which is evidenced by his extensive investments here. It is because of exporters and shippers like Mr. Lewis that Texas farmers have an outlet immediate and far reaching for their chief product, and that Houston leads the Southwest markets in its output of the white fleece. Mr. Lewis was married at Round Rock, Texas, in 1881, to Miss Fannie Hutzog, a member of a well known Texas family. They have two children, both of whom reside in Houston, Abe Lewis, with the cotton firm of Evans and Company, and Johanna, now the wife of Sam Kaiser, well known in the business circles of Houston. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis reside at 1214 McGowen Avenue. Mr. Lewis is a member of the Houston Cotton Exchange and the Concordia Club. He is President of the Congregation of Beth Israel, and is an ardent church worker. Mr. Lewis has always been prominently identified with all movements tending to promote the growth, importance and advancement of Houston, and has an abiding faith in the future of this city, and believes that its wonderful opportunities will cause it to become, within a few years, the leading city of the Southwest.





**C. ALEXANDER**, owner of the Alexander Wall Paper Company, has spent his entire business life in this industry, and is well known in the business circles of Houston and as an executive. Mr. Alexander came to Houston in 1898 and established this store, located at 1122 Capitol Avenue, on November 1st, 1920, and is a very high class store, where he carries a full and complete line of wall paper, pains, varnishes and supplies. He employs three sales people and does a large volume of business, which is growing each month.

A native Texan, Mr. Alexander was born at Paige in 1882. His father, Sam Alexander, (now deceased), a native of Europe, came to the United States and Texas as a boy and was reared to manhood in La Grange. Later, he became one of the leading merchants of San Joaquin Valley in California. He resided in Paige for a number of years, where he conducted a general merchandise store. His mother was Miss Annie Cohen, who resided for many years in Texas until 1923, when she removed to Hartford, Connecticut. His education was obtained in the public schools of Fresno, California, and after finishing school there he came to Houston and began work in paint and wall paper establishments, and was for many years associated with the Randolph stores and later went with the Bradford Brown Company, where he was Secretary and Treasurer and one of the organizers of this Company. Mr. Alexander continued with the Bradford Brown Company until he entered business for himself in 1920.

Mr. Alexander was married in Houston October 12th, 1904, to Miss Bruce Phillips, a native of the Lone Star State, and a member of a well known family. They have two children, Elenora and J. C. Alexander, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander reside at 1504 McKinney Avenue. Mr. Alexander is a member of the Masonic fraternity, with membership in Temple Lodge No. 4 of Houston and has attained to the 18th degree in the Scottish Rite body of this order. Mr. Alexander, during his residence in Houston of more than a quarter of a century, has seen many changes take place in the merging of the town of Houston into the busy, thriving city of today, and he believes that the future of this city is one of unlimited possibilities for continued growth, progress and advancement along all lines. Mr. Alexander's success in business, like many others, is due to his close attention to details, which are never too small to receive his personal attention.



**W. GOULD**, for two decades a factor in commercial laundry operation, came to Houston in 1921 and has since been actively engaged in this industry. Mr. Gould is President and Manager of Gould's Wet Wash Laundry, Incorporated, which he established in May, 1921, and incorporated the twenty-first day of February, 1923. Mr. Gould operates an exclusively family laundry, specializing in the wet wash, and this is the largest laundry of its kind in Texas. The plant has made rapid progress since its establishment, and now does a large volume of business daily, operating six delivery cars, and employing twenty-six operatives. Mr. Gould established his laundry on the theory that more housewives would appreciate this economical method of handling the family wash, and consequently send the wash to the laundry, that

would be unwilling to pay the larger amount for the completely finished bundle. The success with which Gould's Wet Wash has met is adequate proof of the soundness of this theory. The plant is located at 2714 Canal Street, at the corner of Rice, and is modernly equipped with power machinery throughout. The plant uses the individual type of washers and centrifugal extractors, returning the bundles to the customers while damp. The officers of the Gould Wet Wash are W. M. Gould, President, E. E. Gould, Vice-President, but not active, W. A. Gould, Secretary and Treasurer.

Mr. Gould was born at St. Cloud, Minnesota, the twenty-sixth of July, 1888, son of W. A. Gould, a native of Michigan, later removing to Minnesota, and now a resident of Houston, and Secretary and Treasurer of Gould's Wet Wash. His mother, before her marriage, was Miss Ella Bingham. Mr. Gould was educated in the public schools of Minnesota, graduating from the high school at St. Cloud. After leaving school he went to Minneapolis, and was for two years with the Enterprise Laundry Company, and then for nine years with the Custom Laundry, also of Minneapolis. He went to Great Falls, Montana, for one year, and then, on account of his health, to Houston for a short time. Leaving Houston he went to Alvin, Texas, and opened a laundry there, which he operated five years, at which time he moved the plant to Freeport, and later to Houston, when he concentrated his attention on the wet wash.

Mr. Gould was married at Minneapolis, Minnesota, the sixteenth of May, 1912, to Miss Effie Dunston, a native of Chicago. They have three children, Helen, Robert and Laura, and make their home in Houston, at 4519 Rusk Avenue. Mr. Gould is a Mason, Blue Lodge at Alvin, No. 762.



**B. BUTERA**, for two decades has been connected with the business life of Houston, and has recently entered the bottling business, establishing one of the most modern bottling plants in this city, and taking a progressive interest in industrial affairs. Mr. Butera is Vice-President of Eagle Bottling Works, Incorporated, a plant established and incorporated in 1921. This plant is one of the most complete and sanitary bottling works in Houston, and in selecting equipment the preference was given to the most modern and approved equipment, that would increase the sanitary condition under which drinks would be bottled, and make the plant modern in every respect. The Eagle Bottling Works manufactures and bottles soda water of all kinds, placing their product on the market under the trade name of Eagle Brand Soda Water, and has a trade territory that extends in a radius of fifty miles around Houston. The capacity of the plant is thirteen hundred cases daily, and the output is delivered in eight large trucks. The plant is housed in a modern, two-story structure, fifty by eighty feet square, and occupies the thirty-one hundred block on McKinney. A force of fifteen employees work in the plant. The other officers of the Eagle Bottling Works, Incorporated, are P. C. Del Barto, President, and who does not take an active part in the business; Joe S. Meyer, Vice-President, also inactive, and Miss V. Cummin, the Secretary.

Mr. Butera is a native of Italy, in which country he was born in 1885, and where he spent his youth.



He came to the United States as a young man of seventeen, landing in New York, where he remained only a short time prior to coming to New Orleans. He was there one year, coming to Houston in 1902, where he began in the retail grocery business, in a very small way. The passing of the years brought success to the young merchant, and his business grew steadily larger. In 1921 he sold his grocery business and organized the bottling works, of which he was the active manager until the organization was completed and successfully doing business. At this time Mr. Butera is devoting his personal attention to his brokerage business, selling a line of confectionery merchandise.

Mr. Butera was married at Houston, in 1917, to Miss Mary Tanborralo, a resident of this city, and the daughter of Frank Tanborralo. Mr. and Mrs. Butera have one son, Joe. Mr. Butera belongs to several fraternal orders, including the Knights of Pythias, the Dokeys and the Eagles. He has found Houston a city with business opportunities, as well as a fine residence city, and has taken a real interest in its development. Associated with his name in the business world is an integrity that has been a large factor in his success, and Mr. Butera has many friends among his business associates.



**ISAAC FREEDMAN** has for more than a score of years been a factor in the business circles of Houston where with Mr. Louis B. Getz, as a partner, owns and operates the Star Furniture Company located at 802 Milam Street. Mr. Freedman came to Houston in 1903, and was engaged in the general mercantile business until established his present business in 1916. The Star Furniture Company was opened in 1916 at 820-22 Travis Street, with a floor space of forty feet by eighty feet, but on account of the great increase in business and the consequent need for larger quarters, the store was moved in 1922 to the splendid building which they now occupy. They have in the new quarters a floor space of one hundred feet by seventy-five feet and employ ten experienced people in their establishment. The Star Furniture Company carries a full and complete line of furniture and house furnishings of all kinds, from the magnificent suites of period furniture to the moderate priced furniture to suit people of small means. They also have a complete rug and drapery department, where all classes may be suited, and where draperies are made to order if desired by their customers.

Mr. Freedman was born in Europe in 1877, and attended the schools of Europe until coming to America and New York City when sixteen years of age, and he remained in New York for ten years. Mr. Freedman then began the travel and traveled to every portion of the United States, not remaining long in any one place until he came to Houston in 1903, where he first engaged in the general mercantile business on McKinney Avenue. He remained in this business until 1916 when he engaged in the furniture business, at first alone, and in 1921 Mr. Getz entered the business with him as a partner, and they have met with unusual success and their business is growing.

Mr. Freedman is owner of a considerable amount of real estate, both business and residence. He believes in Houston so strongly that he would not part with any of it for twice the amount he paid for it.

Mr. Freedman was married in New York City in 1897 to Miss Mary Friedburg, a member of a well known family of New York. They have one daughter—Flora, now the wife of Ben Horwich of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Freedman reside at 2905 Albany Avenue. In fraternal and social organizations, Mr. Freedman holds membership in the Woodmen of the World and the Concordia Club. He is a member of Temple Emanuel and all of the Jewish organizations of the city. Mr. Freedman is active in all projects having to do with the civic improvement, advancement and progress of Houston, and believes that this city in a few years will become the leading city of the Southwest.



**AMUEL J. SAN ANGELO**, packer and wholesale meat dealer, has been engaged in business in Houston for the past decade, having established his present business here in 1913. Mr. San Angelo is the sole owner of the Texas Packing Company, located at 1119 Commerce Avenue and is especially well and favorably known to meat dealers and owners of high class butcher shops in the City of Houston and adjacent trade territory.

Coming to America in 1907, Mr. San Angelo was in Houston for a short time but after traveling over the country for a while located in Kansas City where he operated a grocery store and butcher shop successfully until 1911. In the latter year he returned to Houston because of the residence here of a number of his relatives and friends, and two years later established the Texas Packing Company, which has had a steadily increasing and successful business since the day of its opening. Mr. San Angelo buys only the most select live stock and has them killed under conditions most favorable for preserving the meats and as a result has built up a wonderful business in dressed beef, pork, mutton, lard and provisions. His establishment is especially equipped to handle the business, and there are twenty-five expert employees in the various departments. He has his own delivery system, comprising four large motor trucks, and cold storage facilities are provided by the Houston Brewery Company, the company owning the property in which the Texas Packing Company is located.

Mr. San Angelo was born in Gibbellina, Italy, on May 8, 1888, and was educated in the schools of his native country. He was married in Houston on January 14, 1917, to Miss Annie Tambarella, daughter of N. J. Tambarella, resident of Houston for forty-five years and for a long time connected with the Rice and Bender hotels of this city. Mr. and Mrs. San Angelo reside at 2320 Travis Street.

An enterprising and successful business man, Mr. San Angelo is a splendid example of the younger type of emigrant who is quick to grasp and develop the limitless opportunities offered the active and aggressive man in every line of work in this country. His business has grown until it now occupies four times the space it had at the opening ten years ago and is still constantly increasing in volume. Mr. San Angelo is thoroughly imbued with American ideals of progressiveness and is a staunch booster for Houston and very optimistic concerning the city's future growth and the expansion of its trade territory. He is a member of the Houston Retail Credit Men's Association and the Texas State Traveling Men's Association.





**H. McDUGAL**, for a score of years, has been identified with industrial activities at Houston, and since 1910, has been allied with the cleaning and dyeing industry. Mr. McDougal owns and operates the Perfecto Cleaning and Dye Works, which he established in 1910, and which is now one of the largest of such establishments at Houston. The Perfecto Cleaning and Dye Works has a large, modern establishment, the plant being in a fine building, formerly a church, at 2819 Fannin Street. The entire building is equipped with every provision for all phases of the cleaning and dyeing art, special extractors, and other machinery being installed. The dye room is equipped to do any kind of dyeing, including the most delicate fabrics. Twenty-four employees, and five delivery cars, are used to handle the extensive trade. The Perfecto Cleaning and Dye Works also makes a specialty of out-of-town work and has a large volume of this work, in addition to the local trade. A down-town office is also provided for the convenience of the many patrons, this being located at 1114 Preston Avenue. Mr. McDougal began his business in a small way, in 1910, at 810 Preston Avenue, in a small upstairs room, and with two employees. The business met with an instantaneous success and grew rapidly, it soon being necessary to remove to larger quarters. Since that time several other additions to the business have been made, as the rapidly increasing trade demanded.

Mr. McDougal was born at Hillsboro, Texas, in 1884, son of A. J. McDougal, a native of Mississippi, who came to Texas in the early eighties, and now makes his home at Runge, and Katie Kirkendol McDougal, a native of Mississippi. He was educated in the schools of Runge, and came to Houston in 1902, at which time he went with the Stude Bakery Company, remaining with this firm until he established his present business.

Mr. McDougal was married at Runge, Texas, the twenty-sixth of November, 1921, to Miss Beulah Talk, a native of that community. Mr. and Mrs. McDougal make their home in Houston, living at 1107 Tuam Street. Mr. McDougal is a member of the National Master Cleaners and Dyers Association, the Texas Master Cleaners and Dyers Association, and various civic and social clubs, such as the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce, the Turnverein, the Glendale Country Club, and fraternally is a Dokey and a Knight of Pythias.



**WILLIAM BRETSCHNEIDER** came to Houston more than a decade ago and since that time has been one of the leading exponents of the commercial sign industry in this city. Mr. Bretschneider is proprietor of the I. X. L. Sign Works, which he established in 1913, three years after his arrival in Houston. This plant is one of the most modern in the city and engages in commercial sign contracting, handling any class of sign work, from the smallest to the largest. They contract for the erection of painted bulletins, wall displays, poster displays, electric signs in both metal and glass, and all kinds of illuminated signs and bulletins. Mr. Bretschneider is a fine commercial artist and commercial letterer, and he has offered his customers consistently the best work of which he is capable, it being one of his business principles not to lose a customer once he has gained

him. He makes a point of selling quality in a sign, rather than cheapness, and has done much in an educational way, for the sign business at Houston. The I. X. L. Sign Works has installed many of the most attractive and effective signs in the city, and have negotiated a number of important contracts. Mr. Bretschneider employs seven experienced sign men in the operation of his business. His office is located at 402½ Travis Street, with his plant equipped to handle work of any proportions, at the rear of 519 Preston Avenue. He is the sole proprietor of the establishment.

Mr. Bretschneider was born at Chicago, Illinois, the twenty-fifth of November, 1876, son of the late L. Bretschneider, who came to Texas thirty-five years ago, and settled in the eastern part of the state. Mr. Bretschneider was educated in the public schools near his home, and after leaving school went to work in a sign shop, working in various shops up until 1913 when he established his present business.

Mr. Bretschneider was married at Houston, in 1917, to Mrs. Emma Rau, who has two children.



**B. THEALL** came to Houston from New Orleans in 1912 and has been engaged in the wholesale Fish business in this city since that time. Mr. Theall is the proprietor of the Fish Market at the City Market, and sells to the wholesale and retail trade, which includes the local restaurants and hotels, and ships to all portions of the State, doing a large mail order business. Mr. Theall first came to Houston in 1908 from New Orleans, but remained only a short time, when he went to Dallas, after which he returned to New Orleans, and in 1912 again returned to Houston and entered his present business at another location until establishing himself in the City Market. Throughout his career in the fish business, Mr. Theall has always conducted his business alone.

Mr. Theall was born in Abbeville, Louisiana, on September 12, 1886. His father, J. A. Theall, also a native of Louisiana, was for many years engaged in the general merchandising business at Abbeville, Louisiana, and was well known in the business and financial circles of the State. His mother was Miss Emily Touchy, a member of a well known Louisiana family. His education was obtained in the public schools of Abbeville.

Mr. Theall was married in Houston in 1917 to Miss Marie Stubblefield, a native of the Lone Star State and a member of a prominent South Texas family. Mr. and Mrs. Theall reside at No. 4 Elizabeth Apartments, 1709 La Branch. Mr. Theall is a member of the Houston Chamber of Commerce and is active in this organization. He is a consistent member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Theall has always taken a keen interest in the civic work of the city, and is active in the business and general community life of Houston. He is regarded as one of the leading men engaged in his line of business, and in addition to his large wholesale and retail business, has a very large retail and wholesale business located in the City Market, which is known to all the local customers and housewives as Stall No. 12, where fish of all kinds in season, shrimp, crabs and oysters are to be found in as fresh condition as is possible to keep them. Mr. Theall is optimistic as to the future of Houston and South Texas and believes that this portion of the country is entering on an era of unprecedented prosperity along all lines.





**R. STUART** is a thorough and conscientious believer in the age-old adage that "cleanliness is next to Godliness," and, during practically his entire business life, has been engaged in demonstrating the truth of this maxim. Mr. Stuart has spent more than three decades in the laundry business, and since 1912 has been in business for himself in Houston, and at this time is manager of the Peerless Laundry at 511 Dallas Avenue.

Commencing in a very modest manner nearly twelve years ago, Mr. Stuart has developed the business, and, by careful management, has seen an increase year by year until now the Peerless is recognized as one of the most modern and up-to-date laundries in South Texas. The plant has twenty-six employees and maintains five delivery cars to serve the business and residential sections of the city. The plant was established originally at 706 Heiner Street, but outgrew this location and in 1922, was removed to 511 Dallas Avenue, where larger quarters were obtained to meet the increasing demands of the business.

Mr. Stuart was born in the Southeastern part of Missouri, but, when very young, removed with his parents to Kansas, and received his education in the public schools of that state. After leaving school he began work in a laundry in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and remained there for six years, going then to Memphis, Tennessee, and later to Dallas, where he remained for a short time, and then worked successively in Hillsboro, Galveston and Beaumont. He was connected with various laundry companies in each of these cities, and, in 1912, removed to Houston, and decided to go in business for himself. His long years of practical experience assured the success of the enterprise, and from the first the Peerless Laundry was a profitable business.

Mr. Stuart was married in Houston in 1918, to Mrs. Flora Wolkarte, a native of Missouri. Mrs. Stuart is associated with her husband in the ownership of the laundry, and aids in the direction of its business policies. They reside at 4917 Brady Street.

A progressive and enterprising business man, Mr. Stuart takes an active interest in civic affairs, and is an enthusiastic and consistent booster for Houston and expects to continue expanding and developing his business as the needs of the city demand. Mr. Stuart is a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Dramatic Order Knights of Khorassan.



**KENT H. EASTER**, for almost a quarter of a century identified with industrial enterprises at Houston, has for the past several years conducted a warehouse and forwarding business in the city.

Mr. Easter gives careful attention to the handling of fine furniture and has built the reputation of a storage and warehouse man who gives his many customers the utmost satisfaction.

The position held by Mr. Easter in the industrial world at Houston represents achievement, step by step, and through careful attention to business. He came to Houston in 1905, and bought the Texas Storage Company, selling this two years later. For the following year and a half he ran on the Houston and Texas Central, from Houston to Denison, after which he returned to Houston and bought one horse-drawn piano wagon, making a specialty of

moving pianos. He gave unusual care to the operation of this business, and his wagon was very much in demand among people and business men who wanted the assurance that their piano would be handled on a move with such care as to insure it from even slight damage. It was not long before he found it necessary to add a second truck, and following that others, until the business has reached its present size.

Mr. Easter was born in Colorado, in 1878, son of William H. Easter, a native of Maryland, and a cattleraiser of Colorado and Kansas. Mr. Easter was educated in the public schools of Michigan and Illinois, coming to Texas in 1900, where he began his business career with the Anchor Fence Company at Fort Worth. After two years he went with the Fort Worth and Denver Railroad as fireman, for eighteen months, then he came to Houston, where he has since made his home.

Mr. Easter was married at Houston, in 1909, to Miss Norma B. White, a native of Illinois. They live at 4510 McKinney Avenue. Mr. Easter is a member of various fraternal organizations, such as the Woodmen of the World, and the Praetorians. He belongs to the Lions Club and is a member of the American Chain of Warehouses, the State Warehouse Association and the Houston Warehouse Association.



**BEN E. SMITH**, for more than three decades allied with the plumbing and heating contracting business in South Texas, and for nearly a decade of this time city plumbing inspector and sanitary construction engineer for the City of Corpus Christi, has recently established one of the large plumbing and heating contracting concerns in the city, with headquarters at 2411 Main Street. Mr. Smith is qualified by many years of experience to execute a contract carefully and faithfully and he has made many friends and permanent patrons. He is engaged in a general plumbing and heating business, most of his work being residence and apartment installations. He has to his credit jobs in many of the homes and apartments in this section of the state.

Mr. Smith has been active in the plumbing and heating industry at Houston for more than thirty years, and has a large acquaintance here. He has established the reputation for reliable, high class work, and he takes a pride in giving friendly service that is combined with the highest workmanship. Mr. Smith was city plumbing inspector for nine years in Corpus Christi, making many radical improvements over existing plumbing conditions by his consistent endeavor to bring Corpus Christi plumbing standards to the highest point. He was also sanitary sewer construction engineer for a like period, and under his supervision many extensions were made to the sewer system of the city.

Mr. Smith was born at Huntsville, Texas, in 1878, son of James H. and Fannie R. Fisher Smith. He was educated in the public schools of Houston, to which city the family removed in 1890, and graduated from the high school here. After leaving school he engaged in plumbing work, which he has since followed.

Mr. Smith was married at Houston, in 1897, to Miss Fairy Biggs. They make their home at 2411 Main Street, and have two children, W. R. Smith and Halton F. Smith. Mr. Smith is a Knight of Pythias.



**J**OSEPH M. MINTON, for upwards of a decade and a half associated with the life insurance business, has for the past twelve years maintained his headquarters in Houston, where his capable direction of the affairs of his company have made him a factor in the insurance circles of his city. Mr. Minton is General Agent for the Volunteer State Life Insurance Company, the agency here having been established in May, 1908, by Warren R. Ellis, who was General Agent for eleven years, until his death in 1919, at which time Mr. Minton succeeded him. The agency covers the Southern half of the Lone Star State, with all business handled through the Houston office. Mr. Minton believes in having a compact, but complete organization, and under his direction has built a well functioning agency system, with district managers and local agents, all working under carefully formulated plans. The staff of twenty agents now with the agency, are all carefully selected men, capable of real personal production, and will be increased as expansion of business and agents meeting the high standards set by Mr. Minton justify. All salesmen now with the company, except those of recent appointment, have been with this company around a decade. The insurance now in force in this agency totals near the seven million mark and a large volume is being put on the books annually.

Joseph M. Minton was born at Geneva, Texas, the ninth of February, 1887. His father, W. H. Minton, a farmer, came to Texas from Nashville, Tennessee, in 1852, in which time his father, the grandfather of the subject of this sketch, came to Texas. His mother, before her marriage, Miss Margaret Lucenia Maddox, was born near San Augustine, Texas, and is the daughter of an old Alabama family. Mr. Minton was educated in the public schools near his home, later attending the North Texas State Normal, at Denton, where he graduated in 1907, with a diploma giving him a life certificate as a teacher. The following two years were spent in educational work, after which he entered the life insurance business with the intention of making it his life's work. He came with the Volunteer State Life Insurance Company in 1909, as local salesman at Brookeland, Texas, a few years later moving to Houston and traveling out of here until 1919, when he succeeded Mr. Ellis as General Agent. His entire insurance experience has been with this company, and he has a record for real production that few insurance men can equal.

Mr. Minton was married at Houston, Texas, on the thirtieth of November, 1917, to Miss Stella R. Fite. They have one child, Ruth, and make their home at 1704 Ruth Street. Mr. Minton is a member of the Temple Lodge A. F. and A. M., and the Rose Croix, eighteenth degree, at Houston. He has been President of the South Texas Life Underwriters for two years, is a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Life Underwriters, and takes an active part in the work of the Kiwanis Club, the Houston Chamber of Commerce, and he is Chairman of the Alexander Hamilton Institute group. Mr. Minton takes a deep interest in all civic activities and is ready to assist in any movement directed toward the welfare and future growth of his city. In insurance circles he is regarded as one of the foremost men in the State, and has established a record as builder of a real star agency.

**M.** NUSSBAUM, owner and manager of the Metal Products Company, of Houston, has been identified with industrial activities here for a score of years. The Metal Products Company was organized in December, 1924, and has offices in the First National Bank Building. It specializes in Grand and Rawlings Door Holding devices, Automatic Window Locks, and the demand for these products has been especially gratifying, practically all new buildings now going up in Houston being equipped with these specialties, as well as installations having been made on buildings already constructed. Branches are also maintained in New Orleans, La.; Dallas and San Antonio, Tex. In addition to these branches the products are nationally sold by various hardware dealers and distributors throughout the country, and have met with the instant approval of architects and engineers everywhere. They are used as standard equipment on all government and practically all state and county buildings, also educational, hospital and other public buildings.

H. M. Nussbaum was born at Houston, Texas, the thirtieth of June, 1884, son of the late P. S. Nussbaum, and Mrs. Augusta (Cohen) Nussbaum, both natives of Alsace-Lorraine, who resided in Houston for many years. Mr. Nussbaum was educated in the schools of Texas, and as a young man went with the Magnolia Paper Company, remaining with that firm twenty years, and resigning to establish his present business.

Mr. Nussbaum was married at Galveston, on the twenty-sixth of June, 1910, to Miss Sara D. Blum, daughter of Ben Blum and Rose (Mehrbach) Blum, natives of France. Mr. and Mrs. Nussbaum reside in the Humphreys Apartments, at the corner of La Branch and Francis Streets, and have one child, Augusta. Mr. Nussbaum is a Mason, Dallas 760, and belongs to the Houston Chamber of Commerce and Temple Beth Israel.

**S**MINCHEN has for eleven years been engaged in the real estate business in Houston and during this period has successfully developed several additions to the city, besides doing a large business in the selling and buying of real estate. Mr. Minchen is president and manager of the Fidelity Realty Corporation, with office located at 408 Union National Bank Building. The Fidelity Addition, consisting of two hundred and forty-two acres, is being sold by Mr. Minchen and is building up rapidly. This property is about midway between the turning basin and the Galena Refinery, and is across the channel from Manchester. When this property is settled, it will be a great aid to the industrial plants of every character on the ship channel, in furnishing help for all this work, as they will be living in contiguous territory to all plants on the ship channel. Mr. Minchen is developing an addition at the end of San Felipe Street for colored people. This addition is a private venture of his own and it has proved a success.

A native Texan, Mr. Minchen was born at Austin May 18th, 1886. His father, Meyer Minchen, was engaged all his life in the investment business at Austin. Mr. Minchen attended the public schools at Austin until he was thirteen years of age, and has made his way in the world since that time, obtaining, through self help, a good, practical education, and has helped other members of his fam-



ily. He learned the real estate business while in the employ of the Magnolia Park Land Company, where he remained for several years and then entered business for himself. Mr. Minchen's brother, Maurice Minchen, began the study of law during his service in the army and afterward graduated from the law department of the University of Texas. He studied law at the Mexico School of Jurisprudence, and received the degree of Licenciado, and is the only American in Mexico practicing law with the title of Licenciado. He is now practicing his profession at 211 Cook Building, San Juan de Letran 24, Mexico City, Mexico.

Mr. Minchen was married in Houston, January 14th, 1922, to Miss Mayme Pesses, a native Texan and a daughter of A. M. Pesses, well known Houston business man. Mr. and Mrs. Minchen reside at 815 Colquitt Street. Mr. Minchen is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Holland Lodge No. 1 of Houston, and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple and a member of the Consistory of Galveston. He also holds membership in the I. O. O. F., the Twentieth Century No. 510 and the Houston Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Minchen has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Houston, and gives liberally of his time and means to all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of this city, which he believes will continue its steady, consistent growth, and will soon become the metropolis of the Southwest.



**S. H. MINCHEN**, actively identified with the real estate business at Houston for a decade and a half, has been a factor in community affairs, and an integral part of home building progress in the city. In 1914 Mr. Minchen established the Minchen Realty and Investment Company, which he has since operated as sole owner, with offices in the West Building. The success which has marked the operation of this firm is largely a reflection of the ideals and business acumen of Mr. Minchen. He devotes a large part of his time to the development of unimproved property, and has opened up various subdivisions, one of these being Woodland Park Addition, which have built up rapidly. Mr. Minchen finances these building operations, takes charge of the construction work, using his own workmen, and has been instrumental in placing a large number of home owners in homes. He has the keen business judgment to foresee the trend of the city's growth, buying property wherever the demand is greatest, and building homes. Every addition that he has stamped with his approval has been successful and he has located home owners in all parts of the city. He is familiar with the plan and operation of financing homes, and with his business ability combines fidelity and conscientious responsibility.

Mr. Minchen was born at Austin, Texas, the twenty-first of April, 1892, son of M. Minchen, member of an old Austin family, and well known investment and real estate man of that city. Mr. Minchen attended the public schools of his city, graduating into his father's business, which career he has since followed. He came to Houston in 1909, establishing his present business, his activities having wide scope since he is also interested in the Bay Front Corporation and the Woodlawn Park Company.

Mr. Minchen was married at San Antonio, Texas,

in 1918, to Miss Winnie Craft, whose parents, well known Houston residents, came to Texas from Mississippi. Mr. and Mrs. Minchen have an attractive home at 103 Maplewood Avenue, in one of the best residential districts of the city.

During the recent war Mr. Minchen enlisted in service, as Sergeant of the 360th Infantry, of the 90th Division, serving with this famous division throughout the conflict. He is a member of the American Legion, and fraternally is a Modern Woodmen of America and a Praetorian. From the standpoint of ability and integrity there are few young business men in Houston who stand higher, and he has friends by the hundreds who wish him the success that seems assured, a success founded upon his assistance in aiding his fellow citizens to own homes and thus become better citizens.



**RENE S. LEVY**, native Houstonian, has had a wide and varied business career, and since the establishment of the Magnolia Paper Company, Inc., has been the secretary of this company, and attends to the manufacturing end of this large plant. This business was established in 1901 by Mr. Levy and Mr. Max Schnitzer, in a very small way, and was first a partnership and was later incorporated. When these two enterprising men started this business, they had a floor space of about two thousand square feet, but their business grew from the beginning, and soon more room was necessary, and in 1923 they constructed their fine plant, which occupies an entire city block, is four stories in height and built of reinforced concrete and is entirely fireproof, making it one of Houston's finest and best manufacturing plants. The Magnolia Paper Company, Inc., employs more than one hundred people in their plant and have fifteen men on the road, who cover Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Arizona and a portion of Colorado. Mr. Levy and his associates have the finest paper box factory in the entire Southwest, and manufacture any and all kinds of square paper boxes. Mr. Max Schnitzer is the president and manager of the Magnolia Paper Company, Inc., who, with Mr. Levy, were the founders of this large and complete plant, located at 1805-13 Glaser Place.

Mr. Levy was born October 3rd, 1877. His parents resided in Houston for a few years during the late seventies, when they removed to Denver, Colorado, and both died there. His education was obtained in the public schools of Denver, Colorado, and soon after leaving school, began his business career as a clerk in a dry goods store in Colorado, and Mr. Levy at this time was a very young man. He later came to Houston and for a short time was a clerk in the Lipper Dry Goods Store, when, with Mr. Schnitzer, they established, on a small scale, the Magnolia Paper Company, Inc., where he has been active, as secretary and in charge of manufacturing.

Mr. Levy was married in Houston, March 16th, 1904, to Miss Sarah Freed, a member of a well known and pioneer Texas family, and a sister to Mr. Ike Freed, a prominent jobber of Houston and president of the People's State Bank of Houston. They have one daughter, Irma, who is a student of the Houston High School. Mr. and Mrs. Levy reside at 1218 Alabama Avenue. Mr. Levy takes an active interest in all civic matters and gives liberally of his time and means to all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of Houston.





**LOYD C. FINLAY** is one of the most accomplished violinists in Houston and has for the past eight years been orchestra leader of the Majestic Theater, where he is popular with the theater goers of the city. The orchestra of the Majestic Theater consists of ten pieces in the winter and fifteen pieces during the summer months. Mr. Finlay is also the leader of the orchestra at the Rice Hotel, comprising eight pieces which is continued throughout the year. He has the orchestra at the Palace Theater, Houston, and supervises this music throughout the entire year. Mr. Finlay is a student of the violin, and began the study of this instrument at the age of eight years, and has continued in this line of work, and since coming to Houston in 1915 has made many friends and has become very popular with the public generally.

Mr. Finlay was born in South Dakota, November 9, 1884. His father, G. W. Finlay, was for many years engaged in the nursery business in South Dakota and was well known in the business circles of that State. His early literary education was obtained in the public and high schools of Minnesota and later took a full course in business college. He began the study of the violin at a very early age, and later studied under Curth of Chicago for one year, and then entered the Conservatory of Music at Quincy, Illinois, where he remained for several years and then had private instruction from the leading artists of this country. His first work, after leaving college, was as leader of an orchestra on the road, which he continued for two years. He then went to Oklahoma City, where he remained for seven years as leader of his own organized orchestra for five years, and during the last two years spent in Oklahoma City, he was leader of the orchestra at the Majestic Theater there, after which he came to Houston, where he has remained, as leader and director of the several orchestras.

Mr. Finlay was married in Oklahoma City in 1920 to Miss Grace Coldiron, a daughter of H. L. Coldiron, a well known building contractor of Oklahoma City. Mr. and Mrs. Finlay reside at No. 12 Waverly Apartments. Mr. Finlay has devoted his entire attention to the study of the violin, which he has mastered, and is known throughout the country as one of the most accomplished violinists, other than those engaged in concert work. He is a real leader, and is deservedly popular, not only in the music circles of Houston, but with the general public.



**VICTOR ALESSANDRO**, band director and teacher of piano and wind instruments, has been a resident of Houston for the past seven years and is one of the best known musicians of South Texas. He has a large studio at 307 Colquitt Avenue and is now devoting his entire time to teaching and directing bands. He has directed the principal band organizations of Houston during the past few years and is now engaged in organizing and training a permanent band of fifty pieces of which he will be the director. The organization of this band is being watched with the keenest interest by musicians of Houston, who, realizing the extended experience and ability of its director and organizer, look forward to its becoming one of the best known musical organizations of the state.

Mr. Alessandro is a native of Italy and was born in 1881, a son of Nicholas M. and Anna Alessandro.

He received his education in the public and private schools of Italy and came to America in 1891 when he was ten years of age. Locating in New Orleans, he remained there until 1900 when he went to Pueblo, Colorado, where he organized and directed the famous Cosmopolitan Band. Remaining in Pueblo until 1908, he removed to Waco where he organized a band of thirty pieces which established more than a state wide reputation. In 1916 he took this band to the Mexican border where it remained for nearly a year, appearing at many noted concerts and public gatherings. It was then known as the Fourth Texas Infantry Band and was conceded to be one of the best in the state. At the same time Mr. Alessandro directed combined bands of the Sixth United States Cavalry and his Fourth Texas Infantry. Later he was appointed director in chief of all the Texas Brigade bands.

Mr. Alessandro was married at Waco in 1915 to Miss Josephine Kemendo, daughter of Vincent and Josephine Kemendo. Mr. Kemendo has been engaged in the wholesale produce business in Waco for over forty years. Mr. and Mrs. Alessandro are the parents of one son, Victor, eight years of age. The family home is at 307 Colquitt Avenue.

A splendid musician and director, Mr. Alessandro inspires his players and students to their very best work and is satisfied with nothing short of their greatest efforts. He is antagonistic to jazz and not only omits it from all his concerts, but frowns upon any of his pupils playing it. He teaches the Italian method only and organized the Italian Choral Club in Houston during 1917 and 1918, upon his discharge from the army. He is actively interested in the musical life of the city and always glad to co-operate with other teachers and organizations. In 1923 he organized and directed the Houston Municipal Band, which was conceded to be one of the finest of its kind in the country. Mr. Alessandro is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, and director of all high school bands in Houston.



**PATRICIO GUTIERREZ**, concert pianist and teacher, 2108 State Street, for the past eighteen years has been actively connected with the musical life of the city of Houston and during his residence here has won a place in the hearts of the music lovers of this city that but few artists have ever been able to attain.

A natural musician, playing for the sheer love of the art that means so much to him, Professor Gutierrez gives to his concerts and public appearances an atmosphere achieved only by the finished artist. He is an admitted master of the piano, and while one of the youngest teachers in the city, has developed one of the largest classes in the South. His pupils reflect his brilliant talent and his class musicales are events looked forward to with eagerness by lovers of the best in music. He has been singularly successful in imparting his brilliant technique to his students and musical critics have pronounced his teaching equal in many respects to that of the famous old world masters. His repertoire includes the works of the world's most famous classic writers and the best of the more modern school and he is in constant demand for concerts and other public appearances.

A native of Texas, Professor Gutierrez was born at San Antonio in 1896. He is a son of I. and




Francisca Gutierrez and inherited his musical talent from his father, who is a brilliant musician. His literary education was obtained in the public and high schools of San Antonio and Houston and from childhood he was afforded the best instruction obtainable in music. After completing his local studies, he was an artist pupils of Alberto Jonas in New York City for a season. He had one year of work in harmony under the noted Lucino Nava and before going to New York studied for five years under Alldrich Kidd in Houston.

At ten years of age, he was playing in an orchestra and an indication of his splendid attainments in music in early life is found in the fact that at the age of thirteen he was admitted to membership in the Musicians Union.

Besides his concert piano work, Professor Gutierrez is organist for the Sacred Heart Catholic Church and his brilliant rendition of the musical scores of the sacred masses has added much to the services at this church. He is accompanist for the Houston Choral Club and soloist with the Houston Symphony Orchestra, his work with both these organizations having elicited the highest praise from press and public. He has appeared as accompanist for many of the noted artists who have toured Texas during the past several seasons.

A young man, unmarried, Professor Gutierrez is devoted to his art and the work of developing the talent of others. No small part of the fame Houston has achieved throughout the South as a musical center has been due to his untiring efforts and he is ever ready to give freely of his time and talents to any musical undertaking.

UGENE PILLOT, author and native Houstonian, who enjoys the distinction of having his name appear in the yearly anthologies of the best plays, has written more than two hundred plays and about a dozen of these have made a national reputation and are being used throughout the country. Mr. Pillot's work is largely composed of one, two, three and four act plays.

B. Roland Lewis, in his "Contemporary One Act Plays," writes of him as follows: "Eugene Pillot, one of the well-known contemporary writers of one-act plays, was born in Houston, Texas. He was educated in the New York School of Fine and Applied Arts, at the University of Texas, at Cornell University and at Harvard University. Mr. Pillot's one-act plays are always characterized by excellent and well sustained technic."

While at Harvard he devoted his time almost exclusively to dramatic writing and producing, and wrote two plays, which he also produced at that time, one of them, "Two Crooks and a Lady," being especially successful. He has since continued writing plays and poems and his work is much in demand throughout the country, many of his plays having been syndicated in the more prominent magazines and newspapers. Recently several of his poems have appeared in the Stratford Monthly Magazine and other well known publications.

Mr. Pillot was born in Houston. His father, Teolin Pillot, owned and operated a book store in this city for more than forty years. His mother was Miss Anna Drescher, a member of a pioneer Texas family.

Mr. Pillot resides at 1803 McKinney Avenue, and

has made a wonderful name for himself during the few years he has been engaged in his chosen field. He is affiliated with the Copley Society of Boston, one of the most exclusive organizations of its kind in the United States. Houston is justly proud of Mr. Pillot, and great things are expected of him, still in the morning of youth.



FREDERICK LEON WEBSTER, one of the leading exponents of dramatic art at Houston, has since coming to this city several years ago been a factor in dramatic circles and is a teacher whose work is marked by real distinction. Mr. Webster specializes in expression, dramatic art and public speaking, and holds his classes at his attractive studio at 411 Huntington Avenue. He has an enrollment of more than one hundred students and is assisted by two teachers, working under his direct supervision. Mr. Webster is a man of high intellectual attainments, and is splendidly equipped for any demands on his talent. He gives each student careful consideration and has achieved splendid results with his classes, many of his pupils displaying interpretive talents of high order, and all showing the results of his careful training in their work. Mr. Webster's enthusiasm in his chosen domain of art, and his genuine talent, have given him a place of leadership in dramatic activities, and Houston is indeed fortunate to have him as a resident.

Frederick Leon Webster was born at Alvin, Texas, the son of A. B. and Elizabeth Webster, and was the first child to be born in this town. He attended the public schools near his home until his graduation from high school, after which he spent two years at the University of Illinois and one at the University of Chicago. He then entered Gerston School of Dramatic Art, at Chicago, and also attended the Auditorium School of Dramatic Art and the Bush Conservatory of Music, taking the B. A. degree from the Gerston School of Dramatic Art and the Bush Conservatory of Music. His work in Chicago was followed by study in New York, at the American Academy of Dramatic Art, where he rounded out a talent already recognized as distinctive, and launched upon his career. Two years were spent in theatrical work, on the road with Ezra Kendall, and he later was in stock in San Francisco, with Madam Bertha Kalich and Annie Russell.

At the entrance of the United States in the World War, Mr. Webster enlisted, in July, 1917, in the Medical Corps of the 143rd Infantry, 36th Division, and was sent overseas. He participated in the fighting in the Champagne sector and in the Argonne, where he was wounded. Leaving the hospital he, with two others, traveled in France as entertainers for the American Army and their efforts gained them a wide popularity. Mr. Webster was decorated by the Queen of Roumania. He returned to the States in October, 1919, and after being discharged came to Houston, where he opened his dramatic school. Mr. Webster makes his home at 411 Huntington Avenue, where he also has his studio. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and takes an active interest in civic affairs. His generosity in assisting in various entertainments and his real talent for leadership in dramatic activities have won him many friends and he is a real asset to his city.





**AUL BERGE'** has been actively connected with the musical life of the city of Houston for the past eleven years, having come here in 1913 and established a studio for the teaching of the violin. He is also a teacher of solfeggio. A wonderful artist with the violin, Mr. Berge' is also a gifted teacher and his services are in constant demand both as a teacher and for public appearances. His studio is at 718 Harold Street.

A native of Louisiana, Mr. Berge' was born at New Orleans in 1881. He is a son of Dr. Philip and Marie (Martin) Berge'. His father was for many years one of the leading physicians of New Orleans before his death in 1921.

Mr. Berge' received his literary education in the public and high schools of New Orleans and studied for a year at Tulane Medical College there. He then went to Europe and entered the Royal Conservatory of Music at Brussels, studying there for two years under Cesar Thomson in violin and harmony and composition under DeLune. He then studied at Berlin for two years under Carl Halir and for the same period under Richard Roessler. Going to Paris he was an artist pupil of Adolfo Betti, who is now the leader of the internationally famous Fonzaley Quartet. Returning to America in 1906 he remained in New Orleans for two years and was then located in New York City for a while before coming to Houston in 1913.

After removing to Houston he was director for two years of the Houston Symphony Orchestra, considered at that time the best musical organization in the State. The orchestra disbanded in 1918 and has not been reorganized.

Mr. Berge' was married at Lake Charles, Louisiana, in 1915, to Miss Florence May Day, daughter of a prominent family of Jackson, Tennessee.

For seven years Mr. Berge' conducted the orchestra at the Brazos Hotel and for the past three years has been in charge of the splendid orchestra at the Hotel Bender. He is a capable director and employs only the best musicians obtainable for his orchestras.

Mr. Berge' is of pleasing personality, affable, and a thorough artist. He is very popular in musical circles of the city and enjoys a wide reputation as a musician and teacher. His church affiliations is with the Catholic denomination.



**ALDRIDGE BATTELLE KIDD**, teacher and composer, has been actively identified with the musical life of Houston for a number of years. His studio at 808 Polk Avenue is one of the musical centers of the city, and here Mr. Kidd instructs large classes in piano, harmony, theory and composition. His classes are composed of advanced pupils and include many who have shown remarkable talent and are preparing for a definite musical career. An agreeable, pleasing disposition, which is a marked characteristic of Mr. Kidd, has given him wonderful success with his pupils.

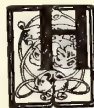
Besides his work as a teacher, Mr. Kidd is well known for his musical compositions and does much work for other musicians in re-arranging scores for special work. He also has a number of successful original compositions to his credit.

Mr. Kidd is a native of Houston and was born on April 1, 1873. He is a son of George and Kate Bledsoe (Aldridge) Kidd and received his preliminary

education in the public schools and high schools of Houston. He continued his literary studies at the University of Texas for two years before commencing active preparation for his musical career. Mr. Kidd's father (deceased since 1920) was auditor for the Houston and Texas Central Railway.

After leaving the University of Texas, Mr. Kidd went to Boston where he matriculated at the New England Conservatory of Music, completing the full four years course in this famous institution. While there he studied piano under Edwin Klakre, and later with Rafael Joseffy and Raul Pugno, harmony and composition under George Chadwick and Benjamin Cutter and theory of music under Louis Elson. After leaving the conservatory he did concert work for a while and still is in great demand for public appearances. For the past twenty-five years he has been engaged in teaching in Fort Worth and Houston.

Mr. Kidd is a thorough artist and musician and one of the leaders in musical circles of Houston. He has aided in nearly every large musical undertaking fostered in the city during the past several years and is intensely interested in broadening the cultural and musical life of this section. He is a member of the Rotary Club and the Musician's Union of Houston.



**MORTON CORBETT**, a musician of distinctive and interpretative talent, has for almost two decades been a leader in musical affairs at Houston, where he is established as a pianist and organist. Mr. Corbett has an attractively appointed studio at 1105 Wheeler Avenue, where he receives his classes. He specializes in advanced pupils, whom he inspires to seek the highest musical skill and scholarship, and has a large class of select pupils of high musical attainments. Mr. Corbett has received the best professional advantages and is splendidly equipped for any demands on his talent. Mr. Corbett conducts many recitals, which are real musical events, and displays great generosity by contributing to musical programs on many occasions. He is an accomplished organist, displaying versatility on this instrument. He is organist and choir director in the Christ Episcopal Church at the corner of Texas Avenue and Fannin Street, a position he has held with distinction for the past seventeen years. The city of Houston is indeed fortunate that there is here so thorough a musician and so talented an artist.

Mr. Corbett was born at London, England, in 1859, son of George F. and Sarah Corbett. He received his rudimentary education in the public and private schools of London, finishing his literary education at the Colfe Foundation School. From his youth he displayed remarkable musical ability and talent, and his education in his chosen domain of art was begun at an early age. He received every professional advantage, studying under the best musicians and teachers, and made marked progress along the road to success. He was for four years a student at the Guild Hall School of Music at London, after which he studied at Trinity College for three years. He then spent three years with the great master, Dr. Stainer, and five years with Ridley Prentice, following this with two years under William Shakespeare. Mr. Corbett came to Canada in 1886, remaining there for two years. He then came to the United States, spending four years at Buffalo, New York, after which he went to Baltimore, Maryland, and later



came to Houston in 1906. While in Baltimore he was elected a founder of the American Guild of Organists.

Mr. Corbett was married in England in 1903, to Miss Edith Madeline Pile, daughter of Samuel J. and Emily Pile, her father a landowner of that country. Mr. and Mrs. Corbett have two children, Mrs. Fred L. Toombs and Mrs. Herbert Losee. Mr. Corbett has taken a keen interest in the musical life of his city and has held a place of leadership in musical affairs. He has been organist and choir director of the Christ Episcopal Church since coming to Houston, and has built up a splendidly organized choir, directing it with remarkable talent. He was for two years director of the Treble Clef Club, one of the leading musical organizations of the city, and has in many other ways shown his interest in things musical. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and with his family takes an active part in church work.



**ENRICO CERRACCHIO** of Houston, Texas, has won a reputation as a sculptor of original ideas and exceptional ability. He has combined in his work a harmony of constructive beauty and art that distinguishes his work from that of any other sculptor. That Mr. Cerracchio puts more than mere ability into his work is demonstrated strongly by his achievement in the magnificent Sam Houston Monument which was erected in Houston in 1925. This piece of sculpture, which Mr. Cerracchio points to as his most noteworthy accomplishment is probably the most striking thing ever done of General Houston, either by a sculptor or a painter. This monument which stands at the entrance to Hermann Park is, with the base, forty feet in height, erected for the purpose of perpetuating the memory of the man who helped Texas in every way to win her freedom. The warrior is portrayed as a stalwart and commanding figure, atop a prancing war horse. His fighting chin is slightly raised, his eyes seek a distant object while his arm and index finger point far to the right. In the face of the leader, particularly, the sculptor caught something which no other painter or sculptor had been able to get. This perhaps is accounted for through the fact that Mr. Cerracchio's statue of General Houston was conceived only after nine years of study of the General's life. In the great magnificence of this figure, one gets the immediate impression of the rugged simplicity and strength of the man. Coupled with this is a singularly impressive portrayal of action and aliveness in the figure of the man and the body of the horse, all of which none but a finished artist could conceive. The cost of this figure, of which all Texans are proud of, was approximately \$75,000.00.

A native of Italy, Mr. Cerracchio was born at Naples, being the second in a family of nine children. With an innate love and talent for sculpture, he started forming figures of clay with his tiny hands before he had reached his seventh birthday. During all of his childhood and school days he was modeling little statuettes of people and animals and things of significant beauty. His parents were opposed to this on account of, as they thought, detracting his attention from his school studies. While yet a child, he formed the habit of going

into the great churches of Naples with his hands full of clay and there making crude models of the likenesses of the statues of the Saints. The first serious thoughts given to the genius of this boy came through his Godfather, who later became a senator in the Italian Parliament. He was amazed to the extent that he destroyed the miniatures which the boy had made, gave him a new supply of clay, locked him in his room and directed that he should there remain until he had duplicated the work which had been thrown away, numbered among which was a miniature of the Duc d' Aosta, this was the manner in which he wanted the young artist to prove himself, which he did to the complete satisfaction of his Godfather. Raffaello Belliazzi, a leading sculptor of Italy, was prevailed upon to take young Cerracchio as a pupil, after which followed years of study, with two hours of practice each day in marble art. When Mr. Cerracchio had reached the age of twenty years his tutor told him that he could go no further with his education, and that the young artist's future was entirely in his own hands. In the meantime, Mr. Cerracchio had had dreams of the wonderful America, so packing his tools he set sail for the land of his choice. On his arrival at New York, his hopes of quick employment faded into oblivion and his ambitions to appropriate to himself the laurels of his profession in this awe-inspiring land went glimmering with the passing of time. After a series of hard times, he obtained work with a construction crew where he wielded a pick and shovel, but being too light for this class of work, he was made a timekeeper. He remained with this crew for three months, and he says that he gained enough experience in that line during this period to last through his entire life. In the months following he worked at many kinds of work and experienced many hardships, until one day he modeled a bust for a Pittsburgh banker. That was the start which he had waited and labored for, but he became a victim of asthma and was advised by doctors to move South to get the warm sun, so much like sunny Italy, so he decided to come to the Southwest of which he had heard and read so much. In 1914 he came to Texas and to Houston, arriving here just before the beginning of the World War, and has remained here since that time and is affectionately known by the citizenship here as "Houston's Own Sculptor."

Mr. Cerracchio was married July 27th, 1907, to Miss Marion Kowalski of Shamokin, Pennsylvania. They have two children: Genevieve and Harold. The Cerracchio home is at 3504 Audubon Street. He is enthusiastic as to the future of Houston and believes that within a period of less than ten years this city will be the art center of the South, and that America is soon to lead the entire world in art culture. During his residence here he has been a constant worker to make this city an art center, and has aided in every way in the progress along this line. His absorbing desire is to make the City of Houston and the State of Texas, an art mecca second to none in the United States. He has been an ardent worker to secure that one thing which makes for continual progress—the whole-hearted co-operation of community and State, which has been assured through his efforts to awaken the citizens of the Lone Star State to the importance of such a work and what it means to every Texan.



**L**ARENCE A. HAMMOND came to Houston in 1917 and established the Houston Conservatory of Music, which has enjoyed a growth and expansion that has been beyond the expectations of Mr. Hammond and his friends. He has just sold the property at 3717 Main Street and is building a new building, which will be the finest conservatory in Texas when completed. Mr. Hammond employs ten teachers, each of whom is an expert in the subject taught, and these subjects include piano, voice, violin, brass and wood wind instruments, dancing and expression. In the class of 1923 and 1924 there were more than four hundred pupils, and the idea primarily of the new building is to be able to accommodate more pupils, as many were not able to be cared for until a larger building was constructed. The first unit of the Houston Conservatory of Music will cost \$50,000.00 and will be a full block in size and located in the vicinity of the Houston Art Museum and the proposed Sam Houston Monument. The decision to establish the new Conservatory of Music in that district, on Main Boulevard, adds immeasurably to the importance and beauty of that section of the city as an art and educational center.

Mr. Hammond was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, September 27th, 1882. His father, Thomas Wesley Hammond, was for many years engaged in general business in Vicksburg, but is now retired from active business pursuits. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Jefferson County, Mississippi, after which he went to Chicago to study piano under Emile Liebling, where he remained for eight years under the tutelage of this famous musician. He then went to Vienna, where he studied under Leschetzky for a period of eight years. In 1914, Mr. Hammond returned to America and founded the Hammond School of Music at Montgomery, Alabama, where he remained until 1917, when he was induced by the Chamber of Commerce to come to Houston and locate, which he did, and soon thereafter established the Houston Conservatory of Music, which met with the favor of the public immediately.

Mr. Hammond was married at Gulfport, Mississippi, in 1911 to Miss Ora Brewer, a daughter of Leroy and Annie Brewer, prominent citizens of the state of Mississippi. They have one child, Mozart, ten years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond reside at 3101 Main Street. In fraternal organizations, Mr. Hammond holds membership in the Knights of Pythias, Woodmen of the World and the Modern Woodmen. He is a consistent member of the Catholic Church. Mr. Hammond has great faith in the future of Houston, and believes that it will not only become the music center of the Southwest, but the largest city. Mr. Hammond expects to occupy the Houston Conservatory of Music in time to begin the season of 1925 there. The instructors will be selected from the very best in this country and some of them will come from Europe. The instructor in violin will come from Prague, Austria. Every particle of the material and equipment for the building, including the musical instruments, will be purchased in Houston, where Mr. Hammond believes just as good musical instruments can be purchased as can be obtained from any other point, not only in America, but in the world.

**A**NTONE DIEHL, head of Diehl's Select School of Music, 3906 Fannin Street, has been actively identified with the musical, social and civic life of Houston for the past thirty-six years, and is one of the best known music masters of South Texas. He is a teacher of violin and piano, but the Diehl School in its various departments includes comprehensive courses in practically every branch of music. A high class department for the study of the French language is maintained under the personal supervision of Mrs. Antone Diehl, an accomplished linguist and a wonderfully cultured woman. Altogether, four teachers are employed in the school, which accepts only a limited number of students who are required to show certain ability before admission to the school.

A native of Germany, Mr. Diehl was born in Wiesbaden in 1867, a son of George and Marie Diehl. His father was an official in the German government service and gave to his son the best education obtainable in the finest German schools and colleges. After completing his literary studies, Mr. Diehl entered the violin school operated by Wilhelmj, where he studied the violin for several seasons. Piano and harmony studies were under the famous Kela Bela. In 1884 Mr. Diehl came to America and for a short time was located in Cincinnati. He then removed to New Orleans where he remained for three years, teaching and appearing in public concerts, and in 1886 came to Houston and established his permanent studio here. Since coming to Houston he has been almost constantly engaged in teaching and has trained some of the best musicians of the South. During the Spanish-American War he was band master for the First Texas Volunteer Cavalry.

Mr. Diehl was married in Houston in 1903 to Miss Gabrielle M. Lavielle, a highly accomplished young woman now associated with her husband in the conduct of the Diehl School. Mr. and Mrs. Diehl have four charming daughters, the two eldest, Zelig Marie and Gabrielle, teaching respectively piano and violin, and the two younger girls, Elizabeth and Antoinette, still in school.

From 1892 until 1895 Mr. Diehl was choir master of Christ Church and since that time has been in charge of the music at the Church of the Annunciation, the largest Catholic church in Houston. For a number of years he conducted the leading orchestra in Houston and was in great demand for solo work and public concerts. He organized and was the first director of the original Houston Quartette Society and has done perhaps as much as any other man for the development of interest in music in Houston and South Texas.

From 1905 to 1908 he conducted the Antone Diehl Conservatory of Music, the most complete school of its kind in the South at that time, where instruction was given in all branches of music and art, including pipe organ and all other musical instruments, by a corps of fifteen teachers. Many of the people now prominent in Houston's musical circles, including teachers and artists, completed courses at the conservatory.

A man of splendid cultural attainments, Mr. Diehl is not only a master musician and teacher but a man and citizen who is actively interested in the city's welfare and anxious at all times to lend a helping hand in any movement for its advancement.





**CAPTAIN JAY CASHMAN** came to Houston in November, 1920, and the following year established "Service Corner" No. 1 at 4400 Main Street, which proved so popular with the public that on May 4th, 1923, he opened "Service Corner" No. 2 at 2710 McKinney Avenue. In August he incorporated his affairs, under the laws of Texas, with a capital stock of \$15,000, and the various "Service Corners" the company owns are equipped with complete automobile service, gasoline, oil, accessories, tires, tubes, auto repairs and sales. "Service Corner" is a patented name and Captain Cashman plans to extend his business to a chain of these standardized auto service stations.

Captain Cashman was born in Springfield, Ohio, May 4th, 1884. His parents, John Cashman and Katherine Cashman, were both natives of Ohio, where his father was a well known business man. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Springfield, Ohio, where he graduated from the latter in the class of 1901. He then entered Wittenberg College at Springfield, where he remained for two years, pursuing the arts course, after which he became a student of the Ohio State University, where he remained for two years in the Engineering College. He was for one year engaged in post-graduate work at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where he received the degree of Aero Engineer. After leaving college, Captain Cashman began his business career with the National Cash Register Company as purchasing agent and was associated with this company in 1906 and 1907, and from the latter part of 1907 and during 1908 he was a salesman for this company. From 1908 to 1914 Captain Cashman was in the newspaper business, being the owner of newspapers in Missouri, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ohio. In 1914 he entered the contracting business, being a contractor for reinforced concrete building construction and continued in this business until 1917. On April 7th, 1917, Captain Cashman enlisted as a private of infantry in the World War, and was discharged after service and promotions in the various grades as a captain and flyer in the air service on November 20th, 1919. He came to Texas first in 1917 as an aero engineer officer of the United States army and was engineer officer of Kelly Field, San Antonio, and later of the air service depot at Dallas until his discharge; between the two Texas assignments Captain Cashman served in the U. S., in England and on the Italian war front.

Captain Cashman was married at Hannibal, Missouri, on October 11th, 1911, to Miss Helen Louise Ray, a native of Hannibal and a member of a well known family there. They have three children—John Edgar, eleven years of age; Jay, Jr., nine years old, and Katherine Virginia, three years of age. Captain and Mrs. Cashman reside at 912 Abbott Street. Captain Cashman is a member of the Engineers' Society of the Ohio State University, National Association of Aeronautic Engineers, and is an air service officer, on reserve status, in the U. S. army. He is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, with membership in Holy Rosary Parish, Houston. Captain Cashman believes that Houston is destined to become the leading city of the Southwest, and that business of every kind under his observation is improving each day.



**RANK BRADLEY** is widely known in automobile circles, not only of Houston and South Texas, but throughout the State, where for many years he has been engaged in this field of activity. As President and Manager of the Bradley-Voelcker-Grosser Inc., he has had an important part in shaping the destinies of this corporation, which was established and incorporated in 1918 and is located at 1117 San Jacinto Street. The Bradley-Voelcker-Grosser Inc., are distributors for the Oldsmobile Trucks for the territory which includes all of Southeast Texas; they are also distributors for the Oldsmobile Automobile and handle the retail sales of Harris County. This is one of the largest automobile firms of Houston; they have a beautiful building, which is further beautified with flowers, plants and giant palms growing all around their splendid building. Their sales department has a floor space of sixty feet by one hundred feet, and on the opposite side of the street are located their shop, parts and service departments, where they also have a floor space of sixty feet by one hundred feet. Twenty-eight experienced men are employed.

Mr. Bradley was born at Washington, Georgia, on April 27th, 1882. His father, F. A. Bradley, also a native of Georgia, has during all his life been a prominent merchant and planter, and is still active and residing at White Plains. His mother was Miss Virginia Goolsby, a member of a well known Georgia family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Washington, Georgia, after which he attended the Georgia Military Academy, and while a student at this temple of learning, he joined the army during the Spanish-American War, and was a second lieutenant, Company A, of the First Georgia Regiment, and for two years was in this regiment. After his army service, Mr. Bradley came to Texas and engaged in farming and ranching in Williamson County, and later went to San Antonio and engaged in the undertaking business, where he remained for two years. He then went on the road as a salesman, traveling the southwestern portion of Texas, and continued in this line of work for six years. He then entered the automobile business at San Marcos, Texas, under the firm name of Bradley and Moore, Inc., and were dealers for the Buick and Ford cars. They later dropped the Ford and continued in this line of business there for ten years, when he came to Houston. Mr. Bradley came to Houston in 1915 as President and General Manager of the Houston Buick Sales Company, and remained in this position until August, 1918, when he disposed of his interests in this firm and established his present business.

Mr. Bradley was married at San Marcos, Texas, on May 7th, 1907, to Miss Mary Cuthbert, a native of San Marcos, and a member of a pioneer Texas family. They have one daughter, Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley reside at 3519 Graustark Street, which is in the most beautiful section of Montrose. In fraternal and social organizations, Mr. Bradley holds membership in the B. P. O. E., I. O. O. F., the Houston Country Club and the Auto Trade Association, of which organization he is Vice President. Mr. Bradley is optimistic as to the future of Houston and believes that this city will soon lead the entire Southwest.

Note: Since this sketch was written Mr. Bradley has moved to Dallas.



**B**ARNEY SCHOLL, for more than a decade one of the progressive citizens of Houston, has for a number of years been connected with some of the finest cafes of Southwest Texas. He is now managing the cafe at Baytown for the Humble Oil and Refining Company, with his many years of experience making it one of the really good cafes of the country.

Barney Scholl was born in Austria, the twenty-first of April, 1881, son of Jake Scholl, a native of that country and who lived there until his death. Mr. Scholl attended the schools of his native country until coming to America, after which time he continued his studies alone. He came to Chicago where he began in the cafe business, as night cashier in the Izard Cafe. Three years later he left this cafe, at that time being manager. Coming to Texas, of which state he had heard much as a land of opportunity, he located at Galveston in 1902, opening a cafe on the beach which he operated until 1911. In this year he came to Houston, going into the saloon business, until 1916, when he opened the Milwaukee Cafe, which he operated until taking the position with the Humble Oil and Refining Company at Baytown to operate their cafe.

Mr. Scholl was married at Houston, in 1915 to Miss Janet Leiser, a native of Marshall and daughter of one of the pioneer residents of that city. Mr. Scholl is interested in many Houston projects, and is one of the directors of the Gulf State Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Scholl are popular members of their respective social set, and are ever ready to aid in any good cause for their community. Mr. Scholl is an Elk.

**A**LEAK PAGE, active and energetic young business man, is president and treasurer of Swedman and Page, Inc., designers and builders of high class homes. The company maintains offices at 4510 Main Street, Houston, and employs a force of from seventy-five to one hundred people. Other officers of the company are Perry L. Page, vice president, and Ralph Soape, secretary.

Swedman and Page, Inc., specialize in designing and constructing high class homes and apartment buildings, and is one of the leading firms doing this character of work in South Texas. Organized in 1922 as a partnership and incorporated in October, 1923, the business has grown steadily and fifty buildings were erected by the firm during 1923, their aggregate value being well over a half million dollars. The firm obtains its contracts on a basis of merit only and is building a splendid reputation for high class workmanship and close attention to the minutest details of every job entrusted to them. Swedman and Page, Inc., are now building some of the nicest homes in Houston, ranging in cost from five thousand to fifty thousand dollars, and are also handling several big jobs out of the city. They have just completed one sixty thousand dollar home at Orange, Texas.

Mr. Page is a native of Texas and was born at Kountze on September 4, 1887. He is a son of Dr. J. A. T. and Julia Isabella (Pounds) Page and received his education in the public schools and high school at Lott, in Falls County, Texas. His father is a well known physician and surgeon of North Texas.

After leaving school Mr. Page did general office work for two or three years and then went to Pasadena, California, where he remained until 1906, when he removed to Louisiana, where he was made general manager for a large lumber company. In 1907 he came to Houston as business secretary for the Young Men's Christian Association and after two years of work with the Y. M. C. A. returned to Pasadena, where he bought a half interest in the Pasadena Business College. He remained with this school as manager and teacher for one and a half years and then again engaged in the lumber business. In 1913 he came back to Houston and became connected with the Eicke Sash and Door Company as secretary-treasurer. Leaving this company at the end of five years he was connected with the Houston Land Corporation for a year and then for two years was general office manager and associate supervisor for George T. Brown.

Mr. Page was married in Houston in 1909 to Miss Norma E. Eicke, daughter of Herman and Lena Eicke, well known residents of Texas for many years. Mr. Page is active in church and civic work. is a prominent Bible student and well known as a Bible teacher. Of splendid personality, he has a large and ever-increasing circle of friends and is doing his part in the building of a better community.



**M**ERRELL HARVEY of Humble, Texas, started in the hardware business when a mere boy and has been engaged in this field of activity since that time. Mr. Harvey came to Humble in 1915 and the store bearing his name here is the popular headquarters for hardware, oil field supplies and furniture buyers in Humble. Mr. Harvey has been the sole proprietor of M. Harvey and Company since 1921, when he purchased the stock of the Hall Hardware Company and changed the name to M. Harvey and Company. He carries a large and complete stock of hardware, light and heavy oil field supplies, oil well equipment, furniture and household supplies. His store is fifty feet by ninety feet in size, and his stock of goods is conveniently arranged for the public to see and purchase. He has two warehouses, one of which is located on the railroad track, for unloading and shipping. Mr. Harvey also maintains a branch house at Goose Creek, known as the M. Harvey and Company, which was opened in 1923. This store is thirty feet by eighty-five feet in size and carries a large and complete stock of hardware and sporting goods. A large volume of business is done each month at both of these stores. Mr. Harvey started his career in the hardware business at Naples, Texas, where he remained for several years and then removed to Wharton, Texas, and later to Humble, where he became associated with the Hall Hardware Company, and after six years with this company, he purchased their stock and engaged in business for himself.

A native of Georgia, Mr. Harvey was born in Marion County, but was brought to Texas by his parents when a boy, and he was reared in this state. His early education was obtained in the schools of Marion County, Georgia, and later in the schools of the Lone Star State.

Mr. Harvey was married at Galveston on May 27th, 1923, to Miss Edna Kurr, a native Texan and a member of a well known family of this state.



Mr. Harvey is a member of the Masonic Lodge and is a civic leader in Humble and in the midst of his business projects, he finds opportunity to give his time and assistance to any matter having to do with the improvement and advancement of Humble. Mr. Harvey is a real live merchant, using in his business all modern methods to improve same. He keeps his stock clean and up-to-date, and gives service to his many customers, knowing that the purchasers at this day and time demand service as well as good merchandise. He has always been a leader in the business circles of Humble, and as a merchant has been an exponent of the highest standards of business dealings. He is esteemed alike by customer and competitor, and is regarded as one of the most progressive citizens of Harris County. He is optimistic as to the future of Humble and vicinity, and believes that the oil and farming industries for this part of South Texas will remain for many years the leading money makers.



**A. ROUSH**, one of the progressive citizens of Friendswood, has been a factor in the fig growing industry in this section, and is well known as an expert on all matters pertaining to the planting, cultivating and harvesting of figs. Mr. Roush is superintendent of the Dixie Orchards, the large fig orchards belonging to the Dixie Orchards Company. These orchards, with around four hundred acres now in figs, have assumed a place of importance commercially. Located in the heart of one of the largest fig producing sections of their State, where climate, soil, drainage, and other natural conditions are nearly perfect, the orchards have been unusually successful. Other advantages, such as transportation, are favorable to the development of the fig industry around Friendswood, and have been factors in the success of the Dixie Orchards. Mr. Roush took charge of the orchards in 1922, since which time he has been in exclusive control of the cultivation and management of the industry, and has done much to develop the orchards. He employs five tractors in the cultivation of the figs, and maintains a force of around twenty men at all times, increasing the workers to fifty or more during the picking season. He is an authority on fig culture, and directs all planting of new acreage, cultivating of the present orchards, and the harvesting of the crop. The orchards are well improved, and special attention has been given to making provision for the comfort of the workers, for whom five modern cottages have been constructed. These cottages have five rooms each, and are furnished the employees by the company. Mr. R. D. McDonald is president of the Dixie Orchards Company.

Mr. Roush was born in Dallas County, Iowa, the fifth of June, 1882, the son of Francis Marion Roush, a contractor and bridge builder, and Eliza Jane Roush. He was educated in the public schools of Nebraska, to which State the family had removed, and graduated from the high schools of that State. After leaving school he was engaged in constructing and erecting bridges and steel buildings, coming to Houston in 1910, where he continued in this industry until 1916. In that year he began to engage in fig raising, farming and dairying, giving especial attention to the study of fig culture, and

since 1922 has devoted his entire time to the growing of this fruit.

Mr. Roush was married at Aldine, Texas, in 1911, to Miss Nannie Josephine Johnson, daughter of Victor F. Johnson, a farmer and old settler of the State, and Charlotte Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Roush have two children, Ida Josephine and Wilbur Albert. They make their home at Friendswood. Mr. Roush has entered actively into all fig growing activities in this section, and has accomplished much of benefit to this industry, and is one of the men who are devoting their time to making this industry one of the important ones of the State.



**ALLEN L. TOWNSEND**, of the Townsend-Nash Company, is well known in the automobile circles of Houston and South Texas, where prior to entering his present business in August, 1922, he was for thirteen years engaged in selling Hudson and Buick automobiles in Houston and adjacent territory. Mr. Townsend is the distributor for the Nash Automobile in the Houston territory and employs seven men in his establishment, which is located at 1302 Lamar Avenue, where the building was constructed especially for this business. He has splendid show rooms, parts and service departments, and the Townsend-Nash Company is known as one of the most progressive firms in the city of Houston, and since becoming dealer for the Nash automobile, have greatly increased the sales of this car in their territory.

A native Texan, Mr. Townsend was born at Columbus December 4th, 1880. His father, James L. H. Townsend (deceased) was also a native Texan, and was born and reared in Colorado County, and lived there all his life, where he was a well known and esteemed citizen. His mother was Miss Emily Tooke, also a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. Townsend's education was obtained in various towns in Texas, among them being Wynne, Edna, and Lockhart and he later studied pharmacy and received his degree in this science in 1905. He then entered on his work as a pharmacist in a drug store at Beaumont, Texas, for a short time, and then came to Houston and was employed by a drug company here for a period of two years, when he returned to Beaumont and remained for three years and then removed to San Antonio, where he remained a short time and returned to Houston in 1910 and became associated with Arthur C. Burton and sold Hudson automobiles for him for a period of eight years, and then went with the Buick agency here and sold Buick cars for five years, after which he organized his present business, in which he has met with much success and has succeeded in making the Nash car one of the most popular cars in this portion of the state.

Mr. Townsend was married in Lufkin, Texas, in 1907 to Miss Agnes Prestridge, a native of Arkansas and a daughter of J. W. Prestridge, for many years a well known citizen of Texarkana, Arkansas, but later of Houston, Texas. They have one daughter—Jane Townsend, ten years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Townsend reside at 1615 Holman Street. Mr. Townsend is a member of the A. F. and A. M. with membership in Temple Lodge No. 4, and is also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite of this order and a Shriner of Arabia Temple. Mr. Townsend is a great believer in the future of Houston, and never loses an opportunity to speak a good word for the South Texas metropolis.





**HAROLD B. PIERCE** came to Houston with an ideal and for that ideal he worked and saved for eight years and now, in 1926, he is well started on his enterprise and success seems inevitable. Mr. Pierce is President of the Paramount Hosiery Mills of Texas, Inc. The mills were started in 1925 with one knitter, or machine upon which silk hosiery were manufactured. Shortly afterward four more machines were added and the finished product put on the market. Seeing that his product met with a ready sale, Mr. Pierce made plans to increase his output. They now have a battery of fifteen machines, giving the plant a capacity of one hundred dozen pairs of hose daily. More machines have been ordered and the mill expects to have one hundred machines in operation in the very near future. The plant is located at 607 Franklin Avenue and the product is sold under the trade name of "Honey-Girl Hosiery." The entire trade territory of Texas will be covered, adding more territory as the mills increase their output.

Harold B. Pierce was born in Providence, Rhode Island, April 8th, 1897. His father, a resident of that city, is now deceased. His mother, Minnie (Durrell) Pierce, now resides in Canada. He attended the public schools of Providence and later gained his first business experience in that city. Coming to Houston in 1918 he established the Pierce Dental Laboratory and Supply Company. This business, started in a small way, found immediate favor with the dentists and developed rapidly, serving dentists in Houston, South Texas and Louisiana. This work, however, was a means to an end, and in 1925 he gave up the laboratory work to establish the Paramount Hosiery Mills.

Mr. Pierce was married at Galveston, Texas, in October, 1921, to Miss Rosalie L. Snyder, daughter of F. L. Snyder and L. (Beer) Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Pierce make their home at 1849 West Alabama. He is a Mason, Houston Lodge, Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is a member of the Golferest Country Club and takes an active interest in the social and civic affairs of the city.



**HARRY FERGUSON** of the Ferguson-Bayer Auto Company, has been identified with the business world at Houston for the past several years and is well known in automotive circles as the operator of one of the finest auto paint and top shops in the city. The Ferguson-Bayer Auto Company was established by Mr. Ferguson in June, 1921, and in 1922 Mr. F. B. Bayer, his present associate, came into the firm. The business is well located, at 2114 North Main Street, where a large and well equipped shop provides adequate facilities for the large business this firm is doing. A complete automobile paint shop is operated and also a top shop that manufactures tops, seat covers, and re-upholsters cars. Equipment is also provided for body repair work, and a large business is handled in that line. A force of experienced workmen is employed in the shop, and all work is done under the personal supervision of Mr. Bayer, and has to conform with his unusually high standards.

Harry Ferguson was born at Fort Worth, Texas, the eighth of September, 1886, the son of the late John W. Ferguson and Mattie (Roberts) Ferguson.

Mr. Ferguson was a native of Missouri, and Mrs. Ferguson of Illinois. Harry Ferguson attended the schools of Fort Worth, and afterward entered railroad work, working with various railroads for about twenty years. He came to Houston in 1921 and established the auto paint shop that he has since operated.

Mr. Ferguson was married at Fort Worth, on the twenty-second of September, 1909, to Miss Eugenia West, daughter of the late P. J. West and Mrs. Maggie Sue (Bailey) West. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson reside at 4001 Polk Avenue, and have one child, Jane Lanelle. Mr. Ferguson is a Mason, lodge at Mart, Texas, and belongs to the Order of Railway Conductors, and the Methodist Church.



**GAYLORD H. MILLER** is well known to the business element of Houston and Harris County, where he is general manager of the Tel-Electric Company, the largest plant of its kind in the South. The Tel-Electric Company, located at 602 Preston Avenue, was established in 1908 and occupy a fine brick building of six floors, each fifty by one hundred feet in size. They are jobbers, and sell to wholesale trade only. The Tel-Electric Company employ forty people in their establishment, and have six salesmen who cover the entire South Texas territory. The Tel-Electric Company are exclusive agents for the Westinghouse Electric Manufacturing Company, the Westinghouse Lamp Company and the Radio Corporation of America. This company sells radio equipment of every kind, all electric equipment, machinery and supplies. Other officers of the Tel-Electric Company are A. J. Binz, Sr., president and J. J. Settegast, Jr., secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Miller was born in Shelby, Illinois, in 1880. His father, O. D. Miller, was a large land owner and extensive farmer of that State. His mother was Miss Rachel Homrighous, a member of a well known Illinois family. Mr. Miller's education was obtained in the public and high schools of Shelby, Illinois, graduating from the latter in 1899. During the same year of his graduation, Mr. Miller entered the employ of the Chicago Telephone Company, Chicago, where he remained for five years and was advanced to the position of superintendent of department at the time he severed his connection with this company. He then went with the Eureka Telephone Company, manufacturers of telephones, as sales manager, where he remained for three years. He then became associated with the United Electric Company at Wichita, Kansas, as secretary and sales manager, remaining with this company for five years. He came to Texas and to Houston in 1912 with the Tel-Electric Company, where for two years he held the position of sales manager, and then was made general manager, which position he has since held.

Mr. Miller was married in Genoa, Illinois, in 1907, to Miss Sabrina Leonard, a member of a pioneer Illinois family, where her father was a large land owner. They have two children—Gaylord H. Miller, Jr., and Bettie Jean. Mr. and Mrs. Miller reside at 603 Hawthorne Avenue. Mr. Miller holds membership in the Houston Country Club and the Rotary Club. He is active in all projects having to do with the progress, advancement and civic betterment of Houston.



**E**DWARD M. JOHNSTON, for a number of years past a resident of Houston, has for more than a decade rendered the citizens of the Lone Star State a real service through his work as a statistician, and is one of the best posted men in the state in this field. Mr. Johnston has since 1911 been in the employ of the United States government, in the department of agriculture. He prepares the Texas Livestock Report, containing valuable information regarding range conditions in Texas, this being a part of the work under his direction as agricultural statistician of the United States Department of Agriculture, and has under his direction other activities of like importance. He has been designated by resolution of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association, and the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association of Texas, as their official statistician. Recently he has also done much work toward perfecting an organization, the Texas Livestock Statistical Bureau, which will be a statistical, economic and research service bureau for the livestock industry, comparable to like bureaus that have been established for cotton, grain and other commercial interests. Mr. Johnston's activities as a statistician have brought him wide recognition, and he is one of the best trained and most experienced men in his line in the state.

Edward M. Johnston was born at Caldwell, Kansas, the twenty-first of February, 1885. His father, Charles McLean Johnston, a rancher, banker, money-lender, and pioneer of Kansas, is one of the prominent men of that state, and well known there. His mother, before her marriage was Miss Annie Calvert Hamilton, is a native of New York. Mr. Johnston spent his boyhood at Caldwell, attending the public schools there, and graduating from the Caldwell High School. He then entered the Kansas State Agricultural College, taking the four year course, and graduating with the B. S. Degrees. This was followed by two years at Cornell University, where the B. S. A. Degree was conferred on him, and two years at the University of California where he took the M. S. Degree. In 1911 he went with the United States government, as superintendent of the Rice Experiment Station at Beaumont, Texas, holding that position for three years. This was followed by one year with the Bellfouche Experiment Station at Newell, South Dakota, where he engaged in investigation work. Then came one year specializing in Animal Husbandry work at the University of California. In 1916 he became field agent for the Bureau of Crop Estimates in California, later transferred to Texas, and was later made agricultural and live stock statistician, which position he holds at present.

Mr. Johnston was married at Manhattan, Kansas, in 1906, to Miss Gertrude Elsa Haulenbeck, daughter of Charles A. and Cassie Glasgow Haulenbeck. Mr. Haulenbeck was formerly in the lumber business in Kansas, but is now located at Portland, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston make their home in Houston, living at 4300 San Jacinto Street. They attend the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Johnston is a Mason, both York and Scottish Rites, and a member of Arabia Temple. He belongs to the University Club. Mr. Johnston is a deep student, takes a great interest in all educational activities, and is thoroughly conversant with statistical science, a subject of which he has made a deep study. His investiga-

tions and activities in the various governmental departments with which he has been identified have been of unusual importance, and he is widely known for his many contributions in his field.

**R. L. G. MARSHALL**, capitalist, oil and mining operator, is numbered among the leading citizens of Houston, although he has been identified with the petroleum industry of Texas for a comparatively short time. In January, 1924, he came to Houston to look over his oil interests in this neighborhood. He soon, however, bought the assets of the Blue Bird Oil Company. At that time the company had one hundred barrels production per day. This production increased fourfold by careful operation and by deeper drilling. He has a two and one-half acre lease in Goose Creek with two producing wells, and where other wells may be drilled. He also secured the Adey lease of two and one-half acres with three wells making a small production. This property is in line for further development. In addition to these properties, Dr. Marshall has gold and silver mining interests in New Mexico and Mexico, where he spends considerable of his time.

Dr. L. G. Marshall is a native of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, where he was born, October 2nd, 1867, son of James E. and Margaret Dowell Swetland Marshall. The family were engaged in farming in Bradford County, and it was on a farm that Dr. Marshall was reared. He is a descendant of John Marshall, the great chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. His mother's grandfather, William Beldon Swetland, discovered coal in the Wyoming Valley, Pennsylvania. Dr. Marshall's great-grandfather was killed in the Wyoming Valley Massacre. He was educated in the schools of Pennsylvania, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1904 with the V. S. Degree. He comes from a family famous as veterinary surgeons. His brother, Lieutenant Colonel C. J. Marshall for thirty years, has been a professor of the University of Pennsylvania, and during the late war was in charge of veterinarian work of the United States army, and is past president of the American Veterinary Medical Association. Another brother, Dr. F. A., is one of the twelve veterinary inspectors of Pennsylvania. For eighteen years Dr. L. G. Marshall practiced his profession, and then bought the Jennings Hearst Stock Farm in Pennsylvania, which he conducted for two years. This was one of the finest stock farms in Eastern Pennsylvania, which he sold before coming to Texas. For some time he served as a United States government inspector in veterinary work.

Dr. Marshall was united in marriage in Bancroft, Nebraska, in 1894, to Miss Mabel C. Smith, the daughter of Mr. Burton Smith, a well known cattle shipper. Mrs. Smith was an Eastman, and a relative of the founder of the Eastman Kodak Company. Dr. and Mrs. Marshall have two children, Georgianna Robinson, the wife of R. W. Robinson who is assistant county superintendent of schools of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, and Burton J., who is employed in the postoffice in Towanda, Pennsylvania. Dr. Marshall is a member of the Masonic lodge and the family are Methodists. He is a firm believer in the future greatness of Houston, and is rapidly becoming a Texas enthusiast.



**JACK O'CONNOR** a few years ago became identified with Houston, and has since his arrival been one of the most enterprising men in the merchandising business, operating one of the most exclusive millinery establishments in the Southwest. The Field Exclusive Millinery store, of which Mr. O'Connor is manager, was established in January, 1922, shortly after his arrival in the city, as a branch of an organization having fine millinery stores throughout the United States. The store is well located, at 411 Main Street, and occupies a building affording twenty-five by one hundred and ten feet of floor space. The equipment, manufactured in Houston, is of the very best, and the finest used in any millinery store in the Southwest. They feature Andrea and Field hats, two of the finest makers in the states, and show many exclusive and attractive models. The firm gives careful attention to display, the keynote of the establishment being an exclusive atmosphere, with a quiet blending of soft tones to form a setting best suited to the character of millinery offered. The Field Company has built up an extensive clientele among the highest class women of the city, catering especially to those who appreciate the exclusive features offered. Mr. O'Connor has had complete charge of the store since its organization, and the progressive manner in which he has operated this establishment is sufficient testimonial to his ability as a merchant.

Mr. O'Connor was born at Kansas City, Missouri, and educated in the schools of his native city. His first business experience was gained with the Field Company, in their Kansas City branch, where he spent several years. He displayed marked talent, both as to salesmanship and display and executive ability, and was later sent to the California store, where he spent a number of years. When the decision was taken to open the Houston branch, Mr. O'Connor was put in full charge and has since been located here.

**EDWIN V. RICHARD**, one of the younger members of the oil fraternity, has in the half decade of his business career at Houston become well known in this field. Mr. Richard is identified with the Mills Bennett organization.

Mr. Richard is a native of Louisiana, in which State he was born, at Lake Charles, on the fourteenth of February, 1896. His father, the late C. M. Richard, was parish assessor at Lake Charles for twenty years, and widely known in that section. His mother, before her marriage Miss Beatrice Rossett, is a native of Louisiana, and still makes her home at Lake Charles. Mr. Richard attended the public schools of his native city, and after graduating from the high school there, in 1914, he entered Tulane University at New Orleans, spending two years in the law department. One year before taking his degree he left the university to enter military service at the time of the World War. Mr. Richard enlisted in the army in April, 1917, serving until August, 1919, during the period of his enlistment being at different times at Little Rock, Houston, San Antonio and New Orleans, and being discharged as first lieutenant of the Forty-third Infantry.

Mr. Richard first came to Houston in 1918, and since that time has been active in the oil business

in this city. He became interested in a syndicate organized by L. F. Benchenstein, and struck oil at Barbers Hill. Since this time Mr. Richard has taken an active part in the development of the oil industry and has made many friends among oil men. He is a member of the Catholic Church, belongs to the University Club at Houston, and the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity at Tulane.

**T. GLIOT** has for the past decade been a foremost figure in the field of oil enterprises at Houston, where he has extensive oil interests and has taken a leading part in the development of these resources. Mr. Gliot is president of the Texas Standard Oil Company, which maintains headquarters here, with offices in the Second National Bank Building. The company has production in the Burkburnett field, with an average of about one hundred barrels a day, and holds much acreage in the various fields of the state. The Texas Standard Oil Company was organized in 1916, and has since been considered one of the well directed and sound companies interested in the oil industry. Mr. Gliot became president of the company in 1919, a position he has since held, and wherein he has demonstrated great capability in the handling of operations of the scope involved.

Mr. Gliot was born at Chicago, Illinois, the third of June, 1881, son of the late J. B. Gliot, for many years in the piano business in that city, and Hulda Faulkman Gliot, also deceased. He was educated in the schools of his native city, and after finishing school was for a number of years in the printing and advertising business there, a business with which he has been directly or indirectly connected for a quarter of a century. Mr. Gliot came to Texas, locating at Texas City, in 1910, and for the ensuing four years was advertising manager with the Texas City Company, owners of the townsite there and other interests, and a company representing a capitalization of twelve million dollars. In 1914 Mr. Gliot came to Houston, and from that time until 1919 conducted an advertising agency, and was also interested in the oil business. In 1919 he became president of the Texas Standard Oil Company, and has since given most of his time and attention to developing the properties of this company.

In the latter part of 1923 Mr. Gliot completed the writing of a book on business and success principles, to which he has given the unique name of "Dynamite." This book is now in process of publication by the Merit Publishing Company of Houston, Texas, another organization in which Mr. Gliot holds a large interest.

Mr. Gliot was married at Texas City, the twenty-fifth of February, 1911, to Miss Dorothy Williams, daughter of J. B. Williams, well known farmer of Cleburne. Mr. and Mrs. Gliot make their home at 2916 Albany Street, and have one son, Edward T. Gliot, Junior. Mr. Gliot is a Mason, Thirty-second Degree Scottish Rite, and a member of Arabia Temple Shrine. He is interested in the rapid growth and development of Houston, and has long held the belief that this city has an even greater future in store. A public spirited citizen, he contributes freely to the various civic and charitable movements organized here, and has made a host of friends who wish him the success that he has won and that indications suggest is in store for him.



**P**AUL PLAUTZ came to Alvin, Texas, in 1905, where he has ten acres of the most highly cultivated and productive land in this county. He has five acres planted to figs, two acres in strawberries and the remaining acreage in all kinds of vegetables, with particular attention given to tomatoes and peppers. Mr. Plautz has one of the finest places in Alvin and makes about \$2,000.00 each year gross from his crops grown on this highly developed ten acres of land. He uses modern, scientific methods in growing his various crops, but thinks the Magnoli fig is destined to be the big money making crop in this portion of the State. Mr. Plautz has a wonderful place and has demonstrated what can be done with ten acres of land, together with hard work and proper methods of cultivation. Mr. Plautz came to America in 1891 and located in the State of Iowa, where for a period of four years he was engaged in carpenter work. He then came to Texas and settled at Pearland, where he continued to do carpenter work and also farming, until he came to Alvin in 1905. Mr. Plautz is regarded as an authority on horticulture and his crops speak for themselves, showing that he is one of the successful growers of fruit and vegetables in this section.

A native of Germany, Mr. Plautz was born November 1st, 1869. His parents, John and Wilhemenia Plautz, were well known farmers and land owners in the Fatherland. His education was obtained in the schools of Germany, but his knowledge of the culture of fruits and vegetables was obtained through reading scientific literature on the subjects and through practical application of the methods described.

Mr. Plautz was married in Iowa in 1892, to Miss Lizzie Kruger, a member of a well known family of that State, who were engaged in farming on a large scale. They have three children: Herman, Ellice, and Elma. Mr. Plautz is optimistic as to the future of the fruit and berry industry of South Texas. He believes that a vast acreage here will soon be planted to figs and on account of the improved marketing systems and the preserving plants which have been constructed, makes the fig industry very different from what it was a few years ago. There are buyers on the ground during the season, and much of the crops are contracted for before they are grown, making the farmer absolutely sure of a market and a splendid remuneration for the crop.

**J**OHN P. MITCHELL is well known to the freight shippers of Houston, and as president, treasurer and general manager of the Mitchell Transportation Company, Inc., has had an important part in shaping the destinies of that company. This transportation company was established and incorporated in 1918 and has been a paying proposition since the beginning. They are engaged in the transporting of freight by water from Houston to Goose Creek and all other points on the Houston Ship Channel, and fills a long-felt want of both consignors and consignees for fast freight service in this territory; they also tow freighters. The Mitchell Transportation Company, Inc., located at the foot of Main Street on the bayou, have two tow boats and six large barges, which are always busy and twelve people are employed by

this company. Other officers of this transportation company are George M. Sullivan, vice president, and A. Leak Page, secretary and treasurer.

A native Texan, Mr. Mitchell was born at Baytown, September 23rd, 1882. His father, J. F. Mitchell, came to Texas as a youth, in the days of reconstruction following the Civil War. Mr. Mitchell's education was obtained in the public schools of Baytown, Texas.

Mr. Mitchell has been engaged in water transportation for the past sixteen years; twelve years of this period was in the water mail service at Galveston and the Houston Ship Channel. Later, he engaged in freight transportation—was at first independent, and later organized the Mitchell Transportation Company, Inc. He is interested in many of the local industries and enterprises. Mr. Mitchell was married at Wallisville, Texas, June 23rd, 1909, to Miss Winnie Davis, a native Texan and a member of a pioneer family. They have three children: John P. Mitchell, Jr.; Donald D. Mitchell, and James R. Mitchell. The Mitchell home is located at 3313 Montrose Boulevard. Mr. Mitchell has always been active in the business, social and general community life of Houston and is interested in all projects tending to the welfare and advancement of this city, which he believes is destined to soon become the leading city of the entire Southwest.

Note: Since this sketch was written Mr. Mitchell moved to Florida.

**E**DGAR FRANK EASTMAN, well known in the business circles of Houston, where until recently he was the owner of the Texas Tent and Awning Company, is now connected with the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mill Company of Dallas.

Mr. Eastman was born in Winfield, Kansas, in 1897. His father, Edgar Frank Eastman, was for many years engaged in the implement business. His mother was, prior to her marriage, Miss Leota Heulick, a member of a well known Kansas family. Mr. Eastman's early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Kansas City, Missouri, and later attended "Cornwall on the Hudson," New York, a preparatory school for West Point. Mr. Eastman enlisted in the World War April 6th, 1917. He was a master electrician in the Air Service, and went to France in October, 1917, where he was in the air service and saw much action. Mr. Eastman, while in France had charge of the ships used by the great fliers and aces of the United States Army. He returned to America and was discharged May 5th, 1919.

Mr. Eastman started his business career in Houston during the same year that he received his discharge from the army, with the Wilite Road Construction Company, and remained one year with this company. He then entered the employ of the Houston National Exchange Bank, and resigned from this institution after four months in order to organize the Texas Tent and Awning Company, which he operated successfully, until June, 1924, at which time he sold the business and removed to Dallas. Mr. Eastman was a member of the Builders Exchange while in Houston, in which he took an active part. He was also active in all civic affairs, and was always ready to lend his aid to any worthy cause.





**BRANDON JANES**, although numbered among the younger members of the business fraternity of Houston, Texas, has established an enviable reputation in the automobile industry and heads one of the leading organizations of its kind of South Texas. As president of the Main Motor Company, Inc., he has been a factor in building up a large and profitable business in his territory. The Main Motor Company, Inc., which was established here in May, 1924, are dealers and distributors of Pierce Arrow automobiles. While the Pierce Arrow has always been a popular car in this territory, this firm has succeeded in making it more so with the public and the sales here have increased greatly with the Main Motor Company as dealers and distributors. The offices and showrooms are conveniently located at 2107 Main Street. Other officers of the Main Motor Company, Inc., are: H. E. L. Toombs, vice president and F. L. Bouknight, secretary, both of whom are well known in the financial and business life of Houston, where for several years they have been active in the commercial life of South Texas.

A native Texan, Mr. Janes was born at Beaumont on November 8th, 1898. His father, Jarrett Janes, also a native of the Lone Star State, has for many years been an active figure in the business circles of Jefferson County. His mother, Mrs. Lillian (Wyatt) Janes, was also born in Texas, being a member of a pioneer family of this State. His education was obtained in various schools of Texas, which he left at an early age in order to enter the business world. All his experience has been in the automobile industry, starting with the Studebaker agency at Orange, Texas, he remained with this company until he came to Houston and organized his present successful business.

Mr. Janes was married at Houston, Texas, on February 7th, 1922, to Miss Maude Lee, a native of West Virginia, and a daughter of T. P. Lee, a prominent oil man of Houston, and vice president of The American Republics Corporation. Her mother, Mrs. Essie (Horton) Lee, was a native of Georgia and a member of one of that State's most prominent families. They have two children: Barbara Lee and Brandon Janes, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Janes reside at 1926 Norfolk Avenue. Mr. Janes has since locating in Houston become one of this city's most consistent boosters, never losing an opportunity to speak a good word for the Magnolia City and her wonderful future. He also takes an active interest in the commercial and social life of Houston. Mr. Janes is ambitious for his business and his city, putting forth all his efforts in the upbuilding of both.



**LOYD G. CALDWELL** is well known in the business circles of Houston and South Texas where for a decade he has been sales manager of the Western Electric Company. Mr. Caldwell came to Houston in 1913 with the present company, but had been connected with them for about eight years prior to coming here to assume the position of sales manager for the Houston office, whose trade territory includes all of South Texas. The Western Electric Company's financial office is in New York City, with factories in Chicago, and branches in all the cities in the United States, and is one of the largest companies of the kind in this country. This company makes and sells anything

electrical in every line—batteries, telephone systems, large radio sending and receiving sets, etc. The branch office of the company was opened in Houston in 1910, and a vast amount of business is transacted through this office, which employs twenty-five people, and their offices consist of three floors and basement, and a warehouse space of thirty-five thousand square feet, with ten thousand square feet of yard space.

Mr. Caldwell was born at Lawrence, Kansas, October 2nd, 1882. His father, T. J. Caldwell (deceased since 1923), had for many years been retired from active business pursuits and was well known in the business circles of Kansas. His mother was Miss Ada E. Lee, a member of a prominent Kansas family. His early education was obtained in the public and high schools of Kansas and later he entered the Baker University of Baldwin, Kansas, and remained in this college for a period of two years, and then attended the University of Kansas for one year, and then entered the business world. His first experience was in railroad work, where for four or five years he was associated with the different departments, and then entered the employ of the Western Electric Company at Kansas City, Missouri, in July, 1906, and has continued in the service of this company since that time. After remaining for about four years in Kansas City, he came with this company at Dallas, Texas, and was transferred to the Houston office in 1910, and for the past three years has been sales manager here.

Mr. Caldwell was married in Houston in 1920 to Miss Irene Maud Codner, a native of the Lone Star State. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell reside at Park Place. He is a member of the Scottish Rite body of the Masonic fraternity and is a Shriner of Arabia Temple. He is also a member of the Houston Club and the Glenbrook Country Club. Since coming to Houston, Mr. Caldwell has made many friends throughout South Texas, and is very popular, and is a great booster for Houston, which he believes will soon become the leading city of the Southwest.



**C. KESSLER**, plumbing contractor, has for more than a quarter of a century been associated with the business interests of Houston and the plumbing establishment bearing his name at 124 Grota Avenue has for a decade been the popular headquarters for purchasers of plumbing and heating equipment in the city. Mr. Kessler confines his work, which consists principally of contracting for plumbing and heating equipment, in residences and store buildings, to Houston. Mr. Kessler established his plumbing and heating contracting business in 1914. He employs eight people in his work and has a splendid business.

A native Texan, Mr. Kessler was born in Colorado County in 1876. His father, W. Henry Kessler, was a large land owner of Colorado County and was engaged in farming. His mother was Miss Mary Walker, a member of a pioneer Texas family. His early education was obtained in the public schools of Colorado County and later he attended the public and high schools of Houston. Mr. Kessler came to Houston in 1893 and after leaving school started his business career as an apprentice plumber. He has been engaged in the plumbing business since 1896 and in 1914 started in the plumbing business



for himself, which has proved to be an entire success.

Mr. Kessler was married in Houston June 28th, 1900, to Miss Hattie Friedrich, a native of the Lone Star State and a daughter of Frederick Friedrich, a large landowner of South Texas. They have four children, Lela, twenty-one years of age; Walter, seventeen years old; Hazel, fourteen years of age, and Myrtle, aged seven years. Mr. Kessler is a member of the Master Plumbers Association, in which he takes an active interest. Mr. Kessler is very optimistic as to the future of Houston, which he believes to be of unlimited possibilities for continued growth, progress and advancement.



**HACK N. HARDIN** has for more than a score of years been associated with the business interests of Houston and the plumbing establishment bearing his name, at 2010 Houston Avenue, has for many years been the popular headquarters for plumbing work and plumbing supplies in Houston. Mr. Hardin is a plumbing contractor and is engaged in contracting for residence work exclusively, and confines his activities to Houston, where he has a fine shop, full and complete stock, and does a big business. Mr. Hardin has adopted the popular method of doing all his work on a percentage basis; the customer paying for the actual material and labor, and a reasonable percentage for the services of the contractor. Mr. Hardin employs ten people in his business, and shop.

A native Texan, Mr. Hardin was born at Brenham in 1872. His father, John D. Hardin, was an extensive farmer and land owner of Washington County. His mother, Mary C. Hardin, a native of the Lone Star State. His education was obtained in the public and high schools of El Paso. Mr. Hardin entered the plumbing business in El Paso when a mere boy, and continued in this line of work there until 1903, when he came to Houston. He worked here for many years as a master plumber, and some years ago engaged in his present business, which has grown steadily. His shop and complete stock is at his home.

Mr. Hardin was married in San Antonio in 1898 to Miss Mamie E. Fetterman, a daughter of Thomas Moore Fetterman, well known Texas traveling man. They have one daughter, Inez. Mr. and Mrs. Hardin reside at 2010 Houston Avenue. In fraternal organizations, Mr. Hardin holds membership in the I. O. O. F. Mr. Hardin, in the midst of his private work, finds opportunity to give his time and assistance to many movements of a public nature, and is interested in all matters having as their object the advancement and civic betterment of Houston.



**ROBERT B. MORRIS** has been for years active in the business circles of Houston. Mr. Morris is president of the Morris Investment Company, one of the leading investment brokerage firms in the city, and maintains well appointed offices in the First National Bank Building. The Morris Investment Company holds oil lands in the coastal fields, with five producing wells. Mr. Morris is a man of executive ability, with a propensity for financial affairs, and has done much for his city both in a commercial and civic way.

Robert B. Morris is a native Houstonian, having

been born in this city on the ninth day of December, 1861, in one of the old homes here, which was located between where the Bender Hotel and the Carter Building now stand. His father, J. R. Morris, a pioneer hardware merchant of Houston, and mayor of the city in 1868, was for many years a factor in the life here and built the first four story bank building in the state. He was one of the signers of the Constitution of 1876 and framed the Homestead Law. His death occurred in 1885. Mr. Morris' mother was born at Houston in 1842. Before her marriage she was Miss Hannah Buckner, daughter of Judge B. P. Buckner, the third mayor of Houston, who helped the Allens lay out the city.

Mr. Morris attended the public schools of Houston and after finishing here attended Russell Military Academy, attended by President Taft, where he graduated in 1878. Mr. Morris then entered Yale to study medicine, but later returned to his home to help his father in the hardware business. Later he went to Quanah, where he engaged in the moving picture business and became a controlling factor in this industry in the Panhandle. He also spent some years in the banking business at Houston, organizing the Planters and Mechanics National Bank, of which he was active vice president for six years. He has been in the investment business for some time, handling the Morris estate, and taking care of personal investments, principally in oil properties.

Mr. Morris was twice married, his second wife being Mrs. Elizabeth Hecker, of Sagertown, Pennsylvania, daughter of a banker of that state. He and Mrs. Morris make their home at the Rice Hotel and have two children, Robert B. Morris, Jr., and Mrs. Margaret Nicholson, and three grandchildren. Mr. Morris is a Mason, Holland Lodge, York and Scottish Rites, and a life member of Arabia Temple.



**JEAN CHATEAUVERT**, although a comparatively recent addition to the music circles of Houston, brought to this city a reputation as a voice teacher which extends throughout the United States. Mr. Chateauvert is voice teacher and head of this department in the Texas College of Music and Art, located at 3003 Main Street, and devotes his time to voice instruction only. Mr. Chateauvert is widely known as a concert artist and has made hundreds of public appearances.

Mr. Chateauvert was born in Montreal, Canada, in 1889. His father, Henri Chateauvert, was for many years engaged in the piano business in Canada, and was widely known as a dealer. His mother was Miss Mary Widlis, a member of a well known family of Canada. Mr. Chateauvert has had unusual educational advantages, which began after he had finished public and high school literary courses, first at Picton Academy at Picton, Canada, for two years; then at Dalrouse University at Halifax for three years, and then for a period of two years at the Conservatory of Music at Halifax. Later he studied under Remo Corteri for five years in New York and for two years in that city under Albert-Clark Jeanotte. Following his many years spent in study, Mr. Chateauvert began teaching voice in Los Angeles, where he remained for one year, after which he went to Des Moines, Iowa, and taught there for two years. He then went to New York City and taught there for two years, when he was prevailed upon to come to Houston.



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